

### **Data Governance and accountability** (1 of 3 themes for 2019 Global IGF)

*Working title:* Which national privacy strategy should the US adopt?

*Description:* With California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 and the EU's General Data Protection applying pressure from home and abroad, there is a push for the US government to adopt a modern, comprehensive privacy framework. This occurs at a time when large Internet platforms have come under fire for their collection, use and protection of their users' data, along with growing concerns about government surveillance. As we get closer than ever to a national privacy regime, it is important to consider the implications of the possible frameworks on the broader issue of data governance and impact of businesses large and small.

### **Cybersecurity and safety** (1 of 3 themes for 2019 Global IGF)

*Working title:* How far do we take offensive cybersecurity?

*Description:* This session will discuss the logistics (waiting vs. following an active lead), legalities (law enforcement coordination, knowing when you've hit foreign cyber space and what to do, disclosure, reporting) and ethics (should anyone hack-back or does that exacerbate the problem) of *who* is responsible for cyber investigations: the government, a privatized cyber military, companies with critical infrastructure/public assets (public v. private networks), a hybrid of those, or anyone with a smartphone? Should the government explicitly legalize hacking-back; how so? Are there specific sectors (e.g., utilities, DNS, election infrastructure, mobile) that should permit hacking-back?

### **TechLash in 2019**

*Working title:* The internet is a dumpster fire. Now what?

*Description:* The internet isn't perfect. The biggest internet companies created tools for good that are now being used with bad intentions. Countries don't always make the best decisions. Users make poor choices in security... so now what? This session looks at the "TechLash" in terms of three current trends in addressing early design flaws: sweeping regulations in content platforms around data breach liability, an entity having 'too much' data, and end-user control options. Tech backlash is gaining momentum against Fake news that disrupts our democracy; hate speech and violent videos; and perceived tech bias against conservative bias. If you have a gripe about the internet, this session is for you!

### **Platform liability for user content and commerce**

*Working title:* The key to thriving content platforms

*Description:* This session will educate participants on a threatened component of existing communications law that has enabled user-generated content for the last two decades. Today, platforms and infrastructure providers are not held liable for the content created or posted by users of their services - the user is responsible for their content. Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act is under attack by draft legislation and trade policies. Attend this session to understand why and what you can do to stop new platform liability, which would make it too risky and expensive for any but the very largest online platforms to host any user-generated news, views, or commerce.

## **Antitrust versus Big Tech**

*Working title:* If Big is Bad, is Big **Tech** Even Badder?

*Description:* Tech and Internet companies are getting bigger through natural growth, as well as vertical and horizontal integration. This has the potential to shape the evolution of Internet usage and technologies in a variety of ways. This panel would discuss the costs and benefits of regulation as policy makers and key federal agencies examine whether there is a need for antitrust intervention. Is big tech causing harm to consumers or is the threat of antitrust being used as a political tool?

## **Artificial Intelligence**

*Working title:* Ensuring Genuine Benefits from Artificial Intelligence

*Description:* Artificial intelligence has the potential to radically transform industries, governments, economies and societies. Embracing this potential, President Trump recently signed an Executive Order to launch the American AI Initiative elevating artificial intelligence to a national priority. However, as businesses and governments increasingly leverage this technology, it is important to recognize the potential it has to create or exacerbate a number of ethical, technical, social and legal issues. This panel would bring together policy makers, industry and civil society experts to discuss how maximizing the benefits of AI, while addressing its limitations, risks and harms.

## **Inclusion (1 of 3 themes for 2019 Global IGF)**

*Working title:* An Internet for All Americans

*Description:* The stakes are higher than ever for those that do not have access to the Internet. Connectivity has increasingly become a prerequisite to participation in society, including getting a quality education, access to economic opportunity, civic engagement and even physical world activities, such as parking in many city centers. Despite these realities, some rural, remote, indigenous and inner cities communities are still not online. Achieving the goal of an Internet for all Americans will require collaboration between all stakeholder groups, including local community members and governments, technology experts, civil society, the federal government, and more. How can we work together to look beyond mere connectivity to issues including affordability, digital literacy, and services on the Internet that are accessible and relevant to people's lives?

## **5G enabling tech innovation**

*Working title:* *The impact of 5G on current and emerging technologies*

*Description:* 5G will have the capability to upgrade current bandwidth constraints using a combination of wireless and wireline connections that will allow more devices to be connected using faster data downloads and upload speeds, wider coverage, more stable connections, and less latency over shorter physical distances. This will allow for connections with near zero latency and allow for more connected devices on the same frequencies. This could mean major enhancements for health care applications, industrial equipment, self-driving cars, smart cities, and connected devices. 5G will enhance mobility, Internet of Things, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Voice Command technologies, real-time data analytics that will create the next generation digital transformation.