

Dear all,

as a follow-up to Erich's nomination, I gladly accept to be a candidate for the NomCom.

Born in Austria's secret capital, Graz, the home of Arnold Schwarzenegger, I'm in my late 30s with two kids who seem to no longer enjoy my homeschooling-related jokes just as much as they did five weeks ago. I currently live on [Norderney \[en.wikipedia.org\]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norderney), a small North Sea island tethered to the world by - happily - an Internet cable and some ferries.

I'm currently [Head of Research \[leibniz-hbi.de\]](https://leibniz-hbi.de) for *Rules in Online Spaces* at Germany's best-known media research institute, the Leibniz Institute for Media Research. After law studies in Austria, Geneva, and Harvard, I completed my postdoc in Frankfurt. In all I've been working on Internet governance and Internet law for the last 15 years. I'm deeply passionate about investigating how online rules are made and legitimated. In July my next book on that topic will be published [open access \[global.oup.com\]](https://global.oup.com) by OUP. In it I develop a theory of comprehensive [Normative Order of the Internet \[global.oup.com\]](https://global.oup.com). Yes, it's as juicy as it sounds. I'm also working on the interaction of private and public norms ([Setting Rules for 2.7 Billion](https://leibniz-hbi.de)), [\[leibniz-hbi.de\]](https://leibniz-hbi.de) trying to bust [Internet myths \[internetmyths.eu\]](https://internetmyths.eu), show the diversity of the Internet ([Many Words. Many Nets. Many Visions](https://leibniz-hbi.de)) [\[leibniz-hbi.de\]](https://leibniz-hbi.de) and participate very actively in internet governance discourses ([Towards a Global Framework for Cyber Peace and Digital Cooperation: An Agenda for the 2020s](https://leibniz-hbi.de)) [\[leibniz-hbi.de\]](https://leibniz-hbi.de).

I'm also [Visiting Professor \(Vertretungsprofessor\) for International Law \[rewi.uni-jena.de\]](https://rewi.uni-jena.de) at the University of Jena, run a project on [International Internet Law \[hiig.de\]](https://hiig.de) at the [Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society \(HIIG\) \[hiig.de\]](https://hiig.de), Berlin and act as a Research Group Leader for *Content and Platform Governance* at the [Sustainable Computing Lab \[privacylab.at\]](https://privacylab.at) of the Vienna University of Economics and Business. I've been a member of a number of hiring committees and have been involved in drafting norms, developing projects, implementing ideas, and collaborating proposals in different settings with varied partners for the last 15 years. I'll gladly use my experience to ensure that our interests are best represented in NomCom.

I look forward to the next steps.

Kind regards

Matthias

PS: If you a bit of time, consider [contributing \[global-cooperation.digital\]](https://global-cooperation.digital) to the process championed by Germany to develop ideas to implement Recommendations 5AB of the HLPDC report of last year. I've been involved in different projects to ensure international stakeholder inclusion in these processes and have drafted, with colleagues, a comment as well: [How to Build an Enhanced Mechanism for Digital Cooperation \[global-cooperation.digital\]](https://global-cooperation.digital).