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Internet Policy
Questions
For Academia

A photograph of a sunny day on the Auburn University campus. A wide, paved walkway leads from the foreground into the distance, flanked by lush greenery. On the left, a brick building with arched windows is partially visible. On the right, tall palm trees and dense bushes line the path. Several people are walking along the path, and a black lamppost stands on the left. The sky is clear and blue.

**Our vision is to make
IT @ AUB
a strategic partner
with
the Academic units to
help transform
teaching, research ,
student life & patient care
at AUB**

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Unfettered
Access
To
Information

Protect
Intellectual
Property

Ensure
Privacy &
Confidentiality

We must transform
our infrastructure ...



...from a “Castle & Moat” model...

... to a “Free-Flowing City” model ...



... by creating an (Any)⁶ infrastructure

(connect any one, from any where, through any device, at any time, to any resource, to do any



But, is access to everything ok?

Politically questionable sites?
Morally offensive sites?
Dangerous sites?

Who decides what is accessible?
Should we monitor who goes where?
How do we decide?
Who is liable?



A close-up photograph of a man's face, specifically his eyes and nose, as he looks through the horizontal slats of dark window blinds. His right hand is visible, with fingers gripping the bottom slat. The lighting is dramatic, with the man's face partially in shadow.

How about confidentiality?

Who should have access to what information?

Should we log activities?

What about criminal activity?

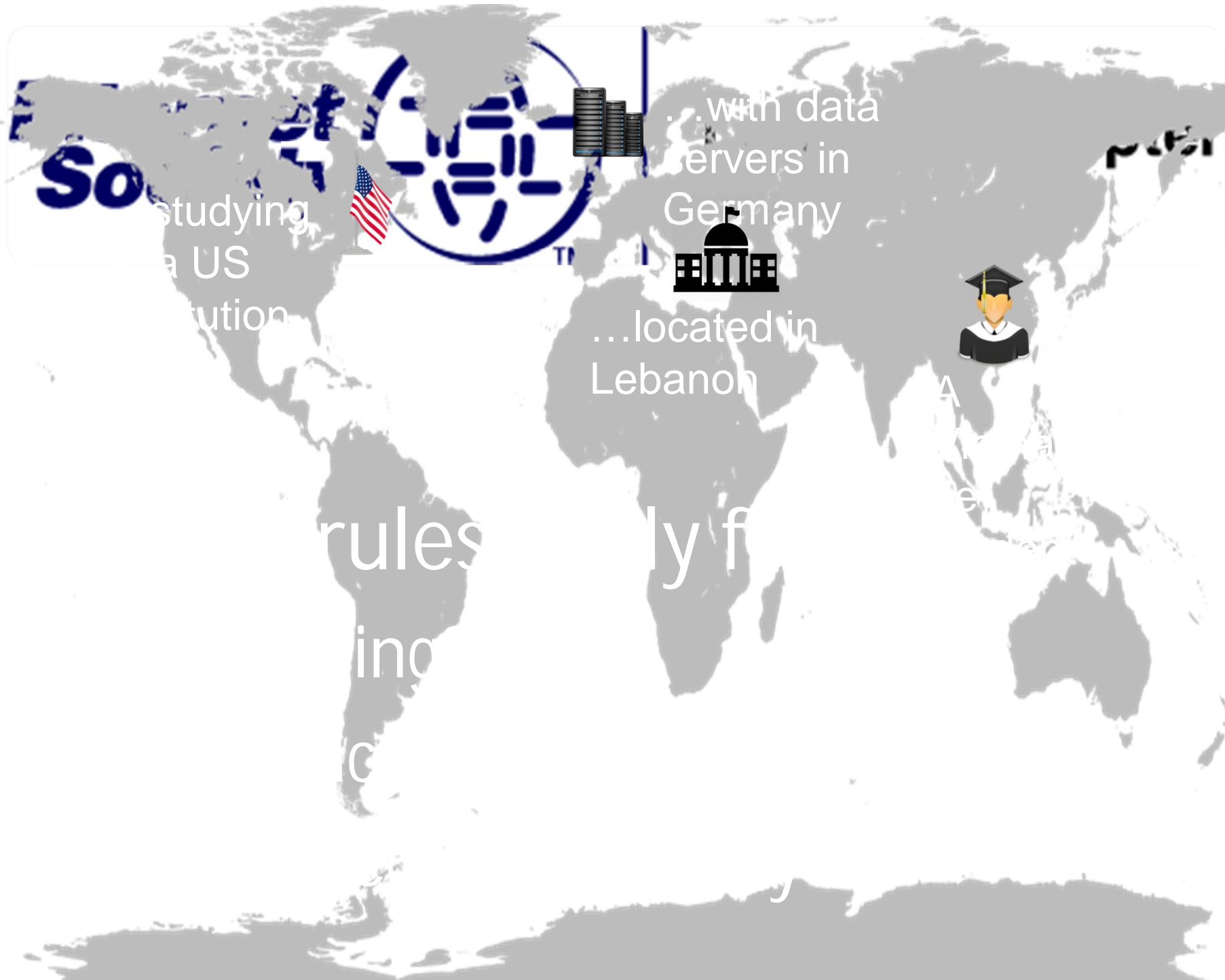
What are our obligations? And to whom?

What information should we release?



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"They answered my questions with questions
And set me to stand on the brink"

Manfred Mann, Questions



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Understanding Public Policy and Exploring Internet Public Policy

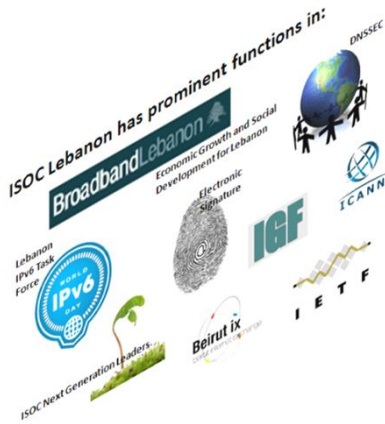
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Agenda

- The basics of Internet Public Policy
- Examples of Internet Public Policies
- Policies related to the I*



THE INTERNET IS FOR EVERYONE



A Little Bit of History

- **FCC decided not to regulate the Internet**
- **Internet development and growth phenomenal**

Basic Policy Problem

- **Policies are applied nationally; the Internet is global**
- **How to avoid a fragmented approach to regulating the Internet that**
 - **creates uncertainty for traditional operators, new services providers and consumers alike**
 - **hampers innovation, job creation and growth**

Example of a Global Policy Problem

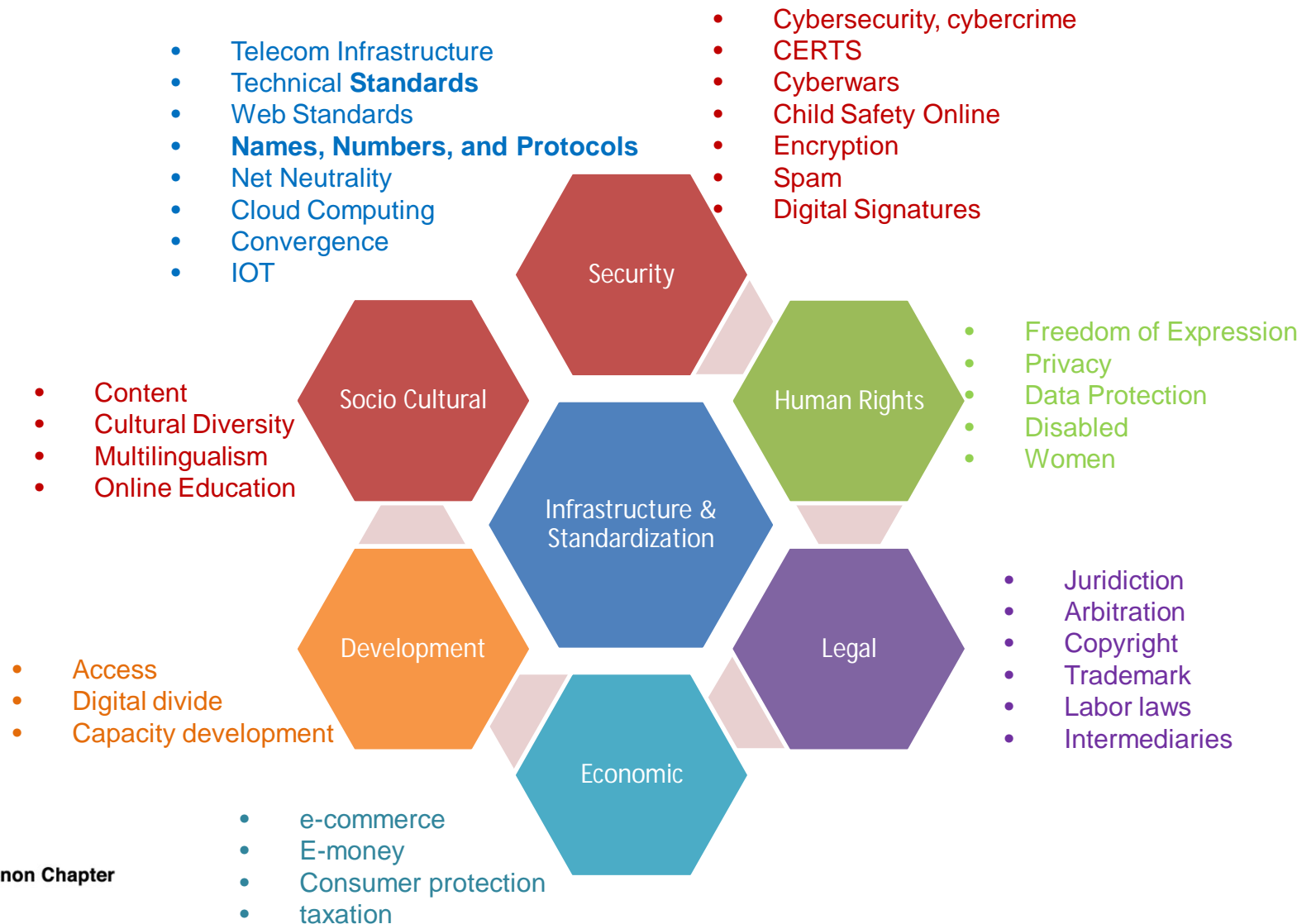


Other Policy Problems

- **Which law is applicable on users?**
- **What type of market access requirements can be imposed?**
- **Who is liable if a problem arises?**
- **When does an employment relationship exist?**
- **Which tax rules apply?**
- **How to apply sanctions?**

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The mapping of international Internet public policy issues



Controversial Policies

- **Net Neutrality**
- **Surveillance**
- **Monitoring Online spaces**
- **Right to be Forgotten**
- **EU Digital Market**

Emerging Global Policy Problems

- **E-commerce and competition and trade laws**
- **Autonomous vehicles**
- **Sharing economy**

Internet Policies Related to the I*

- **IETF develops standards called “RFC”**
- **ICANN develops policies related to names (gtlds, DNS, root zone)**
- **5 Regional RIRs develop policies related to numbers (IPV4, IPV6, transfers, etc.)**
- **Bottom up, inclusive, transparent process**
- **Decision by consensus through face to face meetings and mailing lists**

The Internet is a culture!
The only way to understand it is to try it
Participate!!!

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