

HRPC IETF 110 Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction (~0 minutes)
2. Talk by JoAnne Yates and Craig Murphy (30 minutes)
3. Talk by Sebastian Benthall (30 minutes)
4. Update on draft-guidelines (20 minutes)
5. Update on draft-association (20 minutes)
6. AOB (20 minutes)

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Goals of the IRTF

- The Internet Research Task Force (IRTF) focuses on longer term research issues related to the Internet while the parallel organisation, the IETF, focuses on shorter term issues of engineering and standards making
- The IRTF conducts research; it is not a standards development organisation
- While the IRTF can publish informational or experimental documents in the RFC series, its primary goal is to promote development of research collaboration and teamwork in exploring research issues related to Internet protocols, applications, architecture, and technology
- See “An IRTF Primer for IETF Participants” – RFC 7418

HRPC RG: Human Rights Protocols Considerations

Chartered in the IRTF to research how protocols strengthen and threaten human rights as defined in the UDHR and the ICCPR.

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HRPC Objectives

- To expose the relation between protocols and human rights, with a focus on the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly.
- To propose guidelines to protect the Internet as a human rights-enabling environment in future protocol development, in a manner similar to the work done for Privacy Considerations in RFC 6973.
- To increase the awareness in both the human rights community and the technical community on the importance of the technical workings of the Internet and its impact on human rights.

HRPC Outputs

- Internet drafts concerning progress of the project, methodology, and will define any possible protocol considerations.
- Policy and academic papers for in-depth analysis and discussion of the relationship between human rights and the Internet architecture and protocols.
- Film and textual interviews with a diverse set of community members on this topic represented in the IETF.
- Data analysis and visualization to research and visualize the language used in current and historic RFCs and mailing list discussions to expose core architectural principles, language and deliberations on human rights.
- Protocol analysis of (existing) protocols in the wild to research their concrete impact on human rights.

Work to date

- October 2014 – January 2015 Research and research group proposal
- November 2015 – Screening of film Net of Rights at IETF94
- December 2015 – HRPC Chartered in the IRTF
- October 2017 – RFC 8280 “Research into Human Rights Protocol Considerations”

HRPC Current Work

Active Internet-Drafts of the RG

- Freedom of Association on the Internet (draft-irtf hrpc-association-07)
- Guidelines for Human Rights Protocol Considerations (draft-irtf-hrpc-guidelines-06)

Bios

JoAnne Yates is Sloan Distinguished Professor of Management, Emerita, at the MIT Sloan School of Management. She has studied the history and contemporary use of communication and information technology in firms. **Craig N. Murphy** is Betty Freyhof Johnson '44 Professor of Political Science at Wellesley College. He is a scholar of global governance and international relations who focuses on the long connections between intergovernmental organizations and industrial development. Yates and Murphy recently coauthored *Engineering Rules: Global Standard Setting since 1880*.

Sebastian Benthall researches the political economy of technology. He is a Research Fellow at the Information Law Institute at NYU School of Law and the NYU Agent-Based Modeling Lab. He is also Research Engineer on the Econ-ARK software project. He founded the BigBang software project in 2015. He holds a doctorate in Information Management and Systems from UC Berkeley.