

News from the Information Society Project at Yale Law School

Information Society Project Newsletter -- Winter 2008

Upcoming Events

Computers, Freedom and Privacy, May 20-23, 2008, New Haven, CT

Please save the date for Computers, Freedom and Privacy 2008.

3rd Annual Access to Knowledge, September 8-10, 2008, Geneva, Switzerland

Please save the date for the third annual Access to Knowledge Conference (A2K3) on September 8-10, 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland. The location and timing will enable this year's event to reach out to a significant new audience of international organizations and policy-makers, particularly those delegates preparing for the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assembly a few weeks later. This year's conference will also benefit from the collaboration of several new partners in contributing to the conference program, which will feature three days of plenary panels, as well as workshops for smaller working groups. As in past years, A2K3 will be free and open to the public, but advance registration will be required; more information will follow in due course. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us in Geneva this September. More information at: <http://www.law.yale.edu/news/6191.htm>

ISP Spring 2008 Lunch Speaker Series, Yale Law School

The Speaker Series will be held on Tuesdays from 12:10pm-1:30pm. We are privileged to welcome an impressive lineup of guest speakers, which include:

- Feb 19: Dan Brenner, Senior VP for Law & Regulatory Policy, National Cable & Telecommunications Association
- Feb 26: Susan Crawford, Visiting Professor, Yale Law School
- Mar 4: Richard Whitt, Washington Telecom and Media Counsel, Google
- Mar 11: Laura Forlano, Visiting Fellow, Yale ISP
- Mar 25: Bernt Hugenholtz, Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Director of the Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam
- Apr 1: Anne Huang, Student Fellow, Yale ISP
- Apr 8: Alan Davidson, Washington Policy Counsel, Google
- Apr 22: Yvonne Cripps, Professor, Indiana University School of Law
- Apr 29: Gaia Bernstein, Associate Professor, Seton Hall University School of Law
- May 6: Lea Shaver, Access to Knowledge Program Director, Yale ISP

ISP Spring 2008 Reading Group, Yale Law School

This reading group on "Technology, Law, Society, Values and Design" will map the terrain of the complex interrelationships between technology, society, law,

values, and design, bringing together disparate theories from law, philosophy, ethics, sociology, media theory, science and technology studies, and information science. Please email Michael Zimmer (michael.zimmer@yale.edu) to sign up or for more information.

Schedule:

Feb 19	Foundational Concepts: Technology and Society
Feb 26	Foundational Concepts: Design Pragmatics
March 4	Information Intermediaries
March 11	Social Software
March 25	Sustainable Technologies
April 1	Privacy
April 8	Digital Rights
April 15	Internet Governance

Projects and Activities

As part of its **Digital Education Initiative**, the ISP helped to launch the Dynamic Coalition on Digital Education (DCoDE). The Coalition is dedicated to providing teachers and students with better access to digital information. Contact **Julia Sonnevend** (julia.sonnevend@yale.edu) or the Coalition's Membership Facilitator Robin Gross at (robin@ipjustice.org) to join the Coalition. More details can be found at: <http://www.law.yale.edu/news/6189.htm>

Laura Forlano is teaching a class on Access to Knowledge in the Graduate Program in International Affairs at The New School this semester. The class was inspired by the Access to Knowledge Practicum as well as related reading groups at Yale Law School.

Julia Sonnevend is teaching courses on Visual Culture, Access to Knowledge and Democratic Culture in the Communications Department of Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest this semester.

Meetings, Events and Conferences

Laura Forlano spoke about her research at a New York Media Information Exchange Group (NYMIEG) panel on "Wireless, Wimax, Mobile and Beyond: A Look at the Future Communications," in New York, NY in January. Forlano appeared in a video interview on "3 Minute Ad Age" on *AdvertisingAge.com*, which covered the event.

Ami Parekh, Michael Steffen and fellow YLS students Shayna Strom, Robynn Sturm and Ady Barkan participated in the annual national Winter Leadership Meeting of the Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM), which was hosted by the organization's Yale chapter in New Haven in early February. Approximately 40 individuals from the Board and Coordinating Committee

attended. At the meeting, the group planned the upcoming year's events including a National Day of Action (scheduled for the last week in March), continued efforts at the Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG) and increased pressure on individual universities to change licensing practices for drugs developed in their labs. The group's mission is to ensure access to essential medicines developed at universities worldwide.

Julia Sonnevend presented "Pictorial Revolution. The Visual Memory of the Law in the Convergence Era" at the Culture Club of the Center for Cultural Sociology at the Department of Sociology at Yale in January.

Publications

Shay David published a book chapter titled "Toward Participatory Expertise" in a new book called *Structures of Participation in Digital Culture* (Joe Karaganis, (ed), New York: Columbia University Press). The book deals with the changing notions of participation, authority, expertise, and community in digital culture as it is being co-constructed with digital technologies. The book is available from Columbia University Press as well as at bookstores. In addition, a free online version is available under a Creative Commons attribution-non-commercial license at: <http://www.ssrc.org/blog/2007/12/31/structures-of-participation-in-digital-culture/>

Julia Sonnevend published several articles, one on democratic culture and one on Hungarian impressions of the United States, in the Hungarian weekly "Elet es Irodalom."

Announcements

Laura DeNardis became Executive Director of the ISP in January 2008. DeNardis is the author of *Information Technology in Theory* (2007 with Pelin Aksoy) and numerous book chapters and articles, she is an interdisciplinary law and technology scholar whose research addresses the legal and political implications of information technologies and new media. Her doctoral dissertation was entitled "IPv6: Politics of the Next Generation Internet" and she is currently working on a new book, *Protocol Politics: The Globalization of Internet Governance*, to be published by the MIT Press. She has previously taught at New York University and in the School of Information Technology and Engineering at George Mason University. DeNardis received a Ph.D. in Science and Technology Studies (STS) from Virginia Tech, a Master of Engineering degree from Cornell, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Engineering Science from Dartmouth.

Lea Shaver became the ISP's first Access to Knowledge Program Director in January 2008. Her current research interests include developing a cross-national A2K Index and advancing A2K within the international human rights framework.

Prior to joining ISP, Lea interned at the United Nations Development Programme in Honduras, the Center for Reproductive Rights' International Program, and the chambers of U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton. Most recently she conducted research on socio-economic rights in South Africa as a Fulbright Scholar. Lea holds bachelor's and master's degrees in the social sciences from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

After four years as Executive Director of the ISP, **Eddan Katz** joined Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) as International Affairs Director in 2008. He is responsible for managing EFF's international activities, specializing in Access to Knowledge (A2K) and digital rights. Before EFF, Eddan was the first Executive Director of the Yale Information Society Project and was Lecturer-in-Law at Yale Law School. He taught and writes in the areas of cyberlaw, intellectual property, telecommunications, and bioethics. Eddan received his bachelors degree in philosophy from Yale; and his law degree from UC, Berkeley's Boalt Hall, where he was awarded the Sax Prize for his work with the Samuelson Law, Technology, & Public Policy Clinic. After law school, Eddan worked for Prof. Pam Samuelson as a Visiting Scholar at the School of Information at Berkeley.