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The internet was supposed to unify us ... but has that happened? In a world filled with cyber hacks, communication silos and government surveillance, can liberty really survive the digital age?

This forum will explore digital technologies in the information age, with a careful eye to how different countries and sectors approach the balance between risks, benefits and fundamental rights. Topics include privacy and human rights vs. security; vulnerabilities vs. efficiencies posed by the Internet of Things; communication silos and spread of false news vs. unfiltered and open access information; access (denied) to the digital world; and a vision for global cooperation.

Digital technology pervades citizens' daily lives. It is imperative to step back and consider how we can govern the Information Society in a way that truly serves a worldwide interest.

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Forum conducted in English with German translation.

Technology and Development: Live Twitter Chat with Ronaldo Lemos
(/blogs/technology-and-development-live-twitter-chat-ronaldo-lemos)

Ronaldo Lemos, Director of the Institute for Technology & Society of Rio de Janeiro, participated in a live Twitter chat on 12/7/16 to discuss internet regulation, civil rights, privacy and net neutrality. Read Lemos (@lemos_ronaldo) answers questions from Princeton's Twitter community.

Stop Blaming Facebook for Trump's Election Win (/blogs/stop-blaming-facebook-trumps-election-win)

Princeton-Fung Forum speaker Eszter Hargittai, professor in the Institute of Mass Communication and Media Research at the University of Zurich, along with Keith Hampton, discuss whether or not social media's ability to limit discussion to likeminded others, and to use algorithms that limit exposure to diverse news, are factors that played a major role in Trump's White House victory.

Coalition Seeks to Protect Internet from Weaknesses of Many 'Connected' Devices (/blogs/coalition-seeks-protect-internet-weaknesses-many-connected-devices)

As an increasing number of devices — from cars to light bulbs to kitchen appliances — connect with computer networks, experts are raising concerns about privacy and security. To address these concerns, an organization of academics and industry leaders recently released a report that provides guidance on how to build security and privacy protections into the emerging internet of things (IoT). Nick Feamster, a computer science professor at Princeton University, the acting director of Princeton's Center for Information Technology Policy, and a panelist at the Fung Forum, is one of the report's lead editors.

WWS Reacts: How Facebook Influenced the US Presidential Election
(/blogs/wws-reacts-how-facebook-influenced-us-presidential-election)

Facebook — which has been raked over the coals for allowing the dissemination of fake news stories about the 2016 election — is now taking a hard and careful look at what role it may have played among American voters. Some say the election results illustrate a social media "echo chamber," in which users gather news and information primarily from friends with shared interests. What are the effects of these echo chambers and silos? Katherine Haenschen, a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University's Center for Information Technology Policy, answers these questions in the Q&A that follows.

Salganik Explores the Future of Social Science Research and Academic Publishing (/blogs/salganik-explores-future-social-science-research-and-academic-publishing)

The premise of Princeton University sociologist Matthew Salganik's forthcoming book, "Bit by Bit: Social Science in the Digital Age," is that technological innovation creates new opportunities for social science researchers.

Q&A: Protection from DDoS Attacks (/blogs/qa-protection-ddos-attacks)

Twitter experienced a global distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack in October, causing the social media site to temporarily go dark. Hackers have attempted similar DDoS attacks with Hillary Clinton and President-Elect Donald Trump's campaign websites. What makes these attacks so alarming, and how can they be stopped? In this Q&A, Princeton University's David Dobkin describes the details behind DDoS attacks and how consumers can better protect themselves against such cyber threats.