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## INVITATION

to the panel discussion

### “WHOSE NET IS IT? THE STRUGGLE FOR THE CONTROL OF THE INTERNET”

29 October 2012

18:00 – 20:30

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Hiroshimastraße 28, 10785 Berlin

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*Die Veranstaltung findet ohne Übersetzung nur auf Englisch statt!*

The Internet as we know it is under threat. The current „multi-stakeholder model“ of Internet governance is being undermined from two sides: authoritarian governments and regimes want to assert national sovereignty over cyber communication whilst large telecom and internet companies push for new economic models that endanger net neutrality.

At the same time a broad coalition of activists and some democratic countries are defending a free and open global Internet, winning some policy battles (e.g. SOPA, ACTA) along the way. Yet, the recent debate about incendiary YouTube-videos has led to calls for the regulation of the net even from liberal quarters.

As the new round in the struggle for the control of the Internet is starting at the November meeting of the of Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Baku and the December World Conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Dubai the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Forum Medien und Entwicklung (FoME) would like to shed light on the issues and actors involved.

After a **keynote address by John Kampfner**, author, broadcaster, advisor to Google and the Global Network Initiative, London,

- **Ben Scott**, former Policy Advisor for Innovation to the US-State Department; Visiting Fellow, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, Berlin
- **Moez Chakchouk**, Director of the Tunisian Internet Agency (ATI), Tunis
- **Jeanette Hoffman**, Research Fellow at the Social Science Research Center (WZB), Berlin

will discuss ways of defending Internet freedom by

- establishing human rights as baseline for internet governance
- limiting Western exports of filter software
- strengthening the representation of developing countries on the bodies of internet governance (ICANN, ITU, IGF, GNI).

## REGISTRATION

**Please register for the event before Friday, 19 October [HERE](#)**

Because of limited space only registered persons will be able to attend.

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This panel discussion on the regulation of the internet serves as the kick-off event to the 7th FoME Symposium.



## FoME SYMPOSIUM

### **“FROM ONLINE ACTIVISM TO OFFLINE ACTION Digital Media and Democratic Space”**

which will be held on **30- 31 October at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.**

More information on the program of the symposium may be found at:

[www.forum-medien-entwicklung.de](http://www.forum-medien-entwicklung.de)

[www.fesmedia.org](http://www.fesmedia.org)

#### **REGISTRATION**

**Please, register for the symposium by following this link: <http://training.dw-world.de/ausbildung/blogs/fome2011/registration/>**

There are a few spaces left for the symposium.