

# THE SELF-GOVERNING INTERNET

Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Clary Theater, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Student Success Center

Georgia Institute of Technology Campus

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Please join us in celebrating the IANA transition and ICANN reforms

On Wednesday, October 26 the Internet Governance Project at the Georgia Institute of Technology's School of Public Policy honors [Assistant Secretary of Commerce Lawrence Strickling](#) for his leadership in bringing about the privatization of ICANN. The event will also explore the implications of the transition for the future of Internet governance. The public is invited.



The transfer of contractual control of IANA from the US Commerce Department to the operational communities is one of the most significant events in the evolution of the Internet, and is also a major development in the global governance of information and communications. ICANN's 1998 creation was a major innovation in supra-national

rule-making, comparable to the creation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in the 1990s or the UN's International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in the 1860s. ICANN's privatization, which occurred last Saturday, October 1, allows its rule-making to cross political borders, and puts in place a new type of global regime that is without precedent.

Assistant Secretary Strickling will be the featured speaker at this event, receiving recognition for his persistent and principled commitment to putting "the global multistakeholder community" in charge of IANA and ICANN. The event will also feature remarks on the long term implications of the transition by a panel of experts, including Internet Architecture Board Chair [Andrew Sullivan](#), Georgia Tech professors Milton Mueller and [Peter Swire](#), and the Internet Society's Senior Policy Advisor [Konstantinos Komaitis](#).

A live webcast will be available. Watch the IGP Twitter feed and this [blog](#) for the webcast link.