



Asia-Pacific School on Internet Governance (APSIG)

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APSIG: The Background

- **Founded in 2015, APSIG has the following objectives:**
 - Provide a **capacity building mechanism** to IG practitioners & national and sub-regional SIGs organizers in Asia-Pacific through its annual meeting, in both traditional IG topics as well as emerging technologies
 - Provide **support to existing SIGs** in the region
 - Provide support for setting up **new SIGs** and related initiatives
 - Provide a platform ("The **All SIGs Group**") for SIGs to network and discuss matters relevant to them
 - Participate in **SIG-related international activities** (eg., the IGF DC on SIGs)
 - Provide **support to other IG** initiatives (including IGF and APrIGF)

APSIG Intersessional Events

The need

- Given that virtual editions are severely time-limited, it is not possible to cover all topics like a face-to-face edition
- At the end of the 2020 Virtual Edition of APSIG, there was a request that we do additional sessions based on community request
- APSIG conducted a survey for its community, and identified several topics
- Three sessions were planned, of which two are completed

*Invites you to
a capacity-building session on*

Cybersecurity Policies and Cyber-laws in the Changing Scenario

08:00 UTC, Saturday, 3 July 2021

Speaker

Ms Atsuko Okuda

Regional Director, Asia-Pacific region
International Telecommunications Union (ITU)



About the Session Theme

The cybersecurity and its governance has taken a centre stage in all facets of human activities viz online transactions, banking, small and medium enterprises, education, entertainment, health care, trade, etc.. Contour of Cybersecurity is changing from Governmental needs to societal requirements.

The session will address the need and necessity of formulating the cyber security policy and cyber laws in the changing scenario of increasing digital users across the spectrum of ICT users and providers in any country. It also looks into the individual sectors and organizations both Government and non-Government in designing appropriate cyber security policies to suit their needs.

About the Speaker

Ms Atsuko Okuda holds the position of ITU Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific region. Prior to that from 2015 to 2020 she was the Chief of the ICT and Development Section of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), in Bangkok, Thailand.

Ms Okuda also served the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the UN Secretariat ERP initiative, and was involved in the promotion of a wide range of ICT for Development initiatives at UN-ESCAP. and the other UN organizations. Ms Okuda obtained Bachelor's degree from Kyoto University, Japan, and her Master's from Helsinki University, Finland.

*Invites you to
a capacity-building session on*

Social Media Governance at the Cross Roads

11:00 UTC, Monday, 30 Aug 2021

Speaker:

Prof Farzaneh Badiei
Founder, Digital Medusa



About the speaker

Dr. Farzaneh Badiei is the founder of Digital Medusa, an initiative that focuses on protecting the core values of our global digital space with sound governance. For the past decade, Dr. Badiei has directed and led projects about Internet and social media governance. Until recently she was a research scholar at Yale Law School and led the Social Media Governance Initiative. Prior to that, she was the Executive Director of the Internet Governance Project at Georgia Tech. Dr. Badiei received her Ph.D. in law from the University of Hamburg, Institute of Law and Economics. Her dissertation focused on online private justice systems, institutional design, and online market intermediaries. Between 2011 and 2014, Dr. Badiei worked at the United Nations Internet Governance Forum Secretariat.

About the Session Theme

Content moderation on Internet platforms has a long history on the Internet. That history is often neglected, yet we need to know about it to prepare for the future. With the influx of users to contemporary social media platforms, which can generate millions of bits of content per minute, content moderation and platform governance became the hot issue, and so they are under scrutiny by regulators around the world. User-generated content affects our social and political systems both positively and negatively. In this session, we will explore the current governance mechanisms used for platform governance and their advantages and disadvantages by looking at the past and peering into the future. The session will also address the competing pressures on platform content moderation from various stakeholders (Government, Civil Society, and Platforms) and discuss possible solutions.

<https://apsig.asia/events/30Aug.html>

APSIG 2021

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- Planned as a hybrid event from 26-28 Nov 2021
 - Will depend on travel restrictions in place. If adverse, will fall back to virtual
 - Twenty fellows (out of 40) and 5 organizers will travel to Hong Kong or Bangkok
 - These 20 is likely to be from last year's virtual Fellows and alumni
 - Virtual fellows to be compensated for Internet connectivity where required
 - Extra, in-depth sessions for on-site fellows based on assignment and group activities

Thank You!