The Internet Research Fair
Stimulating academia to uncover the Internet’s unknowns

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The Internet affects society in all its dimensions. Yet, we do not see extensive research yet on the Internet’s effects on society. The complexity of today’s global challenges asks for interdisciplinary cooperation to better understand these effects and craft ways to capture the Internet’s potential while containing its threats.
New generations of students need to respond to the emerging multidisciplinary challenges of the Internet’s impact on modern society. The Internet Research Fair is an awareness-raising initiative under the banner of DiploFoundation and the Geneva Internet Platform (GIP), which aims to stimulate research on the large impact that the Internet has on society today.
IG capacity building – lessons learned

We believe that good capacity development support
• goes far **beyond training**
• recognises the complexity of processes which it aims to influence and the need for multiple knowledges (topical, political, societal, traditional, etc.);
• provides practical and immersion opportunities to help participants bridge the gap between theory and practice; and
• requires a large component of **communication and follow-up** to foster the emergence of vibrant and self-sufficient networks.
Internet Research Fair

Aims

• Closing the gap between the high relevance of the Internet for society and the limited research available
• Raise awareness among students and researchers about the Internet’s unknowns
• Connect various academic fields
• Create a community of students and academics interested in multidisciplinary Internet research
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Internet & Society Day

- The Internet and Scientific Research
  - How the Internet changed communication studies
  - How the Internet changed both the subject and methods of Humanities
  - How the Internet changed both the way science is done (and studied)

- The Internet and the Role of Academia
  - How the Internet changed (and will change) scientific communication
  - How the Internet has shaped the public debate about science
  - How the Internet allows everybody to help out scientists
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