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Class Description: Gender and internet governance

The class will focus on the main gender and women's rights concepts and issues that are critical to internet governance including but not limited to access, content, identity, sexuality, representation and citizenship.

It will provide a background of international gender and women's rights conventions and highlight key internet and ICT policies and regulations and explore debates and challenges to national laws and corporate policy frameworks.

The class will draw on experiences and perspectives on [APC's Gender and APC's internet governance eXchange training workshop](#).

Resources

Gender and internet governance

[Women's rights, gender and internet Governance](#). This issue paper addresses the degree to which gender and women's rights feature in Internet* governance, in multiple interconnected ways including, but certainly not limited to, access, content and representation.

[GISWatch 2013: Setting the agenda on women's rights, gender and ICTs](#), 10 December 2013 | A GenderIT edition highlighting the 2013 Global Information Society Watch.

[Critically absent: Women in internet governance. A policy advocacy toolkit](#), April 2012| The women's movement has always had the ability to make the invisible visible and grant it a political character. This toolkit encourages women and their organisations to engage in political discussions regarding internet development with a vision of inclusion, fairness and respect for women's rights. The authors' visions are that the toolkit be used to raise awareness and encourage participation in a new environment where women cannot and should not be absent.

[Feminist Principles of the Internet](#). The 15 Feminist Principles of the Internet were developed by the Association for Progressive Communications (APC) and a group of international activists, researchers and scholars at a Global Meeting on Gender, Sexuality and the Internet (April 2014). The Feminist Principles are explored through a brief overview of the key themes of activism, access, economy, privacy, and agency as they relate to the internet as a public space.

[Gender Evaluation Methodology for Internet and ICTs](#). This learning tool for ICT for gender, internet and ICTs provides a gender analytical framework for ICT for development initiatives drawn from 25 projects in various countries.

Sexual Rights and the internet

[Survey on sexual activism, morality, and the internet](#). Report of APC's 2013 survey of experiences and concerns of internet users in the exercise of their sexual rights on online contents, practices, and modes of interaction censored, limited, or under threat.

[Internet governance issues on sexuality and women's rights](#), 10 September 2010 | This briefing document highlights key issues on internet regulations that are relevant for gender equality and sexuality. It also brings to the debate findings from various research initiatives undertaken by APC and key partners, including a cross-country research initiative – EROTICS – that is being conducted in five countries: Brazil, India, Lebanon, South Africa and the United States.

Violence against women and the internet

[Ending Violence Against Women Online](#). This module looks at violence against women within the context of the internet and ICTs. It begins by exploring how violence against women (VAW) has been historically recognized and addressed within international law, and then explores the ways in which VAW manifests online, and/or is exacerbated by the use of ICTs. It goes on to summarize some of the challenges to addressing VAW online within the framework of national laws and corporate policy frameworks, and also discusses some strategies that can be/are being used to counter VAW online

[Domestic legal remedies for technology-related violence against women: Review of related studies and literature](#), August 2014 | This review of related studies and literature forms part of the legal remedy research which falls under the [End violence: Women's rights and safety online](#) (EndVAW) flagship project of the Association for Progressive Communications (APC).

[End violence research: Case summaries from country reports](#), August 2014 | The following case summaries are excerpted from End violence against women: Country reports, which involve seven countries and are part of research commissioned by the APC Women's Rights Programme beginning in 2013. End violence against women research focuses on tech-related violence, from mobile phones to the internet.

[Internet intermediaries and violence against women online: User policies and redress framework of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube](#), by Carly Nyst, 4 August 2014 | A recent report, "Internet intermediaries and violence against women online" released by the Association for Progressive Communications for the [End violence: Women's rights and safety online](#) project, which analyses the policies and redress framework of the three major internet intermediaries: Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, in regard to violence against women online.

[Technology-related violence against women – Recent legislative trends](#), by Carly Nyst, 26 August, 2014 | This study seeks to explore recent legislative developments aimed at addressing and providing avenues of redress for technology-related violence against women.