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cordially invites all to a public lecture by

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on

ICANN, NEW GENERIC TOP LEVEL DOMAINS AND ITS RIGHTS PROTECTION MECHANISMS

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Most people have never heard of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), or only have a very rough understanding of its role – and yet, every Internet user is actually using ICANN's services! To reach another person or a website on the Internet, you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN helps coordinate and support these unique identifiers across the world. In other words – it manages the Internet's central address book and also sets the policies around it on how it is to be maintained.

In this talk, Gabriella Schittek will explain what ICANN is, its role and how the organisation is creating global policies for all Internet users. She will also present how ICANN recently introduced over 1200 new generic top level domain name endings (so called "new gTLDs") to the Internet - such as .club, .sucks, .guru - or even .budapest – and how the existing rights protection mechanisms for brand owners had to be adjusted to fit the new reality. There will also be an introduction to what possibilities there are for students to get involved in ICANN, as ICANN is always very open to engage students in its work.

BIO:

Gabriella Schittek works at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) as a Global Stakeholder Engagement manager, responsible for Central European and the Nordics. Before starting her work with ICANN, she worked with the .uk registry Nominet and the Council of European National Top Level Domain Registries (CENTR). For several years, she managed ICANN's country code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO). Gabriella holds an M.A. in Political Science.

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