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Global IG Architecture

increasing relevance

Heads of State convene in New York for the UN General Assembly's General Debate, as part of the 74th session

Sustainable development

same relevance

Three reports released: ITU's Digital Skills Insights report ('capacity building is a cross-cutting issue'; Africa's e-commerce agenda (which addresses sustainable development); UNCTAD's Digital Economy Report (which warns that digital divide can leave LDCs further behind)

Security

increasing relevance

First substantive meeting of Open-Ended Working Group takes place in New York

Europe should consider a 'digital border control', says Deutsche Telekom's cybersecurity division head

Cybercrime cases continue: Wikipedia fights off huge DDoS attack; Ecuador to investigate data breach of up to 20 million people; one in three youth is a victim of online bullying (UNICEF poll)

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E-commerce and Internet economy

increasing relevance

In the USA, bipartisan coalition of attorney generals launches antitrust investigation on Google. In the EU, antitrust chief calls for more rules on companies' use of information

French court fines Amazon for imposing abusive conditions on vendors, while Googles agrees on $1 billion tax settlement with France

Facebook's cryptocurrency Libra is facing opposition from European leaders

Digital rights

increasing relevance

California enacts new gig worker legislation, giving more rights to workers; Brazil declares Uber drivers are independent contractors.

USA's Federal Trade Commission fines YouTube for violating children's privacy

EU-US Privacy Shield passes third annual review

Bangladesh cuts access to mobile phone services for the Rohingya; Eritrea is the world's most censored country

Jurisdiction and legal issues

same relevance

CJEU rules on court jurisdiction in trademark infringement case

Internet intellectual property disputes make up 80% of cases at Beijing Internet Court, launched last year

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Infrastructure

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Studies reveal privacy breaches in IoT devices

China to develop 5G standards for hospitals and medical institutions

Net neutrality

decreasing relevance

In Australia, plan to charge users based on their streaming ('Netflix tax') is dead

New technologies (IoT, AI, etc.)

same relevance

At least 75 countries use AI surveillance technology, report finds, while China will impose obligations for AI algorithms to promote 'mainstream values'. US Air Force publishes AI strategy

UK court rules facial recognition use by police lawful, while Moroccan data protection authority announces temporary facial-recognition ban. Facebook introduces changes to its facial recognition settings, giving users more control

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