Beth Noveck

Visiting Professor Beth Simone Noveck served in the White House as the first United States Deputy Chief Technology Officer and founder and director of the White House Open Government Initiative (2009-2011). UK Prime Minister David Cameron appointed her Senior Advisor for Open Government. She served on the Obama-Biden Transition Team and was a volunteer advisor to the Obama for America campaign on issues of technology, innovation, and government reform. Also a visiting professor at the MIT Media Lab, Dr. Noveck is on leave as professor of law and founder of the Institute for Information Law and Policy at New York Law School.

She focuses her scholarship, activism and teaching on the future of democracy in the 21st century. Professor Noveck directs the Governance Lab funded by a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Housed at NYU Wagner, the Gov Lab accelerates and assesses progress toward smarter, more collaborative and decentralized governance.

She founded the Democracy Design Workshop: Do Tank, a program for the design of law, policy, and technology to foster openness and collaboration. With support from the Sloan Foundation, she is currently prototyping OrgPedia, the Wikipedia of firms. With the support of the Omdiyar Network, MacArthur Foundation and seven leading patent-holding firms, she designed and built the U.S. government's first expert network Peer To Patent. The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Council of Europe and AmericaSpeaks have sponsored her research on online communities by funding then Cairns Project, graphical software to support group formation and collaboration. She also received a grant from ICAIR to support the creation of Democracy Island, an experimental space within a virtual world for research on citizen participation.

A graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School, she was named one of Foreign Policy's "Top Global Thinkers for 2012," "100 Most Creative People in Business" by Fast Company magazine, " Top 25 Game Changers" by Politico and one of the "Top Women in Technology" by Huffington Post. A Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, she spoke at TEDGlobal 2012 on the future of government.

Tiago Peixoto

Tiago Peixoto is currently a technology and participation specialist at the ICT4Gov program of the World Bank's Open Government cluster (WBI).

Prior to joining the Bank, Tiago worked as a consultant and policy advisor for various organizations in the field of e-governance, such as the OECD, the United Nations, and the Brazilian and UK governments. He has been involved in pioneering work concerning the use of ICT in participatory governance initiatives in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Among other publications, Tiago is co-author of the "2010 United Nations e-Government Survey: Leveraging e-government at a time of financial and economic crisis". He is also research coordinator of the Electronic Democracy Centre in Zurich, a joint venture of the Oxford Internet Institute, the European University Institute and the University of Zurich.

Tiago is an advisor to, amongst others, the Technology for Transparency network and the e-Democracia project of the Brazilian House of Representatives.

Karine Nahon

Karine Nahon is the author of the upcoming book Going Viral. She serves as associate professor at the Information School, Director of the Virality of Informatiion (retroV) research group and a member of the Social Media Lab (SoMe Lab), former director of the Center for Information & Society, adjunct faculty at the department of Communication and affiliated faculty at the Center for Communication and Civic Engagement at University of Washington.

Her research focuses on information politics and policy. More specifically, she studies three intertwined areas: (1) information flows and network gatekeeping; (2) digital divide/s and inequalities; and (3) cultured technology. Her academic background is rooted in multiple disciplines: Political Science, Computer Science, information science and Management of Information Systems. Her papers are published in top-tier journals and she developed well-recognized theoretical frameworks like Network Gatekeeping Theory.

Karine serves as an expert in decision-making forums (nationally and internationally) and is publicly active on topics of open government. She acts as a member of the Israeli CIO (Chief Information Officer) Cabinet, member of the board of the Freedom of Information Movement, and board of the Workshop for open knowledge. She represents Israel in the UN in the committee for science and technology.

John Carlo Bertot

John Bertot is Professor and co-director of the Information Policy & Access Center (iPAC) in the University of Maryland College Park iSchool. He also serves as director of the MLS program, a position he began in July 2011.

John joined the iSchool faculty in August 2008. He received his Ph.D. from the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University. His research spans information and telecommunications policy, e-government, government agency technology planning and evaluation, and library planning and evaluation.

He is President of the Digital Government Society of North America (DGSNA), serves as chair of the International Standards Organization's (ISO) Library Performance Indicator (ISO 11620) working group, and serves as a member ISO Library Statistics (ISO 2789) working group. John has previously served as Chair of the American Library Association's (ALA) Library Research Round Table, and currently serves on the ALA Committee on Research and Statistics and E-government Services Subcommittee. In addition, John is Editor of Government Information Quarterly and co-Editor of The Library Quarterly.

Over the years, John has received funding for his research from the National Science Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Government Accountability Office, the American Library Association, and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.