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I. About the Center for Media, Data and Society

The Center for Media, Data and Society (CMDS) is a research center for the study of media, communication, and information policy in Europe. Founded in 2004 as the Center for Media and Communication Studies, CMDS is part of CEU's School of Public Policy and serves as a focal point for an international network of acclaimed scholars, research institutions and activists.

CMDS produces scholarly and practice-oriented research addressing academic, policy and civil society needs; coordinates course offerings at CEU; provides trainings and consultancies; and organizes scholarly exchanges through workshops, lectures and conferences on current developments in the field. CMDS is one of the leading centers of research on media, communication, and information policy in Europe.

Our research interests and priorities include:

- Media and communication policy: Regulations, governance, policy and information economies across media sectors and platforms;
- Fundamental communication rights: Freedom of expression, freedom of the media, access to information and the right to privacy;
- Civil society and Technology: Opportunities and challenges of new and old technologies for activists and movements for digital rights and online security, community and alternative media;
- European and Hungarian Media: The changing regulatory environment, journalistic practices, and ownership patterns;
- Media and journalism in transition: Media development and democratization in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond.

CMDS operates as an independent research center of Central European University. In 2013, the Center joined CEU's School of Public Policy (SPP), and this move has significantly strengthened our overall institutional resources and profile. While operating as an independent research center – in terms of our research agenda, outputs and activities – CMDS also benefits from our immersion within SPP through our growing collaborations with the School's staff, faculty and students. In September 2014, the Center was re-launched as the Center for Media, Data and Society. The change reflects the Center's expanded expertise into areas of technology and data and the emphasis on societal impacts.

Members of the CMDS Advisory Board actively serve as stewards and consultants for the Center's projects, as well as in helping the Center secure new funding opportunities.

CMDS operates with a budget derived from the main CEU operating budget and external research funds awarded to the Center in accordance with CEU policies and procedures. Additional external funds from project grants (from various organizations, including the Open Society Foundations, European Commission, Google, Internews and others) are used to cover salaries of staff and contracted researchers, as well as project activities (research, publications, workshops/conferences), overhead, and administration.

About the School of Public Policy of CEU

The School of Public Policy at Central European University, in the words of its founder, George Soros, is a “new kind of global institution dealing with global problems” through multi-disciplinary study of public policy, innovative teaching and research, as well as meaningful engagement with policy practice. We are a global institution committed to creating a community of purpose beyond power.

About the Central European University

Central European University (CEU) is a graduate-level “crossroads” university where faculty and students from more than 100 countries come to engage in interdisciplinary education, pursue advanced scholarship, and address some of society's most vexing problems. The university offers degrees in the social sciences, humanities, law, public policy, business management, environmental science, and mathematics. The university is located in Budapest, and is accredited in the United States and in Hungary. CEU has more than 1400 students and 370 faculty members from more than 130 countries. CEU is known for excellence in teaching and research—with purpose. At the core of its mission lies a set of principles: the pursuit of truth wherever it leads, respect for the diversity of cultures and peoples, and commitment to resolve differences through debate not denial.

II. CMDS People

In the 2014-15 academic year, CMDS was run by Philip N. Howard, Professor at the School of Public Policy, together with Senior Program Manager Eva Bognar. Their work was supported by two assistants, working on administrative and outreach matters. Two research directors and one researcher were leading CMDS projects, while four CEU and SPP faculty were formally affiliated with the Center. Eva Bognar currently (since August 2015) serves as Acting Executive Director, and a search is underway for a new Director.

CMDS Team:

Eva Bognar, Senior Program Officer (Acting Executive Director since August 2015)

Amy Brouillette, Director, European Media Project

Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy (CMDS fellow since August 2015)

Kate Coyer, Director, Civil Society and Technology Project

Dumitrita Holdis, Program Assistant (Program Coordinator since August 2015)

Philip N. Howard, Director, CMDS, Professor, School of Public Policy (CMDS fellow since August 2015)

Kristina Irion, Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy

Gina Neff, Associate Professor, School of Public Policy (CMDS fellow since August 2015)

Anna Orosz, Program Assistant for Outreach

Sejal Parmar, Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies

Joost van Beek, Researcher

CMDS Advisory Board:

Ellen Hume, Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media, Center for Media, Data and Society, CEU
Professor Monroe Price, Annenberg School of Communication, University of Pennsylvania

Anya Schiffrin, Director of the International Media, Advocacy and Communications (IMAC) Specialization of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University

Stefaan Verhulst, Co-Founder and Chief Research and Development Officer of the Governance Laboratory @NYU (GovLab), New York University.

III. Summary of CMDS activities in the academic year 2014-15

Following is a brief summary of the major accomplishments, research projects, events, partner collaborations and teaching during the past academic year.

1. Teaching

CMDS staff and faculty teach post-graduate courses across CEU Departments as part of the following media and communications-related specializations:

- **Global Media and Communication area of concentration at the School of Public Policy:**
The School's two year MPA program offers Global Media and Communication as one of its areas of concentration.
- **Media, Information and Communications Policy specialization at the School of Public Policy:**
MA students enrolled in SPP's Master's Program in Public Policy can choose a specialization in Media, Information and Communications Policy.

Relevant courses taught by CMDS faculty and staff in the academic year 2014-15:

- Big Data for Global Public Health (Gina Neff), School of Public Policy
- Digital Networks, Democracy and Dictatorship (Philip N. Howard), School of Public Policy
- Freedom of Expression: Comparative Law Perspectives (Sejal Parmar), Department of Legal Studies
- Global Policy for Cultural and Creative Industries (Gina Neff), School of Public Policy
- Global Trends in Contemporary Censorship (Miklos Haraszti), School of Public Policy
- Human Rights Advocacy (Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick), School of Public Policy
- International Human Rights Advocacy and Practice (Sejal Parmar), Department of Legal Studies
- Introduction to Global Media and Communication (Philip N. Howard), School of Public Policy
- Lab: Policy Research on Emerging Technology (Gina Neff), School of Public Policy
- Lab: Public Policy and the Internet of Things (Philip N. Howard), School of Public Policy
- Media Freedom and Human Rights (Sejal Parmar), School of Public Policy
- Social Movements and Media Advocacy (Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick), School of Public Policy
- Technology and Media Policy for Innovation (Gina Neff), School of Public Policy

In the academic year 2014-15, Kristina Irion has been on unpaid research leave at the

University of Amsterdam with a Marie Curie research [grant](#).

2. Research projects

CMDS leads and/ or is active in several international and collaborative research projects. Major collaborative projects during 2014-2015 include:

- **Virtual Center of Excellence for Research in Violent Online Political Extremism (VOX-POL)**

VOX-Pol is a 60-month project supported by the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme Network of Excellence. It integrates the world's leading researchers and research groups in Violent Online Political Extremism (VOPE) with security practitioners in order to create a sustainable critical mass of innovative activity among what is currently a burgeoning, but fragmented group of researchers and end users across Europe and globally. The overall aim of the project is to raise awareness of the challenges for research and policy-making in this area by exploring the interplay of e-research ethics, privacy, surveillance, freedom of speech, and practices of and responses to VOPE. Across the duration of the project, there will be workshops, training academies, summer courses and two major conferences, in addition to support for publications and network development.

CMDS research within the project is focused on assessing the role of internet intermediaries in responding to VOPE; to evaluate policy responses at the EU and global level, and to consider the complexities of the relationship between technology, free expression, and policy that lie at the heart of the relationship between global security and human rights, and are necessary for an approach to address extreme and violent content online. CMDS is also responsible for organizing project summer courses and training academies.

VOX-Pol partners are: Centre for International Studies, Dublin City University (project leader); Internet Institute, University of Oxford; Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology - Delhi; International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, Kings College London; University of Amsterdam; TNO (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk); Institute for Peace Research & Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH). Leading work packages for CMDS are Kate Coyer and Eva Bognar. Kate Coyer is member of the project Management Committee and is the lead researcher for the Center.

- **Hungarian Media Ownership: A Network Analysis**

The aim of the project is to increase transparency of the ownership structures of

Hungary's media market and to explore the utility of network analysis techniques as a means of quantifying and visualizing trends in market concentration. Specifically, this project uses network analysis to map the relationship between the country's top media companies based on ultimate beneficial owners (UBOs) in order to identify and assess patterns of ownership consolidation and market influence over time. The project is led by Amy Brouillette, and supported by the Open Society Foundations' Program for Independent Journalism.

- **Strengthening Journalism in Europe: Tools, Networking, Training**

CMDS, in partnership with the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom (CMPF) at the European University Institute, conducted a collaborative project aimed at strengthening practical support mechanisms for journalists in Europe. This project responded to the growing need to safeguard media freedom, freedom of expression and freedom of information rights in the EU and across Europe, as guaranteed by the EU Charter for Fundamental Rights, and according to the standards of the Council of Europe and OSCE. Specifically, the project focused on enhancing legal support and resources for European journalists and media outlets facing threats and violations of their editorial freedoms and freedom of expression rights.

This project was co-financed by the European Commission, under the Commission's European Centre for Press and Media Freedom pilot program framework.

CMDS/CMPF worked in collaboration with additional organizations selected to lead projects under this pilot program, including the International Press Institute, Index on Censorship, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso (Fondazione Opera Campana dei Caduti), and the South East Europe Media Organisation. Amy Brouillette was the lead CMDS researcher for the project.

- **Creative Approaches to Living Cultural Archives (CAPTCHA)**

CAPTCHA was a 24-month project supported by the Culture Program of the European Union's Directorate General for Education and Culture. The project aimed to promote European collaboration between community media organizations and to promote the concept of "open content" and innovative digital exchange and distribution.

The project's objectives stemmed from the wider role, which community media play in lowering the threshold for citizens to produce and share stories and news of local import, accessing public information, sharing cultural heritage, and maintaining community dialogue. Project partners produced content and developed a web-based open content platform; CMDS produced a study of best practices of innovative and

effective digital tools and technologies for open access multi-media exchange platforms; evaluated examples of existing cross-border projects among grassroots media; and provided an analytic overview on the relevant legal questions of copyright, fair use and open content, with particular attention to the variations in legislation from country to country within the European Union. CMDS hosted the project launch meeting in fall 2013. Project partners were: Radio CORAX (project leader); Radio Fro; and Near Media Co-op. The lead CMDS researchers were Kate Coyer and Joost van Beek.

- **Ranking Digital Rights: Developing a methodology to rank ICT companies on respect for free expression and privacy**

The Ranking Digital Rights project is led by Rebecca MacKinnon, senior research fellow at the New America Foundation. The Ranking Digital Rights project brings together a group of international researchers and advocates to develop a methodology to evaluate and rank the world's major Information and Communication Technology (ICT) companies on policies and practices related to free expression and privacy in the context of international human rights law. The Center received support from the CEU Research Support Scheme to attend meetings and conduct preliminary research. The project includes institutional partners such as Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin; Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore; Hu Yong, Peking University School of Journalism and Communication; Instituto de Tecnologia e Sociedade, Brazil; Johns-Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies; Center for the Study of New Media & Society, Moscow; Center for Global Communications Studies at the Annenberg School, University of Pennsylvania; Access; and the World Wide Web Foundation.

CMDS is contributing to the overall development of the project and leading case studies on European mobile phone providers and social media platforms for a UNESCO report and towards the pilot project, as well as recent participation in a series of roundtable discussion with senior representatives from Facebook, Twitter, Google, British Telecom and others at the Human Rights in Silicon Valley conference. CMDS' work in this area is led by Elisabetta Ferrari, Rian Wanstreet, and Kate Coyer.

3. Media and Change Series, Workshops and Public Events



Cory Doctorow: I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT DAVE: The Dystopian War on General Purpose Computers and What You Can Do About It

Media and Change Series

Launched in 2011, the Media and Change series aims at creating a space for reflection and informal discussion about media policies, perils, potentials, and practices. We view this as an opportunity for networking with each other and fellow faculty, students, staff and researchers interested in the media, communication and technological transformations taking hold. In 2014-15, the following topics were discussed in the frame of the series with presentations and public lectures from CMDS fellows and invited guests:

- Journalists under Pressure in Hungary (András Pethő, Direkt36)
- Towards Information Sovereignty (Shawn Powers, CMDS and IAS fellow, Georgia State University)
- Book Presentation by Anya Schiffrin (CMDS Advisory Board Member School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University)
- Auditing Algorithms: Research Methods for Detecting Discrimination on Internet Platforms (Christian Sandvig, University of Michigan)

- Examining User Participation in Digital Media (Jesus Cruz Alvarez, CMDS fellow)
- The Digital Future Looks Bright! – Business Implications of the Internet Of Things For Hungarian Companies (Péter Nagy, CMDS fellow)
- Weaving the World Wide Web. Creation, Co-option and Collusion in News Making in the New Media Environment (Amelia Arsenault, CMDS and IAS fellow, Georgia State University)
- I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT DAVE: The Dystopian War on General Purpose Computers and What You Can Do About It (Cory Doctorow)
- Media, Intellectuals, and Politics in the Islamic Republic: A Geometry of Overlapping Fields (Kevan Harris, Princeton University)
- The Labor of Democracy and the False Promise of Digital Activism (Jennifer Schradie, Toulouse School of Economics)
- From Turbulent Politics to Chaotic Pluralism: How Social Media Shape Collective Action (Helen Margetts, Oxford Internet Institute)
- Manipulating Social Media: Changing Political and Geographic Reality (Jillian C. York, Electronic Frontier Foundation)
- Brokerage: Mediating Datafication, Citizenship and the City (Alison Powell, London School of Economics)
- Digital Anti-Politics: The 'Voices Paradox' and Innovative Resistance (Sharath Srinivasan, Cambridge University)
- American Legacy Media: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, a Report from the Front Lines (Renée Loth, Boston Globe)
- Social Media Analytics and Public Opinion: Opportunities, Challenges and Theory (Nick Anstead, London School of Economics)

Workshops and Conferences:

- **“Gaining a Digital Edge” - Regional Networking and Training Conference**

A group of more than 90 journalists, media lawyers and civil society representatives from 14 countries attended the “Gaining a Digital Edge” conference, hosted by CMDS on 21-23 November 2014. The aim of the event was to discuss strategies for navigating the technological and regulatory challenges of the new digital media environments, including best practices in the fields of digital security and data protection, and digital tools and technologies that enable journalists



Gaining a Digital Edge –networking and training conference

and watchdogs to gather, process and present data and to respond to evolving cyber threats to online speech.

- **VOX-Pol Workshop on the Role of Social Media and Internet Companies in Responding to Violent Online Political Extremism and the Impacts on Freedom of Expression**



VOX-Pol workshop

CMDS hosted the third VOX-Pol workshop on 5 – 6 March with the participation of nearly 40 experts from policy-making, human rights groups, activists, law enforcement, social media companies, and academia. The diverse background and expertise of the participants enabled workshop sessions to address and discuss the themes and issues related to violent online extremism in a complex manner, taking different actors' and stakeholders' viewpoints

into consideration. The fundamental aim of the workshop was to put the role of social media and internet companies in responding to violent online extremism in a broader perspective, in order to gain a better understanding of the inter-relations between internet governance, the role of technology companies as political intermediaries, and end-users.

Public events:

Besides our Media and Change series, CMDS organizes a range of public events such as film screenings, workshops, conferences as well as an annual summer university course. This year, our events included the following:

- **Film Screening: Kolorádó Kid (2009)**
CMDS organized an English language screening of András Vágvölgyi's Kolorádó Kid, a film noir depicting the years following the 1956 revolution, followed by a discussion with the director András Vágvölgyi and András Mink of the Open Society Archives.
- **Responsible Data Forum**
CMDS co-hosted, along with the Open Society Archives, the Budapest Responsible Data Forum, part of a collaborative event series organized around the world since March 2014. The Responsible Data Forum was organized by the engine room and

Aspiration, with Amnesty International, DataKind, Open Knowledge Foundation, Privacy International, and Ushahidi, and with the generous support of the Open Society Foundations and Hivos.

- **CMDS and OSA Co-host First Hungarian Preview of CitizenFour**



Preview of CitizenFour

Over 120 guests gathered at the Open Society Archives on April 9, 2015 for the first Hungarian preview of Laura Poitras' Oscar-winning documentary, CitizenFour. Co-hosted with CMDS, and with a professional audience of journalists, lawyers, civil society activists, academics and students, the evening began with a half-hour live discussion over Skype with Anthony Romero, (Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Edward Snowden's lawyer in the US) and Gill Phillips (Director of Editorial Legal Services, The Guardian).

- **The Troubled State of Press Freedom in Central Europe**

CMDS and Freedom House organized a panel discussion on May 21, 2015 to consider



The Troubled State of Press Freedom in Central Europe

some of the conclusions of the recent Freedom House report, *Freedom of the Press 2015*. The discussion, which was moderated by András Pethő (Direkt36) and featured Peter Bajomi-Lazar (Mediakutato), Kate Coyer (CMDS), Jennifer Dunham (Freedom House) and Sylvana Habdank-Kołaczowska (Freedom House),

offered a range of perspectives from journalists and scholars on the global deterioration in press freedom, and

regional challenges and threats to the independence of journalists and media outlets.

4. Summer University (SUN) at CEU: course on “Advanced Topics in Internet Governance, Civil Society and Policy Advocacy”

For the past eight years, CMDS has organized a summer course for students and emerging scholars from around the globe as part of the CEU SUN program. Our 2015 course, “Advanced Topics in Internet Governance, Civil Society and Policy Advocacy” was organized



Advanced Topics in Internet Governance, Civil Society and Policy Advocacy

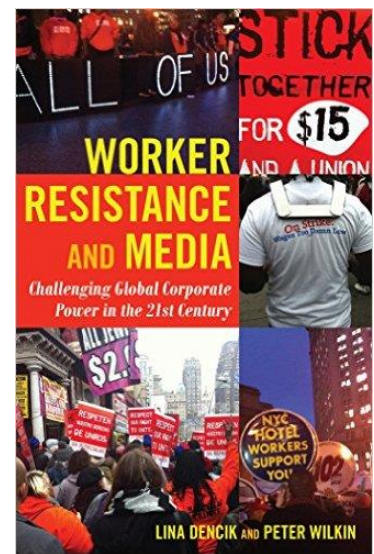
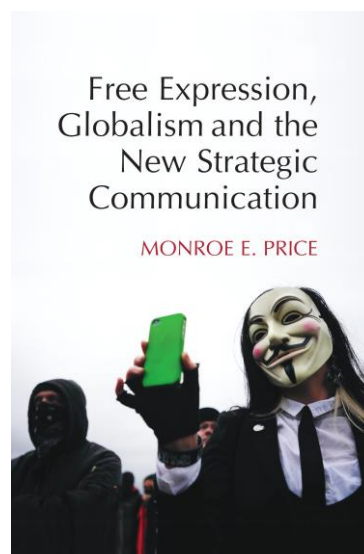
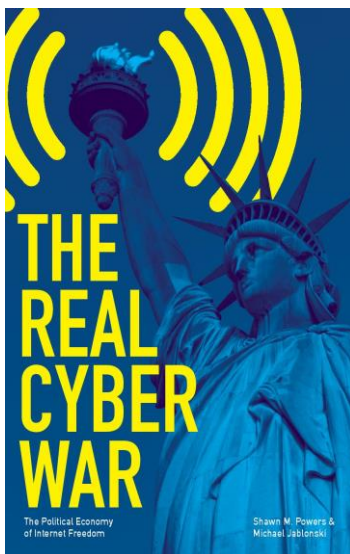
by CMDS in collaboration with the Annenberg School for Communication at University of Pennsylvania. The intensive summer course brought together 22 students from 18 countries to address the most pressing challenges, topics around internet governance, freedom of expression, digital rights and policy advocacy, and to learn from case studies, and practice security and advocacy design tools. Researchers, activists, journalists, private industry, policy makers and

advocates gathered in Budapest to gain new insights into the complex relationship between technology, free expression, and policy that lie at the heart of debates between global security and human rights. The course was directed by CMDS’ Kate Coyer and Eva Bogнар and Susan Abbott from Cross-Pollinate in Denver, who each led several sessions during the week in the themes of internet governance and policy advocacy.

Participants represented diverse backgrounds and expertise including activists from Sudan and Hungary and those coming from the Internews office in Kabul, Google Ireland, the SHARE Foundation, the European Parliament, the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, Serbia's Independent Journalist's Association, the Legal Resources Centre in Johannesburg, and a number of academic institutions such as the Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet & Society, the Koc University in Turkey, the Corvinus University in Budapest, the University of Copenhagen, the University of San Francisco, the Freie Universität in Berlin, and McGill University in Montreal, among others.

IV. Publications

CMDS staff, affiliated faculty, fellows and board members published extensively in a range of peer-reviewed journals, public circulation papers, but also in collective book volumes.



1. Books

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6. Conferences, public engagements of CMDS faculty and staff



The Troubled State of Press Freedom

Round tables, workshop and conferences organized and hosted by CMDS offered an opportunity for faculty, fellows and staff to engage with the CEU community, but also with a wider network of journalists, media scholars and professionals working in similar fields. In addition, international conferences, expert roundtable discussions, and workshops provided more opportunities for faculty and staff engage.

Eva Bogнар

Moderating session on Media Pluralism Monitor Pilot Test Stakeholder Meeting, CMDS, Central European University, Budapest, September 2014

Presenter, "Through whose eyes? New media and the struggle for control over the image of minorities in Hungary" Paper presented at the ECREA 5th European Communication Conference in Lisbon, Portugal 12-15 November 2014 (co-author: Judit Szakacs)

Presenter, "Talking back: New media and the struggle for control over the image of the Roma in Hungary", Paper presented at the IAMCR Conference in Montreal, Canada 12-16 July 2015 (co-author: Judit Szakacs)

Amy Brouillette

Presenter, "Hungarian Media Ownership - A Network Analysis," at Advanced Topics in Internet Policy Advocacy, CEU Summer School, July 2015.

Panelist, “The Diplomacy of Domestic Media and Information Policy,” Milton Wolf Seminar, Triumphs and Tragedies: Media and Global Events in 2014 Vienna, Austria, April 19 – April 21, 2015.

Presenter, “Legal protections for European Journalists,” at “Gaining a Digital Edge: Training, networking and consultation for journalists, media lawyers, and civil society in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe,” Central European University, Budapest, November 2014.

Presenter/facilitator, “Media Pluralism Indicators: Stakeholder Meeting,” Central European University, September 2014.

Press Interview, Orban’s Hungary is a teetering house of cards,” *Al Jazeera America*, Nov 2014.

Press Interview, “Hungary at the Turning Point,” *Moment* magazine, Oct 2014.

Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick

Panelist, “Preventing & Combating Labour Trafficking and Exploitation”, International Round Table convened under the auspices of the Austrian Federal Minister for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Vienna, September 2014

Kate Coyer

Keynote speaker, opening address, “What is Worth Archiving?” conference, Dublin, 2014
<http://livingarchives.eu/what-is-worth-archiving/>

Presenter, “Platforms, providers and people: terms of service agreements and digital rights,” Paper presented at ECREA (European Communication Research and Education Association), Lisbon, 2014

Panelist, “Freedom, religion, and security in the aftermath of Charlie Hebdo”, discussion organized by CEU’s School of Public Policy (SPP) and the Center for European Union Research (CEUR), the French Institute of Budapest, and the Embassy of France in Budapest as part of CEU’s Frontiers of Democracy series, May 2015

Panelist, Troubled State of Press Freedom in Central Europe, CEU, May 2015
<http://cmds.ceu.edu/article/2015-05-28/cmds-and-freedom-house-panel-troubled-state-press-freedom-central-europe#sthash.fgxTvTdo.dpuf>

Presenter, “Radio Archives in European Community Media,” conference, Halle, Germany June 2015

Tools for online advocacy & data visualization tools, conducted training sessions as part of SPP’s Global Policy Academy for environmental activists from Belarus and Moldova, 2015

Panelist and moderator, “Gaining a Digital Edge” conference, hosted by the Center for Media, Data and Society (CMDs) at Central European University, November 2014

Invited speaker on "The Pressure from «bellow»: Two-way communication with citizens", Capacity Building of Government Institutions Workshop in Sarajevo. Interviewed for BHTV, Bosnia and Herzegovina's public broadcaster following the talk on public pressure for open government initiatives <http://cmds.ceu.edu/article/2014-11-03/coyer-bosnian-public-television#sthash.zU5CQ3PV.dpuf>

Workshop organizer, VOX-Pol workshop

Presenter, "The role of social media companies in responding to violent online political extremism and the impacts on freedom of expression", Paper presented at IAMCR (International Association of Media and Communication Researchers), Montreal, 2015

Presenter, "Media power, resistance and the state in Hungary". Paper presented at IAMCR (International Association of Media and Communication Researchers), Montreal, 2015

Workshop organizing, *Budapest Responsible Data Forum*, supported organization of the Budapest Responsible Data Forum, organized by the engine room and aspiration technology, hosted by the Open Society Archive and CMDS.

Ellen Hume

Presenter, "Internet Journalism: How to Figure Out What's True or False" International Association of Political Science Students (IAPSS) World Congress, Birkbeck College, University of London, April 2015

Participant, Conference on Diplomacy and Media, Milton Wolff Seminar, Vienna, April 2015

Moderator, "American Legacy Media: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, a Report from the Front Lines" with Renee Loth, hosted by CMDS at CEU School of Public Policy, Budapest, May 2015

Moderator, "Media Freedom: Tackling Multiple Threats," at the Apres Charlie: Reflecting on Freedom of Religion and Security conference, CEU School of Public Policy and the Institut Francaise, Budapest, May 2015

Miklós Haraszti

Recent statements as the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus:

Halt further executions – UN expert calls on Belarus for an immediate death sentence moratorium (25 April 2014)

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=14537&LangID=E>

Belarus: "Rights defender Ales Bialiatski released, but other political prisoners remain in jail" – UN expert (24 June 2014)

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Elena Tonkacheva's deportation shows "pervasive harassment of rights defenders in Belarus" (6 March 2015)

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=15650&LangID=E>

UN rights expert warns of worsening situation for political prisoners in Belarus ahead of elections (11 June 2015)

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=16067&LangID=E>

Philip N. Howard

“The Pax Technica” book talks:

- Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, Berlin, May 2015
- Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse, May 2015
- Data & Society Institute, New York, April 2015
- Council on Foreign Relations, New York, April 2015
- NYU, Institute for Public Knowledge, April 2015
- NYU, Department of Media, Communication and Culture, April 2015
- Open Society Foundation-New York, April 2015
- Open Society Foundation-Budapest, February 2015

Chair at “Unmanned Rights: Drone Use by Civil Society,” and “ICOMM Honors the Work of Monroe Price,” International Studies, New Orleans, February 2015.

“Plenary Roundtable: Internet Politics in Authoritarian Contexts,” “Collective Action and Social Media,” American Political Science Association, August 2014.

Discussant at “International Citizen Engagement,” Preconference on Political Communication, American Political Science Association, August 2014.

Author Meets Critics: Pax Technica: How the Internet of Things May Set Us Free or Lock Us Up, The 65th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 22, 2015

Kristina Irion

Keynote Speaker, “Your digital home is no longer your castle: How cloud computing transforms the (legal) relationship between individuals and their digital assets” ICEL IT Law Conference, Irish Centre for European Law (ICEL), Trinity College Dublin, June 2015

Keynote Speaker, “EU Data Protection and Consumer Cloud Computing” Privacy & Innovation International Conference, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, June 2015

Panel Chair, “Privacy by analogy: Lessons from copyright law, environmental law, consumer protection law and compliance with financial regulations” Computer Privacy and Data Protection (CPDP) conference, Brussels, January 2015

Panel Organiser, “The myth of users’ empowerment and how future law and policy can be better informed” - 5th European Communication Conference (ECC)

'Communication for Empowerment: Citizens, Markets, Innovations', Lisbon,
November 2014

Presenter, "Your digital home is no longer your castle: How cloud computing transforms the (legal) relationship between individuals and their digital assets" the 5th European Communication Conference (ECC) 'Communication for Empowerment: Citizens, Markets, Innovations', Lisbon, November 2014

Participant, "Assessing de facto independence of NRAs and the accountability puzzle" 40th EPRA meeting, Tbilisi, October 2014

Participant, "Workshop for Law Professors on Empirical Methods" George Mason University, 2015, Washington D.C. (US), May 2015

Gina Neff

Presenter, "Imagined Affordance: Reconstructing a Keyword for Communication Theory, International Communication Association" San Juan, May 2015, with Peter Nagy.

Presenter "Big Data as Prediction," Social Computing Symposium, FUSE Microsoft, San Francisco, January 2015.

Presenter, "Venture Labor for the Social Media Age" Oxford University (co-sponsored by Said Business School, Department of Sociology and Oxford Internet Institute), February 2015.

Presenter, "New Roles for Physicians in the Era of Connected E-Patients" Medicine X, Stanford University, September 2014, with Anthony Back, MD.

Presenter, "When Money is Data" Annenberg Research Network in International Communication, Workshop on Money as Communication, University of Southern California, October 2014.

Sejal Parmar

Panelist, "Open Journalism: Opportunities and Challenges of Doing Journalism in the Digital Age" at "Gaining a Digital Edge: Journalists, Watchdogs and Freedom of Expression 2.0", training, networking and consultation for journalists, media lawyers and civil society in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Central European University, November 2014

Panelist, "Human rights law, accountability and extremist content" at "The Role of Social Media and Internet Companies In Responding to Violent Online Extremism", workshop of VOX-Pol Network of Excellence, Budapest, March 2015

Panelist, "The Charlie Hebdo Affair and Freedom of Expression" at "L'Après Charlie – Reflecting on Freedom(s), Religion and Security", conference organised by School of Public Policy and Center for European Union Research, Central European University, May 2015

Presenter, “The Safety of Female Journalists Online” at “Protection of Safety and Integrity of Journalists in the OSCE Region” at the meeting of Serbian OSCE Chairmanship, Belgrade, March 2015.

Presenter, “When does speech become intolerant and discriminatory?” at “Freedom of Expression for Tolerance and Non-Discrimination” a meeting of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Vienna, 18 December 2014. Finally, I participated in a Tweetchat with Dunja Mijatovic, the Representative on Freedom of the Media, June 2015.

Participant, “UN Inter-Agency Meeting on Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity in Strasbourg” November 2014.

Seminar and Inter-regional Dialogue on the Protection of Journalists at the European Court of Human Rights, 3 November 2014. I had been commissioned to write the background paper on “The Protection and Safety of Journalists: A Review of International and Regional Human Rights Law” for that meeting.

Presenter, “The Paris Attacks and Global Norms on Freedom of Expression”, Tom Lantos Institute Public Lecture series “From the Courtroom to the Street: Creating a Popular Culture of Human Rights”, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, February 2015

Presenter, “Freedom of Expression and Equality: the Role and Responsibilities of the Media in Promoting Intercultural Understanding” at Tom Lantos Institute, Eötvös Loránd University & CEJI, European Summer University on Prejudice, Genocide and Remembrance, 29 August 2014

In April 2015, S. Parmar was appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Geneva-based human rights think-tank, Universal Rights Group.

On behalf of ARTICLE 19:

Legal analysis, Draft Decree on Establishment of a Press Council, 17 December 2014

Amicus Brief, Constitutional review of Article 196 of the Polish Criminal Code (concerning “offence to religious feelings”), Case SK 54/113, Constitutional Tribunal of Poland, 25 June 2015

To support her ongoing research on the UN human rights system, particularly on freedom of expression related issues, S. Parmar attended briefings of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in person and the US State Department remotely, as well as the Community of Democracies’ Working Group on Freedom of Expression.

Attendance of the Human Rights Council: S. Parmar attended five days of the 28th (9 – 13 March 2015) and eight days 29th (15 – 19 June, 1 – 3 July) sessions of the Human Rights Council. The attendance of the Human Rights Council enabled her to undertake my research more effectively. The opportunity to observe and engage with various actors in Geneva also afforded her a deeper understanding of the

international politics underpinning the various contests surrounding issues
freedom of expression at the international level.

Joost van Beek

Presenter, "Bold strides or tentative steps? How community media share and archive
content online" at conference 'Radio Archives in European Community Media',
Halle, June 2015 (with Kate Coyer)

Panelist at roundtable discussion with Ingo Leindecker, Ralf Wendt, Dagmar Brunow,
"Preserving audio memories – A discussion about the prospects and demands of
free radio archives" moderated by Stephanie Scholz, at conference 'Radio Archives
in European Community Media', Halle, June 2015

Participant, "Archivia 14: Online-Archive für Kulturelle Vielfalt in Europa!", Linz, September
2014

Participant, "Zukunftswerkstatt Community Media 2015," Bundesverband Freier Radios
(BFR), Potsdam, November 2014

Participant, General Assembly, Community Media Forum Europe (CMFE), Potsdam,
November 2014

Interviewed for Polskie Radio's "Magazyn europejski", (about the Captcha project), February
2015

Video message contribution to Al Jazeera's "The Listening Post," The Download section, 6
December 2014 (about the state of journalism and press freedom in Hungary)

V. Opportunities for students generated by the CMDS

CMDS staff and affiliated faculty offer courses in media related topics in departments across CEU. Other opportunities such as the CMDS lecture series offer the possibility for students to meet and discuss issues of interest in the area of media and communication with CMDS fellows, policy makers and local and international experts.

1. Summer School participation

CMDS has provided support for several CEU students to participate in the summer program “Advanced Topics in Internet Governance, Civil Society and Policy Advocacy”. In 2015, twenty-two participants from eleven countries took the course.

2. Passion Project Mentors at the School of Public Policy

Passion Projects are policy-oriented projects at the School of Public Policy, where students work in teams together with a client – to address challenges, identify opportunities, and/or conduct research on a pressing social question. The projects are run by students and are supervised by faculty. SPP faculty affiliated with CMDS mentored several Passion Project teams in the 2014-15 academic year. Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick mentored the “*Freedom Now*” project, Gina Neff was faculty advisor on the “*Monitoring Violations in the Textile & Apparel Industry to Transform the Global Supply Chain*” team, and Phillip N. Howard mentored the “*Global Witness*” and the “*Transparency International*” projects.

3. Project development

CMDS affiliated faculty, Gina Neff engaged SPP students in the development of a grant application. “*Public Algorithmic Decision Making: A Proposed Case Study of Algorithmic Culture in Hungary*” was a project proposal developed for the Open Society Foundation and it involved SPP student Marija Rupcic, SPP MPA ’15 as research assistant.

4. Employment opportunities for CEU students and alumni.

CMDS created short-term employment opportunities for various CEU and SPP students. Fai Suluck Lamubol (CEU School of Public Policy, MPA) contributed to the outreach and communication activities of the Center; Veszna Wessenauer (CEU Legal Studies Department, MA) worked under the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom project as research assistant; CEU alumni Orsolya Gulyas (CEU Department of Public Policy, MA) and Judit Szakacs (CEU Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, PhD) worked as outreach assistant and research assistant, respectively.

VI. CMDS Advisory Board and CMDS Fellows

1. CMDS Advisory Board

CMDS has an Advisory Board, led by the Director, consisting of four internationally prominent media and communication scholars and practitioners.

Ellen Hume

Ellen Hume is the Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media at CMDS. Appointed in 2009 by Michael Delli Carpini, Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, Ellen participates in research projects and workshops. She taught “News Media and Political Power: Global Lessons from the American Experience” for the CEU Political Science Department in 2010. Before coming to CEU, Ellen was the Research Director at the Center for Future Civic Media in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Previously, she founded the Center on Media and Society at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the New England Ethnic Newswire. She also served as executive director and senior fellow at Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, and as executive director of PBS's Democracy Project, where she developed special news programs that encouraged citizen involvement in public affairs. Ellen was a White House and political correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, national reporter for the Los Angeles Times and regular commentator on PBS's Washington Week in Review and CNN's Reliable Sources programs.

Monroe Price

Professor Monroe Price is co-founder of the CMDS (previously CMCS) and is Director of the Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, and Director of the Stanhope Centre for Communications Policy Research in London. Professor Price is the Joseph and Sadie Danciger Professor of Law and Director of the Howard M. Squadron Program in Law, Media and Society at the Cardozo School of Law, where he served as Dean from 1982 to 1991. He graduated magna cum laude from Yale, where he was executive editor of the Yale Law Journal. He clerked for Associate Justice Potter Stewart of the U.S. Supreme Court and was an assistant to Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz.

Anya Schiffrin

Anya Schiffrin is the Director of the International Media, Advocacy and Communications (IMAC) Specialization of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, New York. She spent 10 years working as a journalist in Europe and Asia, and was bureau chief for Dow Jones Newswires in Amsterdam and Hanoi. She was a Knight-Bagehot Fellow at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in 1999-2000. Schiffrin

directs the journalism training programs of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD), a global economic think-tank based at Columbia University. She organizes seminars around the world to strengthen the capacity of journalists in developing countries to cover finance and economics topics, and has taught in Azerbaijan, China, Indonesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, South Africa and Vietnam. She is a regular lecturer at the International Institute for Journalism in Berlin. Schiffrin currently serves on the Advisory Board of Revenue Watch, and she is a member of the sub-board of the Open Society Foundation's Media Program.

Stefaan Verhulst

Stefaan G. Verhulst is Co-Founder and Chief Research and Development Officer of the Governance Laboratory @NYU (GovLab). Previously, he spent more than a decade as Chief of Research for the Markle Foundation, where he continues to serve as Senior Advisor. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Culture and Communications at New York University, and an Affiliated Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Global Communications Studies at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communications. Verhulst was the UNESCO Chairholder in Communications Law and Policy for the UK, co-founder and Head of the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy at the Centre for Socio Legal Studies, University of Oxford, and Founder and Co-Director of the International Media and Info-Comms Policy and Law Studies at the University Of Glasgow School Of Law. He has served as consultant to numerous international organizations, including the Council of Europe, European Commission, UNESCO, UNDP, USAID and the World Bank. Verhulst has authored and co-authored several books on the intersection of law, policy and communications, including *In Search of the Self: Conceptual Approaches to Internet Self-Regulation* (2001); *Convergence in European Communications Regulation* (1999); and *Broadcasting Reform in India* (1998). Recently, he co-edited *The Routledge Handbook of Media Law* (2013).

2. CMDS Fellows

CMDS welcomes academic visitors for periods of one month to one year who wish to contribute to and participate in the ongoing research activities of the Center, and play an active role in the vibrant academic life of the university. CMDS fellows work on their own projects as well as collaborative and comparative projects with the Center, and support the development of events and workshops as related to their fields of interest.

3. Resident CMDS Fellows in 2014-15

Fardin Alikhah

Dr. Fardin Alikhah received his Ph.D. (2009) in political sociology from the University of Allameh Tabatabai in Tehran. His teaching and research interests include urban studies,

transnational TVs and new media in the Middle East, sociology of music. As a scholar and independent consultant, he has focused on the social impact assessment of urban projects within the field of urban studies and urban policy. Fardin has international work experience in this area - his latest project was the social impact assessment of the Shatoot Storage Dam in Afghanistan. In the field of media studies, he has been researching satellite TVs from a communication and sociological point of view for nearly 10 years and in that time he has written several research reports.

Amelia Arsenault

Amelia Arsenault is Assistant Professor of Communication at Georgia State University. Her academic research focuses on how different international and domestic actors have attempted to leverage the changing dynamics of communications systems, and the ramifications of those activities for international relations, political and social power relationships, and north/south inequality. While a resident fellow at CMDS, she was working on a book project that explores the nascent industry of digital “information warriors,” who provide contract services to political actors seeking to influence the online media agenda. Her co-edited book *The Connective Mindshift* (with Rhonda Zaharna and Ali Fischer) on the subject of networked public diplomacy was released in May 2013. In addition to her affiliation with CMDS, she also serves as the Media and Democracy Research Fellow at the Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jessie Daniels

Jessie Daniels, PhD is Professor of Public Health, Sociology and Critical Psychology at the City University of New York (CUNY). An internationally recognized expert on Internet manifestations of racism, Daniels is the author of two books about race and various forms of media, *White Lies* (Routledge, 1997) and *Cyber Racism* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2009), as well as dozens of peer-reviewed articles in journals such as *New Media & Society*, *Gender & Society*, *American Journal of Public Health*, and *Women’s Studies Quarterly*. In 2013, Daniels received funding from the Ford Foundation to launch *JustPublics@365*, a project to connect scholarly communication and grassroots activism and make it available in the public sphere. She is currently at work on two books with academic presses about being a public scholar in the digital era.

Iulia Grad

Iulia Grad obtained her PhD in philosophy in 2012. Now she is a post-doctoral researcher at Romanian Academy with the research project "Ethical perspectives on advertising communication." She is also a teaching assistant at Babeş Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania, Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, where she teaches

Symbolic communication and public sphere, Dialogue strategies (courses), Ethics in advertising and in PR and Advertising, religion and ideology (seminars).

Miklos Haraszti

Miklos Haraszti is a Hungarian author, professor, and human rights promoter. His books, including *A Worker in a Worker's State* and *The Velvet Prison*, have been translated into many languages. He was a founder of Hungary's democracy and free press movement in the 1970s. In 1989, he participated in the "Roundtable Negotiations" on the transition to free elections. As a member of Hungary's parliament in the 1990s, he authored the country's first laws on press freedom. From 2004 to 2010, he directed the media freedom watchdog institution of the 56-nation Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Recently, he headed the OSCE's observation missions for elections in the U.S. and in Kazakhstan. He has taught at several universities, including Bard College, Northwestern University, and the New School.

Jessie Labov

Jessie Labov is a Senior Fellow at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, and Assistant Professor in the Slavic Department Ohio State University. She teaches courses on Central and Southeastern European culture, film, literary and critical theory. Recent publishing projects include a co-edited volume with Friederike Kind-Kovacs, *Samizdat, Tamizdat and Beyond: Transnational Media During and After Socialism* (Berghahn 2013), and a monograph entitled *Transatlantic Central Europe: Contesting Geography and Redefining Culture Beyond the Nation* (forthcoming, CEU Press 2015). In addition to writing on Polish film, Yugoslav popular culture, and Central European Jewish identity, she has also worked on a variety of digital humanities projects concerned with issues of canon formation, text mining, and visualizing the receptive pathways of literary journals.

Shawn Powers

Shawn Powers (PhD, University of Southern California) was a jointly-appointed fellow at CEU's Center for Media, Data and Society and the Institute for Advanced Studies. He is also an assistant professor in the Department of Communication at Georgia State University. His research specializes in international political communication with particular attention to the geopolitics of information and technology policy. Powers is a faculty affiliate of GSU's Transcultural Violence and Conflict initiative and co-leads its British Council and U.S. Institute of Peace funded project on Civic Approaches to Religious Conflict. He is also an associate director at the Center for International Media Education and co-directs its Open Society Foundation funded initiative on Reform in Iraqi Higher Education. Powers serves on the Board of Advisors for the State Department's U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, recently completed a book entitled, *"The Real Cyber War: A Political Economy of*

Internet Freedom,” and is working on a new book studying the use of information interventions in transitioning states.

CMDS pre- and post-doctoral fellows in 2014-15

Norah Abokhodair

Norah Abokhodair is a Ph.D. student in the University of Washington Information School. She received her Master’s Degree in Information Management from the University of Washington Information School and her Computer Science Degree from King Saudi University. She is a passionate & collaborative researcher in information security and privacy, and her research interests focus on information security and privacy in emerging technologies. She is also interested in understanding the role of social media in social change and some of the projects she worked on focused on the role of social media in the Arab spring. Her PhD dissertation focuses on understanding privacy concerns and conceptions of non-western users of mobile applications. Specifically, she focuses on transmigrant Saudi Arabian youth living between Saudi Arabia and the USA. As a side project, she studies the phenomenon of Social Botnets on social media and investigate their implications on the social graph. This project recently received an Eager grant from the National Science Foundation and it is with a group of collaborators from the Communication department and the Human Centered Design Department at the University of Washington.

Matthew Adheiza

Matthew Adeiza is a PhD student in the Department of Communication at the University of Washington in Seattle, United States, where he studies the impact of digital media on politics in Africa. He has a bachelor’s degree in mass communication from the University of Jos, Nigeria, and a master’s in African Studies from St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. He is currently studying how political candidates use digital media for political campaigning in Nigeria. He is project manager for the Digital Activism Research Project at the University of Washington. He previously led the Nigeria segment of a BBC-sponsored global user research hosted at Leuphana University’s User Research Lab, URL. The research seeks to understand how users respond to breaking news in terms of media choice as well as everyday media habits. He has gained work experience at the BBC World Service for Africa in London and interned at Nigeria’s Vanguard newspaper bureau in Jos, Nigeria. He edited the University of Jos student newspaper Unijos Echo, the Oxford Media Society’s blog, and was published in the New African magazine, a leading magazine on African affairs.

Matthew Barg

Matthew Barg is an international studies master’s candidate at the University of San Francisco. His main research area of focus is domestic internalization of international law,

specifically freedom of expression law and the recent development of laws affecting internet governance. He works as a research assistant and teaching assistant at the University of San Francisco. He just completed updating and rewriting an article along with his adviser, Dana Zartner, called "Internalization of International Law". This work is part of the International Studies Compendium Project and will be published in the International Studies Encyclopedia.

Kirill Bryanov

Kirill Bryanov is currently a Master's student at CEU Political Science department. His final thesis, supervised by Professor Philip N. Howard, is a study of the Russian media market's ownership structure and its political implications. Kirill is planning to expand this research to his future PhD project. He is also involved in a research on political bots with CMDS. Kirill graduated from Saint Petersburg State University Political Science department in 2012, before joining a Moscow-based media research institute. The topic of his research has been the role of social media in Russian protests of 2011-2012. His research interests include media ownership concentration, media systems of post-Soviet and CEE countries, political mobilization through social media, and methodology of social network analysis.

Stuart Geiger

Stuart Geiger is a doctoral candidate in the School of Information at the University of California, Berkeley, with concentrations in New Media, Science & Technology Studies, and Human-Computer Interaction. He is affiliated with the Berkeley Center for New Media, the DigitalSTS initiative, and is a fellow with the Digital Ecologies Research Project. Stuart received his B.A. in Humanities from the University of Texas at Austin, where he studied political philosophy and computer science. He received his M.A. in Communication, Culture, and Technology from Georgetown University. A computational ethnographer, Stuart studies the governance and administration of globally distributed institutions of knowledge production. His dissertation interrogates the social and organizational roles of automated software agents in online communities and social media. He also researches socialization and gatekeeping practices in Wikipedia and the ecological sciences. He uses qualitative and quantitative methods, and is also developing mixed-method approaches to the collection and analysis of trace data. His research has been featured in The Guardian, the Wall Street Journal, Wired, and Public Radio International.

Bence Kollanyi

Bence Kollanyi is currently a PhD candidate in sociology at Corvinus University of Budapest. His research interest is the role of technology in social and economic change. He has a strong background in sociology, and he has recently graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with an MS in Public Policy. During his studies at Georgia Tech, he started doing research related to social media and computational propaganda. Most recently, he has

worked together with Professor Hans K. Klein and two computer scientists, Wenke Lee and Nick Feamster, on a project about information manipulation on the internet. He was a member of Michael Best's Technologies and International Development lab, also at Georgia Tech, where his research was ranging from studying computer sharing and collaboration in Ghanaian cyber cafés to analyzing data from social media reports about various African elections. His thesis looks at the changes of development policy in public internet access.

Katie Kuksenok

Katie Kuksenok is a PhD student in computer science and engineering at the University of Washington. She is analyzing the use of language as performance of national identity in Ukraine during political unrest. During her period at CMDS as a pre-doctoral fellow, she conducted a quantitative and qualitative study of Twitter content for her project entitled Language on Social Media in the Maidan movement.

Peter Nagy

Peter Nagy is a PhD candidate in consumer behavior at Corvinus University of Budapest. Throughout his Ph.D. studies, Peter always enthusiastically embraced interdisciplinary approaches in an attempt to better understand today's societal changes and practices. This orientation is also reflected in his rather diverse academic background. Although he holds a degree in psychology, he has since been focusing more on other social sciences, including sociology, cultural anthropology and media theory. He has been particularly interested in computer game theories, like the individual and social aspects of online games. During his PhD studies at Corvinus University of Budapest, Peter focused predominantly on the implications of cyberspace for human identity and developmental trajectories. During his residency at Central European University, Peter focused on the social implications of human-technology interaction with particular attention to the ways the Internet of Things affects individuals.

Anya Orlova

Anna is a PhD candidate at the Freie University of Berlin. She researches cyber discrimination and its implication to digital privacy in the context of networked digital communities. The main focus of Anna's PhD dissertation is on forms of severe cyber discrimination and social forms of digital activism, looking into how online harassment is influencing online behaviour of networked digital community members. She is working on identifying the strategies of coping with cyber discrimination and analysing cases of how networked digital communities proactively and sustainably manage these issues. Anna graduated from the Department of Sociology at Saint-Petersburg State University in Russia and the University of Bielefeld, Germany. She started developing her interest in digital privacy during her Master studies, whilst writing her thesis on e-government systems in Germany. She started her PhD at the Humboldt Universitat zu Berlin before transferring to

Freie University, researching how privacy advocacy and digital activism are shaping current privacy debate.

Diego Vicentin

Diego Vicentin is a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at the University of Campinas, Brazil. He has recently spent a term (2013-2014) as graduate fellow at the Center for Information Technology Policy (CITP), at Princeton University. His Ph.D. research investigates and describes the technopolitical dimension of the shaping of mobile broadband infrastructure, particularly in regard to standards development. Diego has been developing fieldwork research by following the activities of the IEEE802 Standards Committee, which is responsible for standardizing technologies like Wi-Fi, WiMAX, Bluetooth and Ethernet. During the period at CMDS, he will work on the matter of the convergence between wireless and mobile networks, exploring its social and political implications.

Samuel Woolley

Sam Woolley is a PhD student in communication at the University of Washington. His current research examines the intersection of communication technology, politics, and culture. Specifically, he is interested in the ways that social media bots—combinations of code that produce content and mimic real users—are used by powerful political actors worldwide for coercion and control. Sam has a BA from the University of San Diego and an MA from CGU in the Claremont University Consortium. As CMDS pre-doctoral fellow, Sam was working on his project on computational propaganda, which focuses on the ethnographic study of the makers and users of bot technology.

Non-Resident CMDS Fellows in 2014-15

Susan Abbott

Susan Abbott works as a consultant for a variety of institutions involved in media and civil society development work. She is the Sr. Program Development Adviser for Internews, and works closely with the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania's Center for Global Communication Studies, and the Center for Media and Communication Studies in Budapest. She is a frequent speaker, organizer of events, and author of publications related to monitoring and evaluation of media development programs. She is a co-director of an annual summer school program at Central European University that seeks to improve practitioner and academic understanding on various matters of media development and internet regulation. Abbott is a co-editor of *Measures of Press Freedom and Media Contributions to Development: Evaluating the Evaluators* (Peter Lang, 2011).

Joan Barata Mir

Joan Barata is the Principal Adviser to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. Before that he was a Professor of Communication Law and Vice Dean of International Relations at Blanquerna Communication School (Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona). He was also a Professor at the University of Barcelona (2001-2005), the Open University of Catalonia (since 1997) and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2010-2011), as well as visiting scholar at the University of Bologna (Italy) (2003) and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (New York) (2003-2004). His writings and research interests include freedom of expression, media regulation, public service broadcasting and political and legal media transitions. He has provided assistance to several institutions and organizations regarding these issues in countries such as Thailand, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Jordan, Albania, Hungary, Dominican Republic, Colombia and the United States. He has been Head of President's Cabinet (2005-2009) and Secretary General of the Catalonia Audiovisual Council (2009-2011). He has also provided assistance to the OSCE (2004) and the Council of Europe (2012 and 2013).

Paolo Cavaliere

Paolo Cavaliere is lecturer in Digital Media & IT Law at the University of Edinburgh Law School. Prior to joining the University of Edinburgh, he has been from January 2013 until August 2014 a researcher at the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policies of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies of the University of Oxford where he has also helped to coordinate the Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Court Competition. Paolo Cavaliere taught Fundamentals of Media and Communications Policy in the Media, Information and Communications Policy stream of the Department of Public Policy as visiting professor for the academic year 2011-12. Paolo earned a Ph.D. in International Law and Economics at Bocconi University in Milan, Italy. His doctoral dissertation was on the economics and regulation of the media market. He also holds a law degree from the University of Pavia and an LL.M. in Public Law from University College, London. He has written about different aspects of Media law, including “mediacracy” and the democratic deficit of the EU and pluralism. His primary research interests focus on e-democracy, regulation of media pluralism and the relationship between new media and politics.

Lina Dencik

Lina Dencik is a lecturer at Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies. She holds a PhD from Goldsmiths, University of London. Prior to that, she worked as a television producer/director at Brook Lapping Productions in London. Lina Dencik was a CMCS Fellow and a Visiting Lecturer at the Political Science Department at CEU. She is the author of *Media and Global Civil Society* (Palgrave 2012), which takes a critical look at developments in news practices and cosmopolitan theories of ‘global civil society’ and *Worker Resistance and Media: Challenging Global Corporate Power in the 21st Century* (Peter Lang, 2015; co-authored with Peter Wilkin. Lina is also involved in a number of projects that critically

examine aspects of citizenship in a digital age and is co-investigator on the ESRC-funded project 'Digital Citizenship and Surveillance Society: UK State-Media-Citizen relations after the Snowden leaks' hosted at Cardiff University and is co-editing a forthcoming volume on Critical Approaches to Social Media Protest for Rowman & Littlefield International.

Amer Džihana

Amer Džihana is Director for Media Policy and Research at Internews in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was a Visiting Research Fellow at CEU's Center for Media and Communication Studies (2009-2010) and worked for Mediacentar Sarajevo (2005-2010). He is a PhD candidate at the University of Sarajevo and holds an MA degree in journalism from the University of Sarajevo and an MA in Public Policy from Central European University. Amer is the co-editor of Media Law in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Internews, 2012), with Mehmed Halilovic, and Media and National Ideologies: Analysis of reporting on war crime trials in the former Yugoslavia (Mediacentar Sarajevo, 2011), with Zala Volcic. Since 2012, Amer has been a regular lecturer at media law and policy workshops at law and journalism faculties in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Eszter Hargittai

Eszter Hargittai is Delaney Family Professor in the Communication Studies Department and Faculty Associate of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University where she heads the Web Use Project. She is also Fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet & Society where she spent the 2008-09 academic year in residence. In 2006-07, she was a Fellow at Stanford's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Princeton University (2003) where she was a Wilson Scholar. Hargittai's research focuses on the social and policy implications of digital media with a particular interest in how differences in people's Web-use skills influence what they do online.

Arne Hintz

Arne Hintz is a Lecturer and Director of the MA Digital Media and Society at the Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies (JOMEC). His research connects communication policy, media activism, citizen media, globalization, and technological change. He currently leads the collaborative research project "Digital Citizenship and Surveillance Society". He is Chair of the Community Communication Section of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR). He has practical experience in journalism, public relations, and media activism. As a citizen media expert and communication rights advocate, he has been involved with advocacy organizations such as the Community Media Forum Europe (CMFE), the Open Rights Group (ORG), and policy fora such as the UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). Arne was Program

Director of the Center for Media, Data and Society (CMDS, formerly CMCS) from 2007 to 2009.

Tarik Jusic

Dr. Tarik Jusic, Executive Director and Head of the Public Communication Program at the Center for Social Research Analitika (www.analitika.ba). Tarik holds a doctoral degree from the Institute for Media and Communication Studies, University of Vienna, Austria, and an MA degree in Political Science from Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. He has worked as Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (www.ssst.edu.ba) from 2009 until 2013, where he was teaching the course "Media and Politics". He was also a guest lecturer at the European Regional Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democracy in South East Europe (ERMA) of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies at the University of Sarajevo from 2009 until 2012, where he taught parts of the course on research methods. He has worked as a researcher, program director and program adviser at Mediacentar Sarajevo (www.media.ba) from July 2002 until November 2011. From 2006 until 2010, he was also an editor of the online magazine "Puls demokratije". Tarik has published a number of academic and professional papers and has edited several books dealing with the development of media in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region of Southeast Europe.

Markos Kounalakis

Markos Kounalakis is a print and network broadcast journalist and author who covered wars and revolutions, both civil and technological. He has written three books, *Defying Gravity: The Making of Newton* (1993), *Beyond Spin: The Power of Strategic Corporate Journalism* (co-author, 1999), and *Hope is a Tattered Flag: Voices of Reason and Change for the Post-Bush Era* (2008). He is President and Publisher Emeritus of the *Washington Monthly* and is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and a guest foreign policy columnist for *The Sacramento Bee* and *McClatchy-Tribune News*. He served as Chairman of Internews Network and for two terms on the Board of Visitors at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He remains active on the Board of Councilors at the University of Southern California's (USC) Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism; and the Board of Advisors at USC's Center on Public Diplomacy.

Becky Lentz

Becky Lentz is an Associate Professor of Communication in the Department of Art History/Communication Studies at McGill University in Montreal. She specializes in media policy studies from a civil society perspective. Her research explores the types of expertise that public interest policy advocates need to acquire, mobilize, and teach others in order to build the capacity to effectively influence national and international decision-making concerning information and communication technologies (ICTs) and media infrastructures.

Her work is deeply influenced by her experiences before coming to McGill serving as the first program officer for media and technology policy at the Ford Foundation in New York City between 2001-2007. There she designed and directed a multi-million dollar domestic and international grantmaking initiative advancing freedom of expression and social justice through community organizing, legal advocacy, collaborative scholar/activist research, and philanthropic investment in the media policy field. Professor Lentz has also contributed to several edited collections that include the Oxford Handbook of Civil Society; the Blackwell Handbook of Global Media and Communication Policy; the Sage Encyclopedia of Social Movement Media; Inequity in the Technopolis: Race, Class, Gender, and the Digital Divide in Austin; Communications Research in Action: Scholar-Activist Collaborations for a Democratic Public Sphere; and the forthcoming book, Strategies for Media Reform: International Perspectives.

Stefania Milan

Stefania Milan joined The Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto in September 2011. The Citizen Lab is an interdisciplinary research and development hothouse working at the intersection of the Internet, global security, and human rights, based at the Munk School of Global Affairs. At The Citizen Lab, Stefania investigates the development and evolution of grassroots digital infrastructure, and its interplay with power in and governance of cyberspace. Stefania was a visiting faculty member at the Department of Political Science at CEU in 2010-2011, where she taught political communication, digital technologies and society, and digital methods. She was also a research associate at the European University Institute, Italy (EUI), where she worked on the research project 'Caught in the act of protest: Contextualizing contestation'.

Roxana Radu

Roxana Radu is a PhD candidate in International Relations/Political Science and a Teaching Assistant at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva (Switzerland). Prior to starting her PhD, she worked at the Center for Media, Data and Society, where she focused on cybersecurity, e-participation, and on (new) media regulation in transitional societies. Her publications bridge the academic and policy debates, and her work has been centered on internet governance structures, the potential of ICTs for the empowerment of local communities and the role of education in development.

Sandra Ristovska

Sandra Ristovska is a PhD student in communication at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania. Her research explores the role of video in public discourse and policy deliberations with a particular focus on human rights video advocacy. She is a recipient of the Top Paper Award from the International Communication Association (ICA) and the Herbert Schiller Prize from the International Association for Media and

Communication Research (IAMCR). She has written for the World Policy Institute Blog, Public Books, American Journal of Sociology and The Communication Review. She is a co-chair of the Emerging Scholars Network (ESN) of IAMCR.

Lidija Sabados

Lidija Sabados was a Visiting Fellow at CMDs in 2012. Her current research focuses on community media practices and policies in the countries of the former Yugoslavia. Previously, she worked as an editor, translator and advocacy coordinator at an international press freedom organization. She is currently pursuing a master's degree at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, where she is also involved with the work of the Citizen Lab.

Julia Sonnevend

Julia Sonnevend is Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at the University of Michigan. She was a Lady Davis Fellow at the Hebrew University and an Associate Postdoctoral Fellow at the Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace in 2014. Sonnevend's interdisciplinary research examines the cultural aspects of international media, with a special focus on media events, rituals, performances, symbols and icons. Her current book project explores practices of transnational storytelling and the making of global iconic events. Focusing on journalists covering the fall of the Berlin Wall and on subsequent retellings of the event (from Legoland reenactments to slabs of the Berlin Wall installed in global cities), her book discusses how storytellers build up events so that people in many parts of the world remember them for long periods of time. Her research interests also include social theory, media aesthetics and representations of political, social and cultural trauma. Julia Sonnevend received her Ph.D. in Communications from Columbia University, her Master of Laws degree from Yale Law School and her Juris Doctorate and Master of Arts degrees in German Studies and Aesthetics from Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest.

Dean Starkman

Dean Starkman is an award-winning journalist and media critic. An editor of the Columbia Journalism Review and the magazine's Kingsford Capital Fellow, he is the author of *The Watchdog That Didn't Bark: the Financial Crisis and the Disappearance of Investigative Journalism*, a sweeping critique of business news and its coverage of Wall Street and mortgage lenders before the financial crisis. Starkman is also a fellow for the Investigative Fund of the Nation Institute, based in New York, specializing in accountability-oriented projects on the financial sector and the media. He also contributes to GoLocalProv, a local news startup based in Providence, Rhode Island, and co-edits The Best Business Writing anthology series, published by Columbia University Press. A reporter for more than two decades, Starkman covered white-collar crime and real estate for The Wall Street Journal

and helped lead the Providence Journal's investigative team to a Pulitzer Prize and the IRE Gold Medal.

Rian Wanstreet

Rian Wanstreet is currently the Special Projects Manager for Access Now, a digital rights organization that defends and extends the rights of users online - especially those most at risk. In that role, she consults with the Policy team on external positions, and provides strategic external support on multiple projects. She also runs the RightsCon Summit Series (rightscon.org), an annual conference, which brings together civil society, engineers, activists, lawyers, companies, and governments on the subject of the internet and human rights. Rian joined Access after two years working with the Center for Media, Data and Society (CMDS), where she worked on topics such as consumer privacy, net neutrality, spectrum regulation, and internet governance. She was an Erasmus Mundus Scholar from 2009 to 2011, has an M.A. in Public Policy from CEU, and an M.A. in Public Administration from the University of York, UK. As a fellow, Rian continues her research through the Ranking Digital Rights project of the Center for Media, Data and Society.

VII. Current Partners and Funders

The Center serves as a unique and flexible organization that connects talented students, scholars, activists and policy-makers from across the globe to creatively and critically think about important communications policy issues. CMDS collaborates with research centers, policymaking bodies, civil society groups, and distinguished experts, both internationally and within Hungary. We have a wide range of long-term projects and focused, issue-specific research endeavors.

Additionally, CMDS collaborates with many **partner institutions**. In the past academic year, this included: Center for Global Communication Studies, Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania; Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy at Oxford University; Open Society Foundations; Center for Media Pluralism and Freedom, European University Institute; Center for International Studies, Dublin City University; Internet Institute, University of Oxford; Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology - Delhi; International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, Kings College London; University of Amsterdam; TNO (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk); Institute for Peace Research & Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH); SHARE Foundation, Serbia; OSCE Mission to Serbia; Radio CORAX; Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe; Internews; Mertek Media Monitor; Atlatzo.hu; Transitions Online; International Press Institute; New America Foundation; Access; Community Media Forum Europe; Freedom House; Radio Corax (Halle); Near FM (Dublin); Radio Fro (Linz); Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS) and the Open Society Archives.

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