

Panel 2: Alternative Models and Challenges Posed by States to Western Governance
(Thursday, 10:45 - 12:15)

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The current model of multi-stakeholder Internet governance is coming under challenge from many directions. The aim of this panel is to examine the attitudes of key stakeholders to the status quo; analyse the motives of those seeking change; consider the implications of alternative governance proposals; and examine whether a more appealing narrative can be developed to support the status quo or something close to it.

Questions guiding panel prepared remarks:

1. What are the key elements of Russian and Chinese policies on Internet governance and what are the drivers for these policies? How congruent are they?
2. Assuming there is broad congruence on a common set of objectives, how will these states pursue their aims? What are the strengths and weaknesses of their position(s)?
3. How would an Internet governed under this model operate and what would be the strategic implications for the West if such a model were to prevail?
4. Can we talk of a common “G77” position on Internet governance and if so what are its main constituents?
5. Are the drivers for G77 approaches political, economic or a combination of both? Can the status quo be modified to address their concerns and if so, how?
6. Can the USA and the “like-minded” construct a positive narrative for the multi-stakeholder governance model - or is it condemned to fight a war of attrition?
7. To what extent can the norms of a decentralised multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance be extended to the emerging Internet of IPv6 and the Internet of things?