

Program

McCourt Institute Inaugural Event: The Future of Tech Governance

Part 1: From Web2 to Web3

2:00pm – 2:30pm CET

Registration and welcome coffee

2:30pm – 2:35pm CET

Welcome remarks



Shéhérazade Semsar-de Boisséson, Inaugural Executive Director, McCourt Institute; event's master of ceremony

2:35pm – 2:55pm CET

Introductory conversation - McCourt Institute: Advancing technology for the common good

Despite the internet's many benefits, the past couple of decades have shown that its current model is fuelling inequity, eroding trust, and threatening democracies worldwide. How did we get here, and how do we chart a better path forward?



Frank McCourt, Chairman & CEO, McCourt Global; founder of Project Liberty; founder of the McCourt Institute



Mathias Vicherat, President, Sciences Po


In conversation with  **Shéhérazade Semsar-de Boisséson**, Inaugural Executive Director, McCourt Institute; event's master of ceremony

2:55pm – 3:20pm CET

Interview – How does Europe fit into the future of tech governance?



Manuel Heitor, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Government of Portugal

Moderator:  **Jacques-Henri Eyraud**, Professor, Center for Entrepreneurship, Sciences Po; President Europe, McCourt

3:20pm – 3:40pm CET

Keynote – Web3, from blockchain to NFTs and DAOs: What does it all mean?

A lexicon for so-called Web3 technologies and possible application: developing a Decentralized Social Networking Protocol (DSNP).



Braxton Woodham, President, Unfinished Labs

3:40pm - 4:10pm CET

Networking break

Part 2: A better web is possible, how do we make it happen? The path towards a new internet infrastructure

4:10pm – 4:45pm CET

Spotlight – The role of research in enhancing digital governance in the development of new technology

Comprehensive and collaborative solutions are needed to positively shape tomorrow's tech infrastructure. This session will put a light on the international and interdisciplinary research supported by the McCourt Institute and how it aims to enhance digital governance.



Michael Bailey, Walsh Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy and Department of Government, Georgetown University



Maria Cancian, Dean of the McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University



Dominique Cardon, Professor of sociology and Director of the Medialab, Sciences Po



Guillaume Plantin, Scientific Director, Sciences Po

Moderator:  **Shéhérazade Semsar-de Boisséson**, Inaugural Executive Director, McCourt Institute; event's master of ceremony

4:45pm – 5:30pm CET

Panel discussion – Is it all bright? Addressing Web3 opportunities and challenges

How could Web3, an internet based on blockchain technology and where users control their own data, positively shift the dynamics of our socio-economic systems? And is it all bright? Is Web3 that decentralized? Why and how should ground rules, safeguards, and shared standards be integrated into the technology-development process? How to build trust in a “trustless” world? How do we govern when no one entity holds all the power? Could Web3 actually build equity in the tech sector? How to minimize the environmental harm of the technology while maintaining its advantages?



Amen Ra Mashariki, Fellow, Massive Data Institute at Georgetown’s McCourt School of Public Policy; Fellow, Beek Center for Social Impact + Innovation; Principal scientist, NVIDIA



Bertrand Perez, Chief Operations Officer, Web3 Foundation



Marietje Schaake, International Policy Director at the Cyber Policy Center and International Policy Fellow at the Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, Stanford University



Moderator: **Bruno Patino**, President, ARTE; Author of *The civilization of the goldfish*

5:30pm – 6:15pm CET

Panel discussion – NIS, GDPR, DSA, DMA, Data Act, AI Act: Are they all futureproof for Web3? Building a policy agenda for the third generation of the internet

Pursuing more ethical and inclusive ways to build technology is a collective effort. How can policymakers help creating a framework for online activity and growth that supports innovation and focuses on technology for the common good?



Marie-Laure Denis, President, French data protection authority (CNIL)



Claire Fernandez, Executive director, European Digital Rights (EDRI)



Marietje Schaake, International Policy Director at the Cyber Policy Center and International Policy Fellow at the Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, Stanford University



Andreas Schwab, Member of the European Parliament (EPP, German)



Moderator: **Nicholas Vinocur**, Tech Editor, POLITICO Europe

6:15pm – 6:20pm CET

Closing remarks



Shéhérazade Semsar-de Boisséson, Inaugural Executive Director, McCourt Institute; event's master of ceremony

6:20pm – 7:30pm CET

Networking drinks