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# Changing Society: Internet and Democratic Practices

Societies are in a constant process of transformation. Currently, the Internet has been a major agent of change, in order to affect the daily lives of individuals, groups and governments in almost all aspects. For a long time in the history of mankind, the interests of organized groups were at the forefront of providing information and forming public opinion. The Internet, however, has been fighting this monopoly, as it allows the participation of anyone with access to the network in the process of creating information. Thus, new dynamics of social interaction have been introduced, with the ability to influence government decisions and democratic practices. This series of brief meetings aims to analyze the recent reactions and transformations in governments, social movements and individuals towards the Internet and social media.

## December 1st 2020 / 10:00 – 11:30

### 10:00 / 10:10 – Opening

Anja Czymmeck – Representative of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Brazil  
Filipe Figueiredo – Creator of the website and podcast Xadrez Verbal

### 10:10 / 10:30 – Key Note: The impacts of digitization

Eduardo Magrani – Partner at Demarest Advogados. PhD in Law. Affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center at Harvard University. Post PhD at the Technical University of Munich

### 10:30 / 11:25 – Recent transformations in democratic practices through the Internet.

The internet has played a fundamental role in promoting freedom of expression of thought and ensuring access to information for citizens of countless democracies around the world. Through virtual networks, ideas, facts and news that can form public opinion are propagated. Considering this context, is it intended to discuss how governments have acted in order to guarantee the exercise of the citizens' right to freedom of speech and information, while ensuring the safety of those involved? How to encourage complaints and verify the veracity of information without compromising the anonymity of whistleblowers? How does increasing government surveillance and online monitoring limit the thinking of its citizens? How can governments be made more transparent and democratic through the Internet?

- Fernanda Barros – Professor at NEPP-UFRJ
- Marinana Andrade – International Relations Professor at UNA and UNI-BH
- MODERATOR: Janaína Costa – Lawyer and Researcher at ITS Rio

**11:25 / 11:30 – Monitoring**

Aline Soares – Coordinator of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Brazil

**December 2nd 2020 / 10:00 – 11:30****10:00 / 10:10 – Welcome**

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Filipe Figueiredo – Creator of the website and podcast Xadrez Verbal

**10:10/11:25– The Internet as an agent for the transformation of society.**

Since the advent of social networks, the possibilities for claiming rights and demonstrating have been radically expanded. Virtual channels have been used to call for protests, organize collectives, empower minorities and change cultural backgrounds. Based on this panorama, we seek to discuss the role of the Internet as a promoter of social mobilization. To what extent is it possible to promote concrete changes through networks? How to make use of virtual means to give voice and empower individuals? How to ensure the protection of digital activists? What can be done to prevent the internet from being used to inhibit and disrupt social movements?

- Maiara Folly – co-founder of the CIPÓ Platform
- Cila Santos – Pesquisadora e Liderança QG Feminista
- Henrique Avelino Lana – Lawer and Professor at UNA and PUC/MG
- MODERATOR: Debora Albu – Democracy and Technology Coordinator at ITS Rio

**11:25 / 11:30 – Monitoring**

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**December 3rd 2020 / 10:00 – 11:30****10:00 / 10:10 – Welcome**

Aline Soares – Coordinator of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Brazil  
Filipe Figueiredo – Creator of the website and podcast Xadrez Verbal

**10:10 / 11:20 - Debate: The threats that the Internet has brought to society.**

At the same time that it expands the possibilities of collective organization and mobilization, the internet is also a conducive channel for the spread of threats, practices of violence and illegal activities. Episodes of privacy invasion, psychological violence and overexposure with a derogatory intention are increasingly common. Through the internet, a series of crimes such as threatening crimes, extortion, fraud and pedophilia also materialize. The last panel aims to expose the consequences of cybercrime and propose possible ways to combat it. The aim is to raise the main measures that can be taken to combat online impunity and protect those most affected by cybercrimes, in addition to minimizing their impacts on victims. Which government

agencies would need to be more present in the virtual environment to protect the Internet Society?

- Arthur Ituassu – Professor of Social Communication at PUC-Rio
- Louise Marie Hurel – PhD student at LSE and Researcher at Instituto Igarapé
- MODERATOR: Priscilla Silva – Lawyer and researcher in Law and New Technologies at ITS Rio

### **11:20 / 11:30 – Monitoring and Closing**

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