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Mike Ananny

Mike Ananny is a PhD student in Stanford University's Communication department where he researches technology-supported civic communication. He holds a Bachelors of Science (Honours) from the University of Toronto where he double-majored in Computer Science and Human Biology and was a founding member of Expresto Software. Ananny also holds a Masters in Media Arts and Sciences from the MIT Media Laboratory where he designed, built and evaluated technology-enhanced toys to support young children's language acquisition. From 2001-2004 Ananny was a founding researcher at Media Lab Europe where he was the principal investigator on two multi-partner European Union grant proposals, his custom software was licensed by a European university for classroom research, and he regularly spoke in European academic and corporate venues. He has worked or consulted with LEGO, Mattel and Nortel Networks, helping to translate research concepts and prototypes into new lines of products and services.

His main interest is in how people develop civic communication skills necessary to be representatives and constituents, how new media (e.g. blogs and wikis) support and reflect shifts in these skills and how new media differ from traditional forms of civic expression. His developing doctoral research in Stanford University's Communication Department specifically focuses on better understanding how individuals and communities use forms and forums for civic communication. By 'forms and forums' he means symbols, technologies and organizations that shape how citizens represent new ideas and create novel associations among old ones. By 'civic communication' he means modes of discourse in which participants are deliberative and, in some way, mindful of those not present in immediate discussions.

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Nick Anstead

I am currently a first year PhD candidate in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway College, the University of London, where I am supervised by Dr Andrew Chadwick. Prior to starting my research, I graduated from Mansfield College, University of Oxford, with a degree in Modern History and was then awarded a Masters in Politics at Royal Holloway.

During my MA, I studied a number of areas that were to prove influential when I came to consider possible avenues of doctoral research. The programme focused heavily on comparative institutional politics in liberal democracies, whilst one of taught courses was focused on political uses of the Internet. Additionally, I produced a dissertation on theoretical aspects of electoral analysis. My PhD seeks to combine my interest in comparative political institutions, electoral competition and the use of the Internet by political actors.

Central to my research is a simple question: Can the divergent impact that the Internet has had on election campaigning in different societies be explained by pre-existing institutional structures, which have in some way mediated the influence and impact of the new medium? The method I have chosen to undertake this analysis is a comparative study of the US, a country where the Internet has had a significant and well-documented influence, and the UK, where, as yet at least, the new medium seems to have made little impact.

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Andrea Calderaro

Andrea Calderaro is a researcher at the department of Social and Political Science of the European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy. He has worked extensively on the role of digital communication in new ways of political participation. His current research focuses on the impact of the digital divide on the world system.

His earlier work in programming and electronics led him to also focus on sociological aspects of technology. In his studies in Sociology at the University of Rome, La Sapienza and at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales (EHESS, France) as visiting student, he concentrated on the interrelation between electronic media and social dynamics. In his work as lecturer for the University of Rome he focused on the use of digital technologies by social movements, especially for the organisation of the protests against the G8 summit in Genoa 2001. He also assisted Antonio Negri in editing the Italian political philosophical journal 'Posse'.

In his PhD project at the EUI he inquires into the impact of digitalization on the World System. His focus is on the influences of ICTs on financial dynamics as one of the bases of the current World System. Within this area his interest lies in analyzing from a long term perspective the exclusion of large population groups from digitalization.

He has published widely on issues of the (political) usage of new technologies, intellectual property rights, political participation in the digital age and the digital divide. His publications include: 'Violenza Mediata, Il ruolo dell'informazione nel G8 di Genova' (Mediated Violence. The role of information during the G8 in Genova), edited by Editori Riuniti, Roma 2003. Coauthored under the common name 'OCP' and 'L'Open Source nella lotta al Digital Divide' – (Open Source in the fight against the Digital Divide), chapter 9, in 'Mondi Digitali. Riflessioni e analisi sul digital divide' – (Digital Worlds. Reflections and Analysis on Digital Divide), edited by G.Anzera and F.Comunello, Guerini Associati, Milano 2005.

Besides his academic work Andrea Calderaro has worked continuously in several digital communication projects including a long term engagement with Indymedia. His attempt was to bridge theory and praxis by combining theoretical oriented work with the participation in issues of the politics of the digital.

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Tarek Cheniti

Tarek Cheniti is a doctoral student at the James Martin Institute for Science and Civilization, Oxford University. His research builds on recent arguments in Science and Technology Studies to analyse ways in which Nation States, the private sector, civil society constituencies and individual users organize themselves around the governance of the Internet.

Prior to the DPhil programme, Tarek worked as a consultant during the process of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) which was held in Tunis in November 2005. He was based at the Secretariat of the UN Secretary General's Working Group on Internet Governance. He also had several short-term experiences with other organizations, including

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Tarek holds an MSc in Analysis Design and Management of Information Systems from the London School of Economics and Political Science. His Master's dissertation presented a socio-constructivist critique of the UK identity card scheme. On the basis of a comparative study of successful and aborted national ID projects, he argued that failures should result from a mismatch between the technical framework setup by the government and the social context defined by the different interest groups which take part in the scheme. He also holds a BSc in International Commerce from the Institute of Higher Commercial Studies in Carthage, Tunisia.

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Silke Ernst, LL.M., is a PhD student at the University of St Gallen, Switzerland. Her PhD thesis deals with Digital Libraries and the legal conditions for access to digital copies of copyrighted work. She is also a researcher at the Research Center for Information Law under Prof. Dr Urs Gasser, LL.M. Her work there has included various projects such as the implications of the emergence of participatory culture within digital networks, statutory exemptions in Copyright for teaching and research and the patentability of software within the European Union.

In early 2004, Silke completed her Legal Studies at Philipps University, Marburg and the Humboldt University, Berlin, with the First State Exam in Berlin. Thereafter, from October 2004 - June 2005, she took part in the European Legal Informatics Study Programme (EULISP) at Hanover University and Stockholm University. Within this program, she obtained her Master of Laws, completing a master's thesis on the permissibility of Online Gambling in Germany.

During her legal studies, she developed a great interest in legal theory and legal history, which she explored in various seminars. From 2002-2004, she was a student assistant for Prof. Dr Drs h.c. Dieter Simon at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt/Main. There, she worked on projects that dealt with anti-terrorism legislation and its impact on civil rights or the sociology of law.

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Seeta Peña Gangadharan

Seeta Peña Gangadharan, PhD candidate in communication at Stanford University, specializes in media and communications policy and uses an interdisciplinary approach to understand the role of the public in policymaking. Currently, Seeta is investigating the ways in which the public participates and contributes to the rulemaking process at the Federal Communications Commission.

This study stems from an interest in the 2002 Biennial Review of Broadcast Ownership Rules, a watershed ruling in the United States that proposed a significant overhaul in the structure of the communications market and generated historic amounts of public participation.

Other research interests include: media and communications policy and social movements, media globalization, political economy of media and culture, and new media studies. Seeta's past research has focused on the rise of transnational advocacy in the communication rights movement, broadband activism and public service commitments, race and class in the digital copyright debate, and pre-digital network culture.

Since 1995, Seeta has been involved with independent media, public broadcasting, media and communications policy research, and media activism. Seeta is the co-founder and current board member of the Center for International Media Action (www.mediaactioncenter.org). Other past experiences include: research assistant, Civic Space, KQED Public Broadcasting (www.kqed.org); program consultant, Active Voice/Television Race Initiative (www.activevoice.net); research assistant, Institute for Public Policy Institute (www.ippr.org.uk); and co-founder, WireTap (www.wiretapmag.org).

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Homero Gil de Zúñiga Navajas obtained an MA degree at University of Wisconsin-Madison (2003) and recently received his PhD in European Studies at Universidad Europea de Madrid (2006). He is currently a PhD candidate to his second doctoral degree in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research interest revolves around new media, the Internet in particular, and its influence in three distinct realms: (1) Internet and everyday life, (2) Internet and political/civic engagement and (3) Internet embodying distinct circles of social identities. His work has been published in a diverse number of scientific journals such as Communication Research, IT & Society, Mass Communication & Society, Human Communication Research, etc.

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Oren Golan

Oren Golan is a doctoral student at the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research interests include: youth, Internet studies, popular culture, informal education, social trust, friendship and entrepreneurship. He has recently submitted his PhD entitled: 'Computing Friendship: the Social Construction of Relationships within CMC among Israeli Adolescents'. His research has focused upon the new forms of youth culture that have been formed under the social conditions of cyberspace. Golan analyzes the ways in which adolescents interact, interpret these relationships and integrate them into their everyday lives. Earlier research by Golan has focused upon issues of youth and fan culture, and has included research in Usenet newsgroups. Golan has also taught numerous courses over the past few years that focus upon adolescence and Internet culture at the Hebrew University and Beit Berl College in Israel. He has received grants from the Israel Foundation Trustees (Ford Foundation), The Israel Internet Association and the Shaine Centre for Research in Social Science.

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Samantha Henderson

Samantha Henderson is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Life and Social Sciences at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia. She completed her Honours thesis in 2001, which explored the development of trust and friendships in online communities (focusing on the role of anonymity and self-disclosure in this process).

After three years working at Swinburne's Institute for Social Research as a research assistant, Samantha began work on her PhD in 2004. Her doctoral thesis investigates the dynamics of Australian online communities. In particular, the research focuses on the role of friendship networks, gender and locality in the evolution and sustainability of these communities.

Samantha has presented papers at a number of conferences and seminars, including the Australian Sociological Association (TASA) conference in 2005. She has had a paper published in the journal *New Media and Society*, and has an essay featured in the book 'Writing Essays and Research Reports in the Social Sciences' by Betts, Farquharson and Seitz (2005).

Samantha's research interests include online communication, social networks, the ways in which friendships, trust, and social capital are built online, as well as online research methodologies.

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Laurie A. Henry is a doctoral candidate in Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut. She also works as a research assistant for the New Literacies Research Team and is involved in several federally funded grant projects. Laurie is a former middle school teacher in Connecticut with certification in Special Education, Elementary Education, Middle School Language Arts, and Middle School Mathematics. She earned a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 2000 from the University of Connecticut.

Laurie provides professional development for educators in the area of technology integration and the new literacies of the Internet. She was recently appointed to the Advisory Board for the ReadWriteThink educational resource site, which focuses on providing standards-based lessons that integrate the Internet for K-12 English/Language Arts teachers.

Laurie is the 2005 recipient of the Nila Banton Smith Research Dissemination Support Grant awarded by the International Reading Association (IRA). This grant is supporting her current research project: Investigation of Literacy Skills and Strategies Used While Searching for Information on the Internet. Her research interests focus on the reading strategies and comprehension issues that occur when reading on the Internet.

Laurie has authored 11 publications and 7 research reports. She has engaged in 29 conference presentations including an invited session as a 'Featured Technology Speaker' at the 2005 annual convention of the IRA. Laurie serves on the Technology Committee for the National Reading Conference, the Research Committee for the Connecticut Association of Reading Research, and the Technology, Communication & Literacy Committee for the IRA. She also acts as an Assistant Editor for *NMEDIAC: The Journal of New Media & Culture*.

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Terry Johal

Terry Johal is a lecturer in Asian Media and Culture at the School of Applied Communication at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. He lectures mainly in the area of digital communication technologies, popular culture and media globalisation, focusing particularly on Asian perspectives.

Terry is also a doctoral candidate in the School of Applied Communication, RMIT University. His research examines the use and abuse of the Internet in the social and political arenas in Singapore in order to examine the tensions between the state and nation as well as the strategies to contest and negotiate the delimitations of sanctioned discourse. The research focuses on the exercises of social and political reclamation for contestations of gender, sexual, political and social rights. The success of the mechanisms of control as well as the strategies to escape from these mechanisms are evaluated particularly jurisprudentially. The sites of these exercises of reclamation—mailing lists, forums, blogs and the future potential of convergence communication technology—are examined. An important question is 'can the individual to become a media machine and therefore have an impact on the social and political arenas in Singapore'.

Terry has also successfully obtained funding for and organised the annual RMIT Singapore Symposium series which brings international and local researchers working on Singapore together to share their expertise and knowledge as well as to facilitate networking. Terry will be organising and coordinating the Singapore Studies Project at RMIT University. Terry will also be co-editing with Dr Chris Hudson The Singapore Studies Series which will published from 2007 onwards.

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Ryuta Komaki is a doctoral student in sociology at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research interests are in posthumanist science and technology studies, qualitative method, information and communication technology (ICT), and mobile communication technology in East Asia. In particular, he is interested in ICT and mobile technology in everyday life. His study includes 'An Ethnographic Approach to Mobile Phone Messaging in Japan', which was presented at the Anthropology of Japan in Japan workshop in 2003. He received his undergraduate degree in comparative culture from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.

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Kwang-Suk Lee is a doctoral student in the Department of Radio-TV-Film at the University of Texas at Austin, and is a father of a seven-years-old kid. He is also an editor of *Networker*, a monthly magazine published on JinboNet defending citizens' cyber-rights in South Korea. He has contributed numerous columns and essays related to the digital society to Korean newspapers, magazines, and the like. He is the author of two books, 'Digital Paradoxes' (Seoul, 2000) and 'Cultural Politics in Cyberspace' (Seoul, 1998) and has recently published journal articles such as 'The Momentum of Control and Autonomy' (*Media, Culture & Society*, 2005), 'From Underground Cult to Public Policy for Citizens' (*Info*, 2006), and 'Surveillant Institutional Eyes in South Korea: From Discipline to a Digital Grid of Control' (*The Information*

Society, in press). His research areas include the political economy of communication, the social construction of technology, critical geographies, community-based alternative media, and the rethinking of avant-garde art in the Internet age. His current concerns are the sociology of mobile technology and its subversive uses.

Yenn Lee

My research interests centre on the socio-political impact of new communication technologies, particularly the Internet. I have an MA in Mass Communications from the University of Leicester, UK (2000), and a DEA (Diplôme d'Études Approfondies, a pre-doctoral degree) in Communication and Information Sciences at l'Université Stendhal Grenoble III, France (2004). I joined the Department of Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway University of London in October 2004 for my doctoral research. My thesis discusses civic engagement and populism in and through the Internet. It focuses on the processes of online mobilisation that occurred during and after the 16th Korean presidential election—widely regarded as 'the world's first Internet election'. I hypothesise that the evolution of online political culture is not just shaped by technological 'affordances' but is also explained by national contextual factors. The overall aim of the research is to analyse how Korean Internet users establish their identity as partisans, pseudo-political activists, or issue advocates in relation to their perception and uses of this new medium. The thesis also discusses whether the Internet facilitates mass populism or issue segmentation, and whether, how and to what extent online engagement can build political consensus in a deeply divided political context.

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Matthew D. Matsaganis is currently a PhD candidate and a lecturer at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles. His dissertation research aims at understanding the role of the urban environment, considered as a complex ecology, in urban community transformation and its significance in community capacity-building efforts. The theoretical framework employed in this study privileges communication as the elementary process through which community change takes place. He is currently exploring ways to study how and under what conditions the emergence of municipal Wi-Fi networks may allow for building social capital and increasing political participation and civic engagement in ethnically diverse communities in Los Angeles. This interest is what brings him to Oxford this summer.

Matthew's broader research interests lie in the areas of (a) media economics, (b) globalization and networked governance (currently studying the networks sustaining peace-building efforts in Northern Ireland and Colombia), and (c) international migration.

His research has been published in the *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Human Communication Research*, the *Encyclopedia of International Media and Communications*, and he has presented his work at a variety of academic and professional conferences.

Born to Greek and American parents and raised in Athens, Greece, Matthew earned his BA in Communication and Mass Media at the National & Capodistrian University of Athens. He later received his MA in Political Communication at Emerson College, in Boston, and an MA in Communication from the Annenberg School, at USC.

Matthew has worked both as a journalist and consultant for local and national newspapers in Greece, as well as Greek-American publications based in New York City. He has also worked as a communication consultant for non-profit organizations, such as Aids Project Los

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Born in Italy in 1974, Giovanni Navarria graduated in Philosophy from the University of Catania in 1999. There he received the Laurea in Filosofia (equal to a BA and MA in Philosophy). His final thesis concerned the subject of freedom and ethics in the era of the Internet. Since October 2003, he has been undertaking doctoral research at the [Centre for the Study of Democracy](#) (CSD) at the University of Westminster in London. The subject of his PhD is the future of political activism in the age of social and communication media networks. The research examines the relationship between the Internet and political public spheres with the aim of developing a new theory of mediated power and political activism. Mr Navarria is a Research Associate at the University of Westminster, and since 2004 he has also been involved in teaching, marking and administering Power, Politics, and the Media, a CSD Masters' course in the International Relations and Political Theory programme. He is a member of the Steering Group of the University's [Democracy Club](#), whose website he designed and presently maintains. He is an editor of the CSD Bulletin, published by the University of Westminster Press; web content editor of the PhD section of the CSD website; and coordinator of the [Workshops on Methodology](#) series and of the Working Papers Seminars attended by all PhD candidates and academic staff at CSD.

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Tanya Notley

Tanya Notley has spent most of the last decade working in and researching NGOs and community/youth media initiatives in Australia, Nepal, India and Sri Lanka. Her research interests include: the political economy of the internet, new media literacies, digital inclusion, creative online networks, social impacts of ICTs, and communications and social change.

Tanya's PhD dissertation is primarily concerned with informal creative uses of new media technologies and the role they can play in supporting social inclusion. Her research is situated in Queensland, Australia and integrates media and communications and social policy theoretical frameworks. Preliminary research indicates that state and national government ICT policies that aim to address social inclusion in Queensland are ad hoc and many places provide no public opportunities for young people to meaningfully engage with the internet and other new media technologies. The study questions rhetoric that homogenises young people as 'digital natives' by studying the lived realities of young people from different social, cultural and geographic backgrounds.

Tanya has an undergraduate degree in Media and Communications and a Masters degree in Social Change and Development. She is currently undertaking a PhD at the Institute for Creative Industries and Innovation, Queensland University of Technology.

Hassan Omowunmi Mary

I was born on the 27th March 1973 and am a native of Isinkan, Akure in Ondo State of Nigeria. I am married with a son.

I studied Computer Science both at the Bachelors and Masters degree levels at the University of Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, respectively, and am currently undergoing my PhD research programme in Technology Management at the Technology Planning and Development Unit (TPDU) OAU, Ife.

I worked on Client-Server Systems at the BSc level and also the Performance Analysis of Mobile-Agents in Information Retrieval Tasks in an Enterprise Network at the MSc postgraduate level. My PhD research is on Nigeria's IT/ICT policy analysis and evaluation.

As a Training and Research Staff 1 of the National Centre for Technology Management (NACETEM, OAU, Ife), I am part of the ICT team that is working on Gender and ICT, especially as it relates to women in Science and Technology (S&T), 'Postgraduation Occupation of Women in Nigeria'. I am also working on 'Disposal Management of ICT equipment in Nigeria' and the 'Impact of Global System Mobile (GSM) phone on the National Economy'. All are ongoing.

As the President of an indigenous NGO 'Nigerian High Tech Women', I have successfully organized Seminars and Training Workshops aimed at building ICT capacity in Nigerian women.

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1. The Role of Women in ICT for Development, January 2005.
2. ICT Deployment for Sustainable Development in Nigeria Rural Areas—Women's Perspective, June 2005.
3. Women and Information Communication Technology (ICT), October 2005.
4. Harnessing ICT to Eradicate and Leverage Educational and Economic Poverty in Nigerian Women, August 2005.
5. e-Governance and Capacity Building—Working with women in the Civil Service in Nigeria. In progress.
6. Framework for Building Women in Nigeria for S&T Careers through ICT Trainings for National Development, November 2005.
7. The Role of S&T Institutions in the fight against Poverty in Nigeria. In progress.

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Raed's current research focuses on scholarly communication and knowledge discovery and dissemination. He is particularly interested in access to publicly funded scientific data and its impact on scientific and socio-economic development in developing countries, with a special focus on Latin America. His recent research papers have appeared in the proceedings of national and international conferences such as The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) 8.2 and The American Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS). He also presented his research during the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) phase II in Tunisia, 2005, and during his last visit to some of South Africa's universities. Among his many hobbies, Raed loves traveling and talking to native people about their cultures, religions, norms and traditions. He also loves listening to classical music, cooking, and playing and watching soccer. Raed received his Bachelor in Economics and Political Science in 1999 and his MBA in 2002 from Birzeit University, Ramallah, Palestine.

Elizabeth Van Couvering

Now in the (hopefully) final year of her doctorate at the London School of Economics, Elizabeth's research focuses on Internet search engines, and specifically on the production processes that go on behind the scenes in search engine production. Following the in-depth quantitative scrutiny of search engine results by computer scientists suggesting that search engines are systematically biased, her research looks into the causes and basis for that bias, using political economic analysis to develop a historical and geographic picture of the field, as well as interviews and observations of search engine producers and search engine marketers to understand the current operating environment. She has been active in stimulating interest in this nascent field of inquiry, organising several panels on search engine production at the ICA conference in 2005 and participating in an international conference on the topic in Berlin in June 2006, as well as contributing to a forthcoming JCMC issue on search engines and a book on the topic to be published by Peter Lang. Elizabeth comes to PhD study and her academic interest in the Internet from a long history in the commercial Internet in the Europe, having worked in London since 1994 both at Internet design and advertising agencies and at 'dot-com' businesses. Over the years, her teams developed award-winning Internet projects such as BT.com, Which? Online, Priceline, Thistle Hotels, TheSite.org, Excite UK Email and Communities, Quip! and eyestorm.com. Other clients included the BBC, Pearson, DaimlerChrysler, the Arcadia Group, the Nationwide Football League, Lloyds TSB, Time Out and the Financial Times. Her agency experiences included stints as director of client services, research, and strategy at award-winning online agencies Webmedia and Organic, time as marketing manager of Excite Europe, and as a market analyst specialising in online advertising in Europe for Jupiter Communications. She was born in Cambridge, England but lived most of her life in the United States before moving to London in 1994. She holds a BA from Bryn Mawr College in cultural anthropology and an MBA from the Open University.

Shefali Virkar

Shefali Virkar is DPhil student at the University of Oxford, jointly supervised at the Oxford Internet Institute (OII) and the Department of Politics and International Relations. Her doctoral research seeks to explore political and social influences associated with the application of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) in the developing world, with a specific interest in the role and impact of e-government projects in India. Her other interests include the exploration and contrasting of current quantitative and qualitative approaches used to capture and analyse data related to web use, particularly in relation to the accessibility and use of online research resources.

As a precursor to her research, Shefali worked as an intern for the eGovernments Foundation in Bangalore, a non-profit trust that develops free Internet-based software packages for local government bodies across the country with the aim of promoting good governance. She is currently involved with a couple of research projects at Oxford which feed into her research interests.

Shefali holds an MA in Globalisation, Governance and Development from the University of Warwick, UK. Her Master's thesis explored the concept of the Digital Divide in a globalising world, paying particular attention to its impact on the developing world and the ensuing policy implications. Prior to Warwick, Shefali graduated with a First Class BA in Economics, Psychology and English Literature from the University of Bangalore, India.

Kutoma Jacqueline Wakunuma

Kutoma is Zambian and currently a PhD student at Coventry University, United Kingdom. Her main research interests are in Gender and 'new' Information Communication Technologies. She is looking at the internet and mobile phones in particular and explores what the

implications as well as impact of the use or indeed non-use of the two technologies in developing countries are. Used as an exemplar of such developing societies is Zambia, situated in sub-Saharan Africa. Kutoma questions whether by employing the use of these technologies, social and economic development can really ensue and result in empowerment, particularly for vulnerable and marginalised groups who often include women in a country like Zambia. She questions to what extent, significant or otherwise, the social and economic as well as empowerment aspects may really be. In essence, she is measuring the gap between policy rhetoric on the advantages of ICTs and the reality for poor and marginalised groups. Also interrogated are which ICTs between the internet and mobile phones such groups find most effective in encouraging social and economic development although her research is not about comparing the two ICTs.

Before this, Kutoma undertook an MA at Lancaster University in 2003 where she looked at women in decision-making positions. She was also a research fellow with Initiativkreis Ruhrgebiet in Germany where she was hosted by Witten-Herdecke University from 2000 to 2001. Her fellowship enabled her to research on structural change in the Ruhr area, once one of Europe's thriving coal mining areas.

Ken Winneg

Ken Winneg is a PhD student at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. His studies focus on political communication, emphasizing online activity and political participation. He earned his MA in 1985 at Annenberg. Winneg also serves as the Managing Director of the National Annenberg Election Survey, a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at Penn. NAES is the largest academic public opinion study of the American electorate ever conducted. He is responsible for all facets of the survey's design and execution and is co-author of the forthcoming book on the 2004 NAES, *Capturing Campaign Dynamics*.

Prior to joining the Policy Center, Winneg was vice president at Penn, Schoen and Berland in New York, where he consulted a variety of clients on corporate and political strategy. These clients included America On Line, WebMD, Time Warner, MTV, VH1, Major League Baseball, and United States Senators Jon Corzine (now Governor of New Jersey) and Mark Dayton.

Before working at Penn, Schoen and Berland, Winneg was senior research manager at Chilton Research Services, where he managed the ABC News-Washington Post surveys, exit polling for ABC News (1986-1989) and exit polling for the consortium of news organizations called Voter Research and Surveys (1990-1992). In 1987, while at Chilton, Winneg helped to develop the methodology used by the ABC television network to test the viability of new programs for the upcoming television season. This methodology is still in use by ABC and has been adopted by the NBC television network.

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