Governments try to increase control over the World Wide Web. Anupam Chander, who will be guest at the Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) on 5 May 2014 at 5 pm, addresses this intention in his paper 'Breaking the Web: Data Localization vs. The Global Internet'. Anupam will present his findings in our Open Journal Club, which will be followed by a discussion. Join the session at Bebelplatz 1 and sign up now.

Anupam Chander is the Director of the California International Law Center and Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall Research Scholar. His research interests are, among others, Cyberlaw, Intellectual Property and Public International Law. Anupam recently published his book 'The Electronic Silk Road: How the Web Binds the World Together in Commerce', which focuses on today's electronic Silk Road and how the legal infrastructure for a global network can be designed.

Abstract: A BRICS Internet, the Euro Cloud, the Iranian Internet. Governments across the world eager to increase control over the World Wide Web are tearing it apart. Iran seeks to develop an Internet free of Western influences or domestic dissent. The Australian government places restrictions on health data leaving the country. South Korea requires mapping data to be stored domestically. Vietnam insists on a local copy of all Vietnamese data. The nations of the world are erecting Schengen zones for data, undermining the possibility of global services. The last century's non-tariff barriers to goods have reappeared as firewalls blocking international data flows. Data localization requirements threaten the major new advances in information technology – not only cloud computing, but also the promise of big data and the Internet of Things. Equally important, data localization requirements undermine social, economic and civil rights by eroding the ability of consumers and businesses to benefit from access to both knowledge and international markets and by giving governments greater control over local information. Legitimate global anxieties over surveillance and security are justifying governmental measures that break apart the World Wide Web, without enhancing either privacy or security.

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