



### **Press Invite: First Solution Session on Revisiting Digital Governance now online**

**PRESS RELEASE, 17.11.2020 – The Global Solutions Initiative together with the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection has initiated a comprehensive discourse that aims at maintaining the benefits of the digital world while recoupling the technological advances with economic and social progress. We invite you to [watch now](#) the first Solution Session on Revisiting Digital Governance.**

“In the age of so-called ‘surveillance capitalism’, we need to think carefully about how we can strengthen individual autonomy and freedom of choice and action. I believe that the debate on Revisiting Digital Governance comes at the right time, and the recommendation by Dennis Snower, Paul Twomey and Maria Farrell addresses a possible solution that must be debated further”, says **State Secretary Christian Kastrop from the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection.**

The debate on Revisiting Digital Governance sheds light on a [new proposal](#) for data sovereignty by Dennis Snower (President, Global Solutions Initiative), Paul Twomey (Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation) and Maria Farrell (Senior Fellow, Minderoo Tech and Policy Lab, University of Western Australia) that links the comprehensive requirements for consumer protection, data protection and competition. In the coming weeks and months, decision-makers from research, policy, business and civil society will discuss policy implications, current and future EU initiatives to strengthen data privacy, and necessary changes for a digital sphere that put users back in the centre of digitalization.

“The digital governance system is misconceived, economically as well as socially. Users provide information about themselves and receive digital services in return, often at zero price, while digital service providers amass profit. In addition, users enter relationships of dependency. Social participation is only possible according to the rules of digital service providers. We urgently need to recouple the technological with economic and social progress. I look forward to work with the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection in developing innovative approaches that put consumers back in control of their data”, says **Dennis Snower, President of the Global Solutions Initiative and Professor of Macroeconomics and Sustainability at the Hertie School, Berlin.**

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#### **Speakers:**

- Maria Farrell, Senior Fellow, Minderoo Tech and Policy Lab, University of Western Australia
- Christian Kastrop, State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection
- Dennis Snower, President, Global Solutions Initiative
- Paul Twomey, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation and Global Solutions Fellow

Moderator: Sabine Christiansen, Journalist & Media Entrepreneur

*The debate will be followed by an online-live-exchange with Dennis Snower (President, Global Solutions Initiative), Paul Twomey (Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation) on 25 November 2020, 12:00-13:00 CET. Are you interested in joining? Please contact [press@global-solutions-initiative.org](mailto:press@global-solutions-initiative.org).*

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