

The Nexa Center for Internet & Society announces 2014-2015 community

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Turin, 7 July 2014. The Nexa Center for Internet & Society at Politecnico di Torino (DAUIN) today announced the fellows and faculty associates who will join the Nexa community in the 2014-2015 academic year, continuing a tradition of providing a home for some of the most incisive minds inquiring at the intersection of technology, law, economics and other disciplines.

"We are excited to welcome **two new very distinguished fellows**", said professor Juan Carlos De Martin, co-Director of the Nexa Center. "**Fabio Chiusi** has been proving for years to be one of the most thorough, careful and inquisitive minds in Italian journalism, providing his readers with exceptional coverage of many Internet-related issues, including the crucial area related to whistleblowing and surveillance. **Massimo Durante**, a colleague at the University of Turin, has been contributing to the Nexa community for many years with his sharp analytic mind trained to look with philosophical eyes at the complex relationship between technology and society. We really look forward to working with both of them in the year to come."

The fellows will primarily work alongside Nexa co-directors and staff, and will directly contribute to the diverse activities of the Center.

Honoring the networked ethos central to an Internet & Society center such as Nexa, **three faculty associates** from China, the US and Naples will actively collaborate with the Nexa Center community through an array of channels.

These relationships, as well as the countless engagements with alumni, partners, students, interns, and other colleagues, are fundamental to the Nexa Center's work and identity, and serve to increase the capacity of the field.

Joining the community in 2014-2015 as Nexa fellows:



Fabio Chiusi - Fellow

Fabio Chiusi (<u>http://nexa.polito.it/people/fchiusi</u>) is a freelance journalist (Wired, L'Espresso, Repubblica) and blogger (ilNichilista, Chiusi nella rete) who regularly writes about Internet censorship, surveillance and the complex relationship between digital

technologies, politics and society. He holds a MSc in Philosophy of Science from the London School of Economics. He is the author of *Critica della democrazia digitale. La politica 2.0 alla prova dei fatti* (Codice Edizioni).

Massimo Durante - Faculty Fellow

Massimo Durante (<u>http://nexa.polito.it/people/mdurante</u>) is Researcher in Philosophy of Law at the Department of Law of the University of Turin. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Law, Department of Law, University of Turin, and a Ph.D. in History of

Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Paris IV Sorbonne. He teaches courses in Legal Informatics and Philosophy of Law at the Department of Law, University of Turin.

The Nexa Center remains proud of and grateful to the following returning community members who will retain affiliations at the Nexa Center in the coming year.

Returning as Fellows:

Mauro Alovisio, Giovanni Arata, Eleonora Bassi, Lorenzo Benussi, Enrico Bertacchini, Carlo Blengino, Nicola Bottero, Federico Cairo, Fabio Chiusi, Marco Ciurcina, Alessandro Cogo, Deborah De Angelis, Giulio De Petra, Giovanni B. Gallus, Stefano Leucci, Alessandro Mantelero, Thomas Margoni, Ugo Pagallo, Elena Pavan, Cristiana Sappa, Monica A. Senor, Massimo Travostino, Daniele Trinchero, Giuseppe Vaciago.

Returning as Faculty Associates:

Andrea Cairola, Giancarlo Frosio, Giorgio Ventre.

The Nexa Community is also formed by the **Nexa Board of Trustees** (<u>http://nexa.polito.it/2013-trustees-en</u>), that at the end of 2013 was enriched by two more very distinguished scholars, Professor **Luciano Floridi** (Oxford University) and Professor **Maria Chiara Pievatolo** (University of Pisa), whom the Nexa Center welcomes again.

The Nexa Center for Internet & Society at the Politecnico di Torino (DAUIN)

The Nexa Center for Internet & Society (http://nexa.polito.it) was funded in November 2006 from the activities of an initially informal interdisciplinary group – with expertise in technology, law and economics – that grew up in Torino from 2003 and that has conceived, designed and implemented a number of initiatives: Creative Commons Italia (2003-present), CyberLaw Torino (2004), Harvard Internet Law Program Torino (2005), SeLiLi, free legal advice on open licenses for creators and programmers (2006-present), COMMUNIA, the European Commission-funded thematic network of 50 partners aimed at studying the digital public domain (2007-2011), Neubot, a software project on network neutrality (2008-present), and LAPSI, the European thematic network on legal aspects of public sector information funded by the European Commission (2010-2012). The Nexa Center is amongst the eight founding members of the Network of Centers on Internet & Society (NoC); launched by the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University in December 2012, the Network supports the cooperation among the main Internet & society research centers worldwide. In 2013 the Nexa Center has become part of the Global Network Initiative (GNI), a multi-stakeholder international group devoted to protect and advance freedom of expression and privacy in the ICT sector.

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