Kick-Off Meeting

Confirmed Participants

Network Members:
Jesper Christiansen (MindLab)
Deborah Estrin (Cornell Tech/Weill Cornell Medical College)
Erik Johnston (Arizona State University)
Henry Farrell (George Washington University)
Anita McGahan (University of Toronto/ Harvard University/Massachusetts General Hospital)
Beth Simone Noveck (New York University)
Lee Rainie (Pew Research Center)

The GovLab (NYU):
Chief of Research: Stefaan Verhulst
Managing Director: Shankar Prasad
Network Coordinator: Andrew Young

MacArthur Foundation:
Director for Policy Research, Valerie Chang

Objectives of the Meeting:

- Develop relationships among participants as a prelude to productive, long term collaboration;
- Understand what a `MacArthur Research Network` is and identify how this network fits in;
- Identify core research questions and action research methods;
- Develop consensus on the tasks and process ahead;
- Discuss how to ensure our work has maximum impact;
- Develop an initial work plan;
- Plan future convenings and identify key invitees and participants.
Pre-Dinner Discussion

Location: Wilf Hall, NYU School of Law (139 MacDougal Street, 4th floor)

4 - 5.30 PM

Introduction of the Network Members and their institutional activities in the area of Opening Governance.

Looking Back and Ahead: Priorities, Models and Aspirations?
The first phase of the MacArthur Research Network entails a 3-year commitment to deepen our understanding of opening governance...

Questions to address:
- Looking back in 2017, what would success look like it? How would we measure it?
- What should we aspire to achieve?
- What questions should we have answered?
- What is a groundbreaking initiative, from any field or discipline, that the Network should aspire to emulate?

Cocktails & Dinner

Location: Blue Hill Restaurant (75 Washington Place)

6.00 PM

Cocktails

Discussion: A MacArthur Research Network – Practice, Promise and Potential

7.00 PM

Dinner

Discussion: Keeping our Research Exciting and Relevant
Morning Session
Location: NYU President’s Penthouse (37 Washington Square West, 18th Floor)

8.30 – 10.00 AM
Breakfast* Discussion:
Opening Governance: An emerging paradigm?

Objectives and Context: Governance Re-design
- Improving people’s lives;
- Governance deficits and technological innovation.

Paradigm and Framing: What’s new?
- Three Paradigms: Smart/Open Data/Shared;
- Alternative approaches to thinking about governance reform;
- Disciplinary perspectives and differences.

10 –10.00 AM
Coffee Break:
- The GovLab Academy Demo and Skills Share

10.15 –12.00 PM
Initial Brainstorm: What to study?

Questions and Disciplines:
- Key research questions (qualitative/quantitative?);
- Criteria for choosing research projects (collaborative/interdisciplinary?);
- Foundational issues and variables (legal/culture/metrics);
- Process vs. problem issues (health; jobs; global warming; education et al).

Lunch Session
Location: NYU President’s Penthouse (37 Washington Square West, 18th Floor)

12 –1.00 PM
Joel Gurin presents new book Open Data Now over lunch*

* Breakfast and Lunch will be provided
Afternoon Session

Location: NYU President’s Penthouse (37 Washington Square West, 18th Floor)

1 – 2.30 PM

Continued Brainstorm:
How to study and collaborate within the network?

Discussion of the Network Methodology: Empirical and Agile
  ▶ Methodology [Living Labs]

Working together
  ▶ Collaboration: possible projects and deliberation activities;
  ▶ Comparative insights and projects;
  ▶ Existing demand [ICANN; NYU; ExpertNet; NHS; et al]
  ▶ Network activities and meetings;
  ▶ Collaborating with Advisory Network and others [extending our expert network].

2.30 – 3.30 PM

Small Group Breakouts

Discussion: Tentative project plans and ideas for fleshing them out.

3.30 – 4.00 PM

Coffee and Logistical Interlude
  ▶ Hiring post-docs and planning Post-Doc Network;
  ▶ Financial process & overview;
  ▶ Planning future Network meetings.

4.00 PM

Wrap up and Next Steps
  ▶ Next steps and priorities for different years;
  ▶ Deliverables and audiences.

4.30 PM

Closure