Application for "By Design and by Disaster": Power in Transformation, 2024
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→ *An introduction of yourself*

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→ *3-5 keywords related to the subject matter of your talk*

Internet Governance / Diversity / Climate Justice / DeGrowth

→ *An abstract/ brief explanation of your seven-minute talk, and how it relates to this year's focus*

Transforming Internet protocols with Artists / Activists / Anarchists

Internet Governance is functioning on the "multi stakeholder model": poly-centric collection of organisations, mailing lists and conferences where the decisions about functioning of the internet are made (such as names, numbers, protocols, and other standards). This is supposed to include actors as varied as students vs politicians, civil servants vs engineers, scientific researchers vs software developers… and still, there are challenges in both informing and attracting contributions from those who are affected by and could benefit from influencing the directions where "The Internet" is going. Because "the Internet" has not fulfilled its emancipatory promises - on the contrary, it has become an "ecocide machine".

In this lecture, I am going to both issue catastrophic warnings, and invite utopian hope; I will introduce IETF, ICANN, W3C, RIPE, DNS and many other acronyms - and invite you to "consider the squirrels".

Previous Lectures:
I teach students on the subjects of Internet Governance & Environmental Sustainability:
2024: https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Xs-all-vesna-IG-traces-of-power.pdf
2023: https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Smaller-LOCOS-seminar-march-2023-vesna.pdf
2022: https://wiki.techinc.nl/images/c/cf/Vesna-green-internet-ripe_ncc-SIGCAS-compressed.pdf

Presentations / Videos:
May 2023, RIPE86, Rotterdam: The Environmental Impact of Internet: Urgency, Degrowth, Rebellion https://ripe86.ripe.net/archives/video/1001/ https://ripe86.ripe.net/archives/video/1001/
October 2022: Bits & Bäume, Berlin: https://media.ccc.de/v/bitsundbaeume-19907-greening-ripe-though-activism-and-empathy-en-
September 2017: BalCCoN, Novi Sad: Ethics in Technology https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ2VwVoK-Go

Selected Bibliography:

* 2023: Tech is Ecocide: https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/AI_is_ecocide
* 2024: Bracing for the Internet of Armageddon and Squirrels https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Vesna_IAB-BIAS-Workshop-Basic_Internet_And_Squirrels.pdf
* 2013-2023: ReWilding my life: unspoiled nature, rural living, escape from civilisation https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/Lika
* 2016: Post-Singularity of Mycelium : Speaker for Squirrels: https://becha.home.xs4all.nl/Speaker_for_Squirrels-GogBot-2016.pdf
* 2020: Internet is For Empowerment of End Users: https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/the-internet-is-for-the-empowerment-of-end-users/
* 2021: Every Society Has the Internet they Deserve https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/ripe-community-resilience-every-society-has-the-internet-they-deserve/
* 2012: http://becha.home.xs4all.nl/hackers-philosophers-utopian-network-dec-2012-becha.pdf

Workshop: Internet of Squirrels

As a follow-up on my lecture, let's ponder these questions, and come up with creative answers:

"How can we minimise the detrimental environmental impact of the Internet on more-than-humans?"
&
"How can Internet Governance organisations make their work more accessible, more inclusive, more just - or at least more FUN!"
&
"What does the Utopian Internet look like?"
    (as opposed to Luxury Internet / Internet of Affluence / Gargantuan Internet / Gilded Internet / Capitalist Internet of Surveillance)
&
"How can squirrels contribute to, and benefit from, the technical Internet standards?"

I am focusing on squirrels as a symbol for non-geek-humans, animals & ecosystems.

Through brainstorm & hands-on tinkering, we will come up with artistic / alternative ways to contribute to the Internet Governance processes.
We might produce poetry, stickers, dance, memes, zines, paintings… or something else?!

Elements of the design would include some of the signs I recently "created" (hacked):
https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/mental-health-help#Art_2024

Images: