OPEN VIDEO CONFERENCE

JUNE 19-20 NYC
Ponder this: by 2013, online video will account for 90% of all internet traffic.

The emergence of video as the web’s killer app has been fascinating. It has set in motion substantial changes for the way we communicate with the world. The most obvious symptom of this change is the slow-motion burial of the TV broadcast model, with consumers increasingly moving to an online, on-demand viewership model. Business models are changing—you’ve read about this in the business and popular press. Yet something more subtle is happening at the same time. Video is becoming a primary tool for self-expression. Things like video cameras and desktop editing software are now cheap and ubiquitous, making it easy for casual computer users to speak to a mass audience.

So we’re here in part to celebrate this new million-channel network, and the potential it brings for individuals to participate in the formation of a more democratic culture. From the webcam embedded in your laptop screen, to the lens of the indie filmmaker, to the cell phone of the Iranian citizen journalist—we are surrounded by devices and software that enable us to powerfully wield the moving image.

But the future of online video is even more significant than it would seem at first blush. That’s because the legal and technological battles surrounding online video are, at their core, battles for the future of the internet.

Video on the web can’t simply be “internet TV” or a glorified on-demand system. For its potential to be fully realized, online video must be a dynamic medium that invites clipping, archival, remix, collage, repurposing, and other transformations that are currently inhibited by law or by lack of tools. As a medium, online video will be most powerful when it is fluid, like a conversation. Like the rest of the internet, online video must be designed to encourage participation, not passive consumption. Most importantly, it must be supported by a strong foundation of open technologies and open standards.

This conference is about building and protecting the underlying architecture for the emerging online video medium. But it’s also about exploring the future of the internet. As video becomes a preferred mode of communication, it’s increasingly important that video devices and content aren’t locked down. The open web is still in its infancy, and there are unimaginably cool things coming down the pipeline.

How might we define open video? Some discussion starters:

• Are the technologies in use transparent? Do they allow you to peer inside to understand how they work - enough for someone to be able to build something similar or integrate in ways you didn’t expect?

• Does the core technology in use require permission before it can be used? Can individuals build things and publish them without fear of a legal backlash?

• Are the decisions around the core technologies transparent? Can you see what the influences were and who made them?

— Ben Moskowitz (Conference Director) & Chris Blizzard (Mozilla)
WEB AND INTERACTIVE

twitter / flickr / and co
Please tag all photos and video with "openvideo." The conference hash-tag is #openvideo. Go forth and be social. We’ll also do live screening of questions, using Twitter; if you’ve got one for a presenter, simply tweet @openvideo and you may get an answer!

flip cams / kaltura player
There are 10 flip cams available for checkout by attendees—go to the registration desk to borrow one for two hours. We’d like to encourage anyone who is interested to grab a camera and do some impromptu interviews!

Conference related footage can be uploaded to any video service, but we’re encouraging folks to use the custom system that Kaltura built for watching, uploading, and editing video. To check it out, visit: http://openvideoconference.org/kaltura

now you can (the open video how-to desk)
Now You Can is a help desk for all levels of users. If you’ve never uploaded video in your life, we can help. If you need more information on transcoding video to Ogg Theora, we can help. If you have a super technical question, we can probably answer it. Now You Can is located in the Greenberg Lounge

The desk is open at all times, but you can find out about specific events at: http://openvideoconference.org/nowyoucan

AREA MAP

1 W. 4th Street Metro Station, A, C, D, E and F Trains
2 Vanderbilt Hall, NYU
3 (le) poisson rouge
153 Bleeker Street
FRIDAY, JUNE 19

10:00 - 10:15 [auditorium]
Opening Remarks
Welcome by Shay David (Kaltura). Opening Remarks by Elizabeth Stark (Yale ISP/iCommons) and Dean Jansen (Participatory Culture Foundation).

10:15 - 10:45 [auditorium]
Yochai Benkler: Keynote
Yochai Benkler is the Berkman Professor of Entrepreneurial Legal Studies at Harvard, and faculty co-director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society. He writes about the Internet and the emergence of networked economy and society, as well as the organization of infrastructure, such as wireless communications. His work traverses a wide range of disciplines and sectors, and is taught in a variety of professional schools and academic departments. In real world applications, his work has been widely discussed in both the business sector and civil society. His most recent book, The Wealth of Networks: How social production transforms markets and freedom (2006), is considered a seminal piece on peer production and the power of networked societies. His work can be freely accessed at www.benkler.org.

10:45 - 11:30 [seminar I]
Mozilla: The Future of Open Video
Mozilla, a strong supporter of the open web, will present its vision for the future of online video. This presentation will include a live demonstration of new open video technologies in Firefox 3.5 that will empower people to communicate and innovate in new ways. Additionally, a representative from Dailymotion will give a brief overview of its initiative to offer over 300,000 videos in open formats.

10:45 - 11:30 [seminar I]
From Open Circuits to Open Video
The radical challenges to television, art and culture made by video artists in the 1960s and 1970s find their echo today in the principles of Open Source, Creative Commons, Open Content and other emerging principles of participatory culture. This presentation argues that the most radical proponents of video art were always concerned with establishing alternative networks of communication based on the principle of "open circuits" and "participation TV". An understanding of this histori-
cal context is helpful in highlighting the potentials to be found in today’s web-based networks that privilege “sharing”, “participation” and “openness.”

presenter: Ross Harley — Head of School of Media Arts, University of New South Wales (Sydney)

11:30 - 12:10 [auditorium]

Fair Use Battles: Discussion
Falzone will discuss his experience defending Shepard Fairey in the much-discussed Obama Photo case, and McSherry will talk about her ground-breaking work in Lenz v. Universal, a case fighting for the acknowledgment of fair use in issuing DMCA video takedowns.

speaker: Anthony Falzone — Executive Director of the Fair Use Project at Stanford Law School
speaker: Corynne McSherry — Staff Lawyer, Electronic Frontier Foundation

11:30 - 12:30 [seminar I]

Metadata Roundtable I: Time-Based Metadata
A discussion of various implementations of time-based metadata by current practitioners. Each member of the roundtable will present briefly on the time-based metadata solution they’re using, what it does well now and what are the remaining challenges.

session leader: Devon Capley — Fellow, Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University
session participant: Matt Berry — CTO, Digitalsmiths
session participant: Chris Jackson — URIplay
session participant: Andrea Rota — UTagIt
session participant: Abram Stern — Metavid / UC Santa Cruz
session participant: Joerg Waitelonis — Yovisto

12:10 - 12:30 [auditorium]

Lizz Winstead: Featured Talk
Online video can be a powerful tool for satire and commentary, enabling independent voices to challenge the way the news is presented. Lizz Winstead, co-creator of The Daily Show and co-founder of Air America Radio, will share her vision for a world where connected citizens keep an eye on those who are supposed to be keeping an eye on elected officials. Winstead is currently involved with Shoot The Messenger Productions, an independent comedy group that performs a weekly satirical news summary in the form of the Off-Broadway show, Wake Up World.

speaker: Lizz Winstead — Co-creator, The Daily Show and Shoot the Messenger

12:30 - 1:15 [seminar II]

Lunch Teach-in: Obama, Tech Policy & the Promotion of Open Video in Washington
Video will remain open only as long copyright, telecom, and broadband policies support an open video ecosystem. But there are forces in Washington that want to eliminate fair use and restrict your use of the Internet and wireless networks. Hear from insiders about what’s going on and what we will need to do in DC to keep Open Video alive.

discussion leader: Leah Belsky — Fellow, Yale Law School’s Information Society Project
participant: Art Brooks — Communications Director, Public Knowledge
participant: Marvin Ammori — Assistant Professor of Law, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

12:30 - 1:15 [seminar I]

Content Delivery Luncheon
What role can Content Delivery Networks play in supporting Open Video? Hear from Akamai, Level3, and Livestream—3 global leaders in the content delivery space. Learn how they currently support open source systems and what they plan to do in the future to expand the possibilities of digital distribution.

discussion leader: Shay David — Co-founder and VP of Business and Community Development, Kaltura and Fellow at Yale Law School’s Information Society Project
participant: Tim Napoleon — Chief Strategist for Digital Media, Akamai
participant: David Reisfeld — Content Markets Team, Level 3
participant: Livestream (speaker TBD)

1:15 - 1:45 [auditorium]

The Pirate’s Dilemma: Keynote
Piracy can be a business model, argues bestselling author Matt Mason. Rather than battling pirates, producers should learn from them. Instead of chasing lost revenues through expensive and contentious litigation, or locking down content with intrusive access controls, producers should leverage this new cultural phenomenon. As a consultant, Mason helps firms understand how pirates light the way: they create markets, signal trends, and develop innovative ways to reach these markets.

speaker: Matt Mason — Author, The Pirate’s Dilemma

1:15 - 2:05 [seminar I]

Independent Video Platforms in ’09: Working Group
In the last few years a plethora of new independent video spaces have come online, particularly spaces engaging with human rights, environmental, social justice and free
culture. With large scale commercial spaces like YouTube, Yahoo Video and others dominating the online video arena (and many campaigners choosing these spaces over the independent alternatives) how relevant and effective are the niche spaces? How can they improve and effect change?

discussion leader: And Lowenthal, Engage Media (engagemedia.org)
discussion leader: Tony Shawcross — Executive Director, Denver Open Media

participant: Sanjay Banghar — Developer, Pad.ma
participating project: Richard Herring — visionOntv
participant: Ryanne Hodson — ryanishungry.com
participant: Reisa Levine — Producer, citizenShift
participant: Sameer Padania — Manager, the Hub
participant: Michael Verdi — michaelverdi.com

Note: Active participation is open to anyone interested in independent platforms for video publishing.
1:45 - 2:00 [auditorium]

1:45 - 2:35 [auditorium]

Lightning Talks

Earth-Touch

Earth-Touch is a new type of wildlife filmmaking company. Earth-Touch’s mission is to celebrate the beauty of nature and to reflect what happens in the natural world truthfully and instantaneously to a global audience. Earth-Touch is different to other mainstream wildlife production companies because it is making high quality wildlife media free, accessible and available to the online video watching community.

Critical Commons

Critical Commons is a non-profit advocacy coalition that supports fair use of media for learning and creativity, providing resources, information and tools for scholars, students and creators. Our aim is to build open, informed communities around media-based teaching, learning and creativity, both inside and outside of formal educational environments. This presentation highlights some key features of Critical Commons including the ability to upload and share media, tagging, annotating and commenting on video clips, and the creation of playlists to share with students, members of your community and the public at large.

presented by Steve Anderson — Assistant Professor, USC School of Cinematic Arts

Blender

A brief showcase and demo of Blender, a powerful free and open source 3d modeling, rendering, and video composting software.

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presented by Bassam Kurdali — Director and Animator, Elephant’s Dream (2006)

Reframe (Tribeca Film Institute)

Brian Newman is the president & CEO of the Tribeca Film Institute (TFI) where he leads the Institute’s innovative programs in support of filmmakers, youth and the public. Brian conceived and launched the Reframe project of TFI, a unique initiative that is digitizing and making available thousands of films for DVD, streaming and video on demand.

Uncensored Interview

Uncensored Interview creates high-quality open licensed interviews with musicians, connecting fans and artists. They are pioneers in the industry, and have recently been transcoding their videos into the Ogg Theora format.

2:05 - 2:35 [seminar I]

Narrative for Openness

In this session Adnan Hadzi and Andrea Rota develop a narrative for openness, focusing on media and technologies but within the broader context of social and human development. Adnan Hadzi presents a case for the strategic use of copyleft licenses within the data and social networks that is in evidence throughout the developing world. Andrea Rota extends this case further, highlighting how openness is a necessary condition for the “human enterprise” rather than one of many possible ways to develop creative and technological processes.

presenter: Adnan Hadzi — PhD Candidate, Goldsmiths College, University of London
presenter: Andrea Rota — CTO, Xelera and MPhil Student, London School of Economics

2:45 - 3:15 [auditorium]

Open Video in the Developing World: Discussion

Two leading figures from Brazil and Nigeria will highlight the role that open video has to play in the developing world. Igwe, a prominent producer in Nollywood, one of the world’s largest film industries, will explain the new models that Nigerian film producers have adopted. Lemos, a professor and renowned free culture leader in Brazil will explain how people in developing countries have innovated and created their own models for video and cultural production.

speaker: Charles Igwe — Principal Consultant, the Big Picture
speaker: Ronaldo Lemos — Director of Center for Technology and Society, Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV) Law School, Brazil

2:45 - 3:15 [seminar I]
**Archive.org: Universal Access to Human Knowledge**

Archive.org solicits collections of multimedia (esp. digital books, video, and audio) from libraries, as well as the general public. The media are stored forever, for free, and made available for public download. To ensure preservation, Archive always keeps the originally submitted file and format and stores it forever. To address user accessibility, Archive makes an effort to find formats that are both popular and high quality, relative to the bandwidth availability of the day. Maintaining an original copy allows Archive to update the user accessible formats, as necessary. For instance, Archive recently recoded all 200,000+ videos in its collection to the open and royalty free Ogg Theora format.

**presenter:** Tracey Jaquith — Web Engineer, Archive.org

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**Art, Technology & Video at Eyebeam**

Kenseth Armstead, Jon Cohrs, and Jeff Crouse, resident artists of the Eyebeam Art & Technology center, will present three projects that deal with the creation and distribution of video content. Kenseth Armstead’s forthcoming movie “Spook™” uses an experimental production system called “open source casting.” Jon Cohrs’ newly launched “OMG I’m On TV” makes a grab for an available slot of antiquated bandwidth before it is repurposed. Jeff Crouse’s “Delete City” is a Wordpress plug-in that ensures that no photos or videos will ever be deleted from the Internet, ever.

**presenter:** Kenseth Armstead — Resident Artist, Eyebeam Art & Technology Center
**presenter:** Jon Cohrs — Resident Artist, Eyebeam Art & Technology Center
**presenter:** Jeff Crouse — Fellow, Eyebeam Art & Technology Center

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**The People vs. Comcast & AT&T: Internet and Video in The Age of Obama**

The future of the Internet – and online video – will be decided by lawmakers in 2009 and 2010: will the Internet be neutral, open, competitive and fast enough for ubiquitous high-def video? Will the US continue to fall behind the rest of the world in broadband speed and affordability? Will the 40% of Americans without broadband bridge the digital divide? Will there be a place for critical journalism and independent video in a digital America?

**speaker:** Josh Silver — Executive Director, Free Press

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**Human Rights and Indigenous Media: Dilemmas, Challenges and Opportunities**

The key elements of an open video culture are the capacities and opportunities for participation, fair use of existing media and transparency.

However, from a human rights perspective, issues of consent, representation and revictimization emerge in an open and networked online environment of reworking, remixing and recirculating video and other imagery. How do we go about “incorporating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights” into the “terms of service” of both open video culture and broader online video? How do we introduce ideas around consent and human dignity into the broader ecosystem? How do we respect cultural worlds where transparency is not always a desired outcome, as certain images should not be seen by outsiders, by the uninitiated, or by opposite genders? What can be learnt from the experiences of remix culture, fan fiction and political use of remixing to-date?

**moderator:** Sameer Padania — Manager, the Hub (hub.witness.org)
**panelist:** Faye Ginsburg — Director of the Center for Media and Professor, NYU
**panelist:** Lea Shaver — Fellow, Yale ISP
**panelist:** Sam Gregory — Program Director, WITNESS

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**Emerging P2P Technologies**

Numerous programs have attempted to integrate a Video On Demand (VoD) p2p functionality into browsers, but have failed to catch on. Several teams are competing for a YouTube-like experience, without server and infrastructure cost. The session leaders will report on the progress of P2P-Next, the largest team of scientists and engineers in this area. They are currently working on merging this architecture with the novel HTML5 implementation, streaming Bittorrent content providing an high-level user interactivity.

**presenter:** Riccardo Petrocco — Researcher, Tribbler group (P2P-Next)
**presenter:** Diego Rabaioli — Software Engineer Consultant, TU Delft University

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**Open Video Collaboration in Wikipedia**

Since January 2008, the Wikimedia Foundation has worked together with Kaltura to bring the ability to collaboratively edit video sequences to Wikipedia, based on open standards.

We will show how these technological approaches enable us to go beyond what is possible in contemporary proprietary web video frameworks. Building on the technological foundations laid by the Annodex and Xiph Foundation as well as open web standards implemented through browsers like Mozilla Firefox, we can treat
video on the web in much the same way we treat and transform text. We will present the current state of these technological developments and contextualize them in Wikimedia’s long term approach to open collaboration around rich media.

speaker: Michael Dale — Lead Developer of Video Efforts, Wikimedia Foundation (in collaboration with Kaltura)
speaker: Shay David — Co-founder and VP of Business and Community Development, Kaltura and Fellow at Yale Law School’s Information Society Project
speaker: Erik Moeller — Deputy Director, Wikimedia Foundation

4:00 - 4:30 [seminar I]
**The Mobile Journalism Collective (MojoCo.Org): How does citizen 2.0 change the face of information?**

In the face of a more networked world, as the definition of “content provider” evolves beyond monikers like NBC, CBS, ABC - even PBS - and begins to include “unknown” names like “envirogurl-11206,” new players are using video to introduce audiences to broader themes and truer life stories. By virtue of this change we citizens, presented with an unprecedented opportunity, are asked to evolve, be prepared to pick from the bevy of choices, engage with more communities; tell better stories of our lives and our perspectives – in essence we are asked to become Citizen 2.0. What are the responsibilities of citizen 2.0? Does citizen 2.0 production replace or augment traditional journalism? What are the new models incorporating citizen 2.0 into legacy forms of media distribution and production? And how does citizen 2.0 content reshape the value of information? All these questions and more are currently in the ether of the moment and the Mobile Journalism Collective at MojoCo.org attempts to address them by training new voices, and opening an honest dialogue on what should be the new principles of information sharing for a more civically engaged world.

presenter: Nonso Christian Ugbode, Director of the National Black Programming Consortium

4:00 - 4:30 [seminar II]
**Open Media Stack: A Royalty-Free Video Compression Technology**

The OMS Video project in Sun Microsystems Laboratories is a component of the Open Media Commons initiative (http://www.openmediacommons.org/). The goal of the OMS Video project is to develop a royalty-free video codec. To date, an initial specification for the video codec has been published http://www.openmediacommons.org/collateral/OMS-video-v0.9.pdf). A reference implementation for the video codec will soon also be made available to the community under royalty-free terms.

One of the principle differentiators of the OMS project is the emphasis placed on the proactive approach to patent analysis and identification of prior art. Digital media technologies have been developed for many years, and hence are moving out of the patent window. With OMS, we take the same approach that has been successfully taken by the “generic” drug manufacturers in the pharmaceutical industry. Many components of the technology that pass as “recent innovation” may indeed be obvious spins on old ideas, or actually quite old themselves. The DCT, the foundation of most modern codecs in the last two decades, and arithmetic coding are two such technologies where prior art has been identified. Hence these technologies have been included in the OMS specification.

presenter: Gerard Fernando — Senior Staff Engineer, Sun Microsystems Laboratories
presenter: Michael DeMoney — Senior Staff Engineer, Sun Microsystems Laboratories
presenter: Kelly Kishore — Researcher, Sun Microsystems Laboratories

4:15 - 4:40 [auditorium]
**The Eclectic Method: Featured Talk**

A demonstration of the art and science of audiovisual remix.

Eclectic Method’s audio-visual mash-ups feature television, film, music and video game footage sliced and diced into blistering, post-modern dance floor events. It’s a cyclone of music and images mashed together in a world where Kill Bill fight scenes and Dave Chappelle’s Rick James rants are ingeniously cut and looped over bootleg samples, DVD scratches and pumped-up dance anthems. It’s a real-time subversion of technology and media performed live on video turntables for what LA Weekly called a “mesmerizing” sensory overload.

speaker: Ian Edgar — VJ/DJ, Eclectic Method
speaker: Jonny Wilson — VJ/DJ, Eclectic Method

4:45 - 5:05 [auditorium]
**How to Make A Political Remix Video: Featured Talk**

Jonathan McIntosh is a pop-culture hacker; video remix artist, citizen photo journalist, new media teacher and activist. He has presented political remix video work at Ars Electronica, the 24/7 DIY Video Summit, the IP/Gender Conference, and the Mashup/Remix Conference. His social justice photography has been featured in magazines, newspapers and documentary films around the world, all licensed through Creative Commons. He is also the co-editor of the Political Remix Video blog. All of Jonathan’s creative work can be found on his site at rebelliouspixels.com

speaker: Jonathan McIntosh — Video Remixer & Activist, rebelliouspixels.com
Developing Critical Student Voices Through Fannie Lou TV (FLTV)

Fannie Lou TV (FLTV) began as part of a school-wide election simulation that mirrored the 2008 Presidential Election. For 3 months the video production class functioned as a community news station covering the election events going on at Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School. Every few weeks an episode of FLTV was uploaded to blip.tv and viewed by the whole school. Following the election FLTV continued to create and air episodes on issues of concern to students such as, sex, racism in the media, and teen relationship abuse. In this session, student report-ers from FLTV will show clips from their shows and discuss how the process of creating FLTV offered them the opportunity to initiate community dialogue within their school.

discussion leader: Pam Sporn — Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School, Bronx, NY
student presenters: Natalee Capella, Charlotte Duaryenneh, Carla Lopez, John Ruiz

Drupal and Plone Video Platform Showcase

A few years ago setting up your own video publishing platform was a difficult task. Now a myriad of open source tech tools exist to build and run your own platform. This session will showcase a handful of cutting edge video hosting and distribution platforms done in Drupal and Plone.

The Open Media Project, an initiative sponsored by the Knight Foundation, is working to leverage Drupal to give local communities more control over their public access channel. The system builds on several existing modules and maintain the suite of new modules through Drupal’s CVS and is developing modules that are flexible enough for a variety of uses beyond public access channels.

Annotation Field is a drupal module, developed Columbia’s Center for New Media Teaching and Learning, which allows annotation for video—including YouTube video—as well as audio, images, and text.

Plumi is a Free Software video sharing Content Management System based on Plone and produced by the EngageMedia collective. Plumi enables you to create your own sophisticated video sharing site; by adding it to an existing Plone instance you can quickly have a wide array of functionality to facilitate video distribution and community creation.

Blue Droplet Video (formerly known as OpenPackage) is a scalable and dynamic video publishing system, built on Drupal.

Institute for the Future’s People of the Screen and the Global Lives Project

David Evan Harris will present preliminary results of People of the Screen, an Institute for the Future research project on the future of the medium of video and the role it will play in our lives over the next 5 to 10 years. David will also present a progress report on the Global Lives Project, a growing video library of human life experience, which now includes 24-hour video recordings of daily life of individuals from Lebanon, Serbia, India, China, Indonesia, Malawi, Brazil, Japan and the US.

presenter: David Evan Harris — Executive Director, Global Lives Project and Research Affiliate, Institute for the Future

The Politics and Poetics of DeCSS: Featured Talk

In this talk, NYU Steinhardt professor Gabriella Coleman visits the protests surrounding the DeCSS arrest and lawsuits that unfolded between 1999 and 2003 in order to examine when and how a new vibrant free speech sensibility was ce-
mented and refined among Free and Open Source developers. Contained within this story are important lessons about the role of conventional protests and unconventional protests (in this case, in the form of poetry and art) for establishing this free speech ethic.

speaker: Gabriella Coleman — Assistant Professor, NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

5:45 - 6:15 [auditorium]
Steal These Films
These panelists are together on one stage for the first time; each directed a feature length film addressing copyright in the digital age. While these films do share a common theme, their approaches to the issue are all radically different. Each was produced in a different country and, not surprisingly, was funded and released in a unique way. Join them as they discuss copyright in the digital age, the craft of filmmaking, and Open Video.

speaker: Jamie King — Director, Steal this Film I & II
speaker: Henrik Moltke — Director, Good Copy Bad Copy
speaker: Brett Gaylor — Director, RIP: A Remix Manifesto

5:45 - 6:15 [seminar I]
Mediaspace Potentials and Mapping Open Video
In the first part of this session Kari-Hans Kommonen will discuss the broader context of digital media evolution. As all media is becoming digital, the media environment is changing from media specific devices and rigid, corporate controlled channels into a flexible, software designable open space, the Mediaspace, where anyone can produce and distribute, a shift that is also the fundamental force driving Open Video. What new potentials does the emerging Mediaspace present for society, media and for Open Video? The second part, hosted by Sanna Marttila, discusses the concept of openness and its various characteristics, and maps different definitions and dimensions in open video. The aim is to shed light on some of the current understandings and emerging practices of open video through online video clips. The mapping is conducted collaboratively online during the conference where everyone is invited to share their videos and views.

presenter: Kari-Hans Kommonen — Director, Arki research group in the Media Lab of University of Art and Design Helsinki
presenter: Sanna Marttila — Researcher and Project Manager, Arki research group in the Media Lab of University of Art and Design Helsinki

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6:15 [auditorium]
Closing Remarks
Closing remarks by Nicholas Reville (Participatory Culture Foundation).

7:00 - 10:00 [Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St]
 Clips! the Open Video After Party
presented by Red Hat, free drinks

10:00 - 10:15 [auditorium]
Opening Remarks
Welcome by Ben Moskowitz (Conference Director). Opening Remarks by Shay David (Yale ISP/Kaltura) and Leah Belsky (Yale ISP/Kaltura).

10:15 - 10:45 [auditorium]
Clay Shirky: Keynote
Clay Shirky is a writer, consultant and teacher on the social and economic effects of Internet technologies. He teaches New Media as an adjunct professor at New York University’s (NYU) graduate Interactive Telecommunications Program. His courses address, among other things, the interrelated effects of the topology of social networks and technological networks, how our networks shape culture and vice-versa. He has written and been interviewed extensively about the Internet since 1996. His columns and writings have appeared in Business 2.0, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Harvard Business Review and Wired.

speaker: Clay Shirky — Professor, Interactive Telecommunications Program at NYU

10:45 - 12:15 [auditorium]
Industry Perspectives
As internet video matures, industry players will play an integral part in shaping the online video ecosystem. A combination of open and proprietary technologies has fueled the development of digital video, making it a staple on the web. How will this relationship unfold in the future? What technologies will power internet video long-term? What forms will video delivery take, and what innovations will propel the medium forward?

Harvard’s Jonathan Zittrain moderates a discussion with industry experts on the future of online video, the role of innovation, and its relationship to open source and open standards.
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moderator: Jonathan Zittrain, Professor, Harvard Law School and co-Founder, Berkman Center for Internet & Society
panelist: Nikhil Chandhok, Senior Product Manager, YouTube
panelist: Mike Hudack, CEO, blip.tv
panelist: Avner Ronen, CEO, Boxee
panelist: Jennifer Taylor, Flash Product Manager, Adobe

10:45 - 12:30 [lecture hall]

Open Video in Education
At the intersection of open content and open tools, leading practitioners and developers of education video initiatives discuss their motivations, concerns, recommendations, and predictions for open video in academia. Themes of this session will address the separation between openness and availability of educational video content: What principles drive educational video practices? How are educational video efforts made to be meaningful within a curricular context? In a perfect world, where all video content and tools are open—enabling collecting, curating, analyzing, editing, sharing—how can educators make meaningful engagements with video?

session leaders: Vince Stehle (Surdna Foundation) and CNMTL

participants include: Representatives from Cambridge University’s Centre for Applied Research in Educational Technologies, Columbia University’s Center for New Media Teaching and Learning, Grantmakers in Film & Electronic Media, Participatory Culture Foundation, University of California, Berkeley’s webcast.berkeley, and University of Ljubljana’s VideoLectures.net. A series of presentations will be followed by a structured discussion.

10:45 - 11:45 [seminar I]

Crowdsourcing an Open Government: Using Distributed Video to Hold the Elected Accountable
The Sunlight Foundation is working to allow citizens, bloggers and journalists become their own best watchdogs by improving access to existing information, digitizing new information, and creating new tools and web sites to enable all of us to collaborate in fostering greater transparency. Thus far, as the Transparency Movement has developed, transparency has meant a primary focus on data sources for budgets, votes, earmarks and other such data that is—should be—available online. As we move forward, though, it will be crucial to incorporate the work of citizen videographers, photographers and others in town halls and state legislatures around the country, to hold elected officials accountable for their words and actions where mere data does not reach. Join this workshop/brainstorm about how we move forward building a citizen-video infrastructure for the Transparency Movement that touches every community in the United States.

presenter: Jason Wishnow — Engagement Director, Sunlight Foundation
presenter: Robert Millis — Capitol Hub
presenter: Abram Stern — UCSC/Metavid

11:45 - 12:30 [seminar I]

Transmedia Activism: Creating a cross-media platform for social issue campaigns
This workshop looks at opportunities to create social change using online tools and cross-media strategies. We will present the basic structure of a transmedia activism campaign and an illustrative case study,” Boomtown Babylon,” a 30-minute interactive web documentary that encompasses a wide range of places, people and stories to present a participatory journey through the most acute extremes of the global urbanization phenomenon. Following will be a “hands-on” opportunity for all workshop participants to build part of a transmedia platform campaign around the presented issue that will demonstrate: issue and goal identification, story universe construction and content distribution. The last part of the workshop will be a conversation amongst all participants to engage with the questions of how and why content makers and activists will find this particular model useful in affecting impact and engagement.

presenter: Vicki Callahan — Associate Professor, UW Milwaukee
presenter: Lotje Sodderland — Director, Boomtown Babylon
presenter: Lina Srivastava — Consultant, Lina Srivastava Consulting

12:15 - 12:30 [auditorium]

A TEDTalk about TED: Featured Talk
Jason Wishnow is a New York-based film director. He is also the Director of Film and Video for TED and co-creator of TEDTalks, the web video series that has been viewed more than 100 million times.

speaker: Jason Wishnow — Director of Film and Video, TED

12:30 - 1:30 [seminar I]

Creative Commons Luncheon: Metadata, RDFa, and Bumpers, Oh My!
In this semi-technical talk, Fred Benenson, Creative Commons’ Product Manager will describe best practices for integrating CC licenses and CC licensed content in video. Also covered will be the various ways in which CC licenses are expressed currently on platforms and in communities, as well as future directions for the public licensing scheme in the video ecosphere. Particular attention will be paid to best practices for attribution, RDFa and HTML5 markup, Ogg Theora license expression and creation of standardized video assets for CC licensing in digital content.

presenter: Fred Benenson — Product Manager, Creative Commons
12:30 - 1:30 [seminar II]

Open Video in Europe Luncheon

In this session, representatives from the European movement for open video will share their efforts and meet others working toward openness. Representatives from the Italy-based Telematics Freedom Foundation will present their research on the state of open source media centers.

1:30 - 2:00 [auditorium]

Xeni Jardin: Keynote

She’s the co-editor of Boing Boing and host/executive producer of the daily internet video program Boing Boing tv—she’s Xeni Jardin!

In addition to her work at Boing Boing, Xeni also contributes to WIRED, National Public Radio’s “Day to Day,” and hosts NPR’s “Xeni Tech” podcast. She has been published in online and print versions of publications including the Los Angeles Times, MSNBC, WIRED News, Playboy, Popular Science, Gotham, Nerve, Grammy Magazine, Make, and more. Xeni is a very unique mix of journalist, unpop-cultural commentator, geek, and video producer.

Xeni will relate her recent experiences in Guatemala, where serious political and social unrest has been spreading through social networks and other citizen driven media.

speaker: Xeni Jardin — Co-editor, BoingBoing.net

2:05 - 2:35 [seminar I]

Second Hand FilmMaking, Clever TV and ArtHouse Pirates

In 2008 and 2009 Turkish Cinema is booming and Turkey’s box office is impressive. While this development has continued over the past years, a number of small festivals and public screenings of home grown videos are expanding into the former realm of established film festivals. What might have started as a trend of student video festivals around 10 years ago culminates in a different type of public entertainment, which more closely resembles online video and P2P sharing than traditional cinema. This presentation is based on observations in Ankara and Istanbul tries to localize this variety of public and individual media usage.

presenter: Andreas Treske — Assistant Professor of Communication and Design, Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey

2:05 - 2:45 [seminar II]

FOSS Editing Showcase

In this session representatives from various free and open source non-linear video editing solutions will present their projects.

PiTiVi is an open source video editor, written in Python and based on GStreamer and GTK+.

Lumiera is a Free/Open Source Non-Linear Video Editing (NLE) application project for GNU/Linux developed by the CinelerraCV community.

Cinelerra is the most advanced non-linear video editor and compositor for Linux.
Blender is an open source, cross-platform suite of tools for 3D creation.

presenter: Scott Frase — Cinelerra
presenter: Edward Hervey — PiTiVi
presenter: Tom Judge — Lumiera
presenter: Bassam Kurdali — Blender
presenter: Fateh Slavitsky — Blender
presenter: Raffaella Tranitello — Cinelerra and Lumiera

2:35 - 3:50 [seminar I]
**Metadata Roundtable II: Best Practices**
Metadata may seem a dry subject, a matter behind the scenes that mainly interests geeks. However, the people who work to untangle it are often motivated by farther reaching passions and goals. Metadata allows for better indexing, search, and navigation. It allows for exciting new tools for discovering, watching, and monetizing online video. In this roundtable, we will discuss the immense benefits of open metadata standards embraced across the industry, which include but are not limited at: higher government transparency, increased learning opportunities, improved delivery and collection of moving images online, and helping titans from Hollywood and the advertising industry to step into the digital realm with confidence. Join us to learn how sexy metadata can be!

session leader: Devon Capley — Fellow, Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University
participant: Brian Chirls — Three Eyed Labs
participant: Ben Dean-Kawamura — Developer, Participatory Culture Foundation
participant: Mario Pena — SafeCreative
participant: David Rice — AudioVisual Preservation Solutions

2:45 - 3:15 [seminar II]
**What Open Video Makers Want: Roundtable Discussion**
Free and open source editing and distribution technologies are a critical piece of the puzzle, yet they have a way to go before they can be approached by casual and non-technical users. In this session, video creators and developers of tools for open video will engage in a discussion of how to move the medium forward.

session leader: Edward Hervey — Developer, PiTiVi
session leader: Ryanne Hodson — Video Maker, ryanishungry.com
session leader: Colby Hoke — Producer, Brand Communications/Design, Red Hat
session leader: Michael Verdi — Video Maker, michaelverdi.com
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Amy Goodman: Keynote
Amy Goodman, host and executive producer of the news program Democracy Now!, often asks questions nobody else will ask, bringing her viewers and listeners the sort of information you can only get from independent media. Goodman believes that journalists should serve as a check to the powers that be. Democracy Now! is currently aired on over 700 radio and television stations. The program has proven the power of grassroots analog media, and has also been a pioneer in online publishing. The show streamed live audio over the internet as far back as 1997 and they currently offer the program in full-resolution over bittorrent. While the technology has never been the focus, Goodman is a strong advocate for more open and decentralized forms of publishing; she spoke on related issues at the National Conference for Media Reform in 2008.

Goodman will relate her experience as an independent journalist, and how a more open future can bolster the efforts of people working in similar grassroots capacities all over the world.

speaker: Amy Goodman — Host, Democracy Now!

Independent Producers in a Changing Web World
What made the concept of web video tangible to companies like Hulu, YouTube, and the major networks and studios? The huge success garnered by talented independent producers showcasing their work online for free. The end result? Companies hiring these people to create original content. Sadly though, thanks to the changing economy, near impossible sustainable viewership, and ad dollars gone, most of these sites and studios have folded, and most of the content is now being produced from inside the system for completely different reasons. Are the glory days and the hopes and dreams of the indie web producer gone?

Hear the reality of the situation from some of the most successful independent producers in internet history, who have tens of millions of views and worked for major brands and networks, as well as members of digital studios who are able to survive the collapse of many of their competitors. Is there true revenue for you outside the system? Does it make sense to even pursue creating content in this new way vs. traditional media? Is Open Video a blessing or a curse? Did these pioneers in the

Royalty-Free Codecs and Standardization: Working Group
This working group brings together leaders in the development of royalty-free and open source video codecs to meet and share insights. This is an opportunity for developers to meet other individuals working on parallel tracks, and to coordinate further collaboration for Sunday’s hack day and beyond.

discussion leader: David Schleef — Dirac

discussion leader: Timothy Terriberry — Xiph.org
Emerging Video Art

Two leading figures from the art and technology world will discuss the role that open video has to play in artistic creation, and specific projects that embody this. Tribe, a preeminent video artist, will discuss his Port Huron project, and Cornell, Executive Director of Rhizome, will focus on how remix culture and free expression are synonymous with artistic video creation.

Speaker: Lauren Cornell — Executive Director, Rhizome and Adjunct Curator, The New Museum
Speaker: Mark Tribe — Artist and Professor, Brown University

Who Owns Popular Culture? Remix and Fair-Use in the Age of Corporate Mass Media: Panel

Our shared popular culture is driven by Hollywood movies, television shows, video games and the latest musical hits. Due to its ubiquitous nature, it is entrenched in our everyday lives, becoming part of the language we speak to each other and also shaping how we see the world around us. Since pop culture is largely created, distributed and owned by a few major media corporations, copyright laws restrict its public use. Given the tight control of these powerful institutions, how can remixers, artists, educators, youtubers and filmmakers find ways to speak using our shared pop cultural language? How does fair-use intersect with copyright regarding our artistic rights to create, criticize and build on the past? This panel will attempt to demystify fair use and re-imagine what a truly public popular media culture might look like.

Moderator: Jonathan McIntosh — video remix artist and activist, rebelliouspixels.com
Panelist: Francesca Coppa — Director of Film Studies and Associate Professor, English at Muhlenberg College
Panelist: Elisa Kreisinger — Remixer, writer, and video artist, elisakreisinger.com
Panelist: Karl Fogel — questioncopyright.org
Panelist: Neil Sieling — New Media Fellow, The Center for Social Media at American University

Online Video Culture: The Case of Fansubs, Anime Music Videos, and Copyright

The first fansubs (episodes of Japanese animation subtitled by fans, for fans) and AMVs (anime music videos, in which Japanese animation is timed to music) were produced in the United States in the 1980s on VCR players. Twenty years later, these pieces of videography have proliferated across the Internet, creating an online video culture that has clashed with commercial forces as new issues of distribution and copyright have arisen. Alex Leavitt, a researcher of anime & manga studies and an analyst on the YouTomb project, will discuss the involvement of these fan groups with “illegal” production and file sharing; the videos’ ramifications on copyright law and discussions of free use; and the cultural flow of these fan-produced videos in contention with the new commercial and legal models of streaming sites (Crunchyroll, FUNimation, & Hulu) and sharing hubs (YouTube & Nico Nico Douga).

Presenter: Alex Leavitt — Student, Boston University

HTML5 and <video>: Working Group

This working group brings together individuals and groups to discuss the implementation of video using the HTML5 draft standard. This is an opportunity for developers and others to meet and introduce themselves, and to coordinate further collaboration for Sunday’s hack day and beyond.

Discussion Leader: Chris Double — Mozilla Corporation
Discussion Leader: Silvia Pfeiffer — Annodex Foundation
Participant: Michael Dale — Wikimedia/Metavid
Participant: Jan Gerber — Firefogg
Participant: Philip Jagenstedt — Opera Software

Note: Active participation is open to anyone interested in HTML5.

Purefold an Open Media Franchise by Ridley Scott: Featured Talk

Ridley Scott is involved a new production called Purefold, which will be done in five separate 10-minute installments. The story is set shortly before 2019 (right ahead of the Blade Runner story). “It’s actually based on the same themes as Blade Runner,” series co-producer David Bausola told The New York Times. “It’s the search for what it means to be human and understanding the notion of empathy.” The series will be licensed with Creative Commons.

Speaker: David Bausola — Co-Producer, Purefold
Mozilla is a major force for free and open video on the web. Early this year, Mozilla announced native support for the open-source Theora codec in Firefox. Online video is currently a mess of proprietary formats, license fees, and plugins: Mozilla is working toward a future in which all the needed playback tools work out of the box.

Red Hat is one of the oldest and most well known Linux vendors in the world. They specialize in enterprise computing and provide operating-system platforms, applications, support, training, and consulting services. Red Hat also fosters the Fedora project, a Linux distribution that is developed and overseen by a mix of community coders and Red Hat employees.
ORGANIZERS

The Participatory Culture Foundation is a non-profit established in 2005 with the mission of bringing people and culture together. They have done so through their flagship product, Miro, a free and open source desktop video application.

Kaltura is a company that has created a widely integrated open source video platform. Being open source, Kaltura prides itself on being highly customizable, extremely reliable, and free.

The Information Society Project is a center that focuses on how the internet and new technologies affect law and society. The Information Society Project addresses, as they put it, the “interplay between memes, genes, and bits”—knowledge and culture, people and biology, and technology.

iCommons is an organization that encourages open education, access to knowledge, free software, open access publishing, and free culture in order to build a worldwide commons.

SPONSORS

Intelligent Television produces video and conducts research on media trends in close association with leading cultural and educational institutions like the American Antiquarian Society, Columbia University, the Library of Congress, the National Academy of Sciences, and Thirteen/WNET.

Livestream technology democratizes television on a global scale. They provide a highly effective, easy-to-use TV studio with the power to create live original programming, controlled by users, and embedable on any website.

see3 is a national provider of interactive services to the nonprofit and cause community. For years, See3 has been leading the nonprofit sector in online video adoption.

Pond5 provides a unique platform for buying and selling production quality stock footage clips (short video segments that are licensed for use in other productions).

Level 3 Communications, one of the leading providers of fiber-based communications services. For content owners and creators, Level 3 offers advanced content delivery network capabilities to support online delivery of next-generation communications services.

The Sunlight Foundation was founded in 2006 with the goal of increasing transparency in American politics. Sunlight is actively making good on the potential of the internet to empower citizens and improve the quality of public discourse.

Akamai provides market-leading managed services for powering rich media, dynamic transactions, and enterprise applications online.

Safe Creative is a free online global intellectual property registry, making it easy for users to register their works with licenses ranging from “all rights reserved” to “some rights reserved”.

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The Berkman Center for Internet & Society is a research center that promotes collaboration between faculty, students, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and more in order to investigate cyberspace and contribute to its progress.

The Information Law Institute at NYU School of Law is an academic center that studies information in the digital age—how it is produced, manipulated, stored, disseminated, and accessed.

Creative Commons, a nonprofit corporation founded in 2001, provides free licenses that allow anybody to easily share their works—including video—within the bounds of existing copyright law.
Free Press is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to media reform. The group stresses public participation in the media, including supporting independent media operations and promoting universal access to communications.

Columbia University’s Center for New Media Teaching and Learning is an institution built around the purpose of utilizing new media in education.

The Telematics Freedom Foundation is an organization based in Rome that aims to spread freedom among new technology, telematics, and the internet.

Big Think seeks to satisfy the gap between the community-building nature of the internet and a globe full of great minds and leaders.

The Workbook Project, a self-described “open source social experiment,” aims to create a repository of information to help content creators maximize their potential and outreach on the internet.

Magnify.net provides Video 2.0 curation solutions for publishers, e-commerce companies, and web sites.

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Public Knowledge is a Washington, D.C.-based public interest group working to defend citizens’ rights in the emerging digital culture. We promote innovation and the rights of consumers, while working to stop any bad legislation from passing that would slow technology innovation, shrink the public domain, or prevent fair use.

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