

John Carr und Jutta Croll: Der Einfluss von Domainnamen auf die Rechte von Kindern im Internet

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Angesichts der zentralen Bedeutung des Internets für Kinder im 21. Jahrhundert können das Domain Name System (DNS) und die Verfahren, die zur Vergabe von Domain-Namen führen, entscheidenden Einfluss auf die Rechte von Kindern auf Zugang, Schutz und Teilhabe haben. Der Grund dafür liegt in den Vertragsbedingungen, zu denen ICANN Domainnamen vergibt. Diese können entweder Maßnahmen zur Wahrung jener Rechte vorsehen oder sie können großzügiger gestaltet sein und so den Weg freimachen für Absichten, die diese Rechte und die Sicherheit von Kindern gefährden. Der Artikel beschreibt die Infrastruktur der Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers – ICANN und bietet eine Perspektive sowohl auf das Potenzial des DNS zur Verwirklichung der Kinderrechte als auch auf die Verpflichtungen der für die Verwaltung des DNS Verantwortlichen, das heißt ICANN selbst sowie der Registries und Registrare gegenüber Kindern.

Given the central importance of the internet to children's lives in the 21st Century the Domain Name System (DNS) can have a decisive impact on children's rights. This is because the contractual terms on which a domain is allocated by ICANN can either require relevant actors to take steps to protect children's rights to access, protection and participation or they can be silent or more permissive, thereby opening the way for bad actors to put those rights and children's safety in jeopardy. This paper describes the underlying infrastructure of the Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers – ICANN – and offers a perspective on the potential of the DNS to contribute to children's rights and on the obligations of those responsible for managing the DNS to have in regard to children's rights.

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