

Declaration of Principles for Netspace and Internet Research

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- The Center for Internet Research was formed to help shape the new discipline of "Internet" and "Netspace" studies. It is based in collaborative technologies therefore allowing "distance" based associations and projects. Those that disparage this raise false arguments and are not leveraging the capabilities of the Internet in their thinking.
- We have no commercial agenda or purpose. To that end, we support any and all activities that embrace the level of scholarship required. This includes organizations such as AOIR, Web Science, IxDa, IAI, SciP, ACM, EFF, NACOL, Monterey Institute, and IEEE to mention only a few.
- We embrace "open access" to scholarly works and will endeavor to publish accordingly.
- We challenge the elitism of "peer review", the inherent social control, and stratification it fosters. We are open to suggestions for an alternate system.
- We believe that the "Internet" and "Netspace" are separable but reflexive and for the purpose of scholarship must be operationally defined.
- We believe that Internet scholarship should embrace the full spectrum digital technologies that assist communications. To do otherwise reflects a deeper misunderstanding or ignorance of the subjects themselves.
- We believe that rigorous Internet and Netspace scholarship is occurring in both academic and non-academic domains and that "authority" is not the privilege of either.
- We believe that in the spirit of cross-disciplinary communications it is basic to develop the appropriate cognitive frameworks to support the various disciplinaritys and level of collaboration.
- We believe that in defining the application of the various disciplinaritys and perspectives it is essential to explicitly define the levels of collaboration and cross methodologies.
- We believe that rules of discourse should be explicitly defined and not subject to social custom or tacit understanding.
- We believe scientific communications should not be closed to dispute and public examination of those disputes.
- We believe in attacking the message not the messenger.
- We believe that all attempts to communicate should not be academically dense and pretentious. This will enable the body of stakeholders to be received as credible, understandable, and accountable.
- We should make all attempts possible to embrace the deep learning of the various disciplinaritys, while at the same time encouraging them to seek a broader base of scientific solutions and schema.
- We believe that defense of the status quo reflects on the defender more than the challenger.
- We believe that disciplinaritys investigating in parallel does nothing to lead towards establishing a unique field of investigation.
- We believe that all methodologies should be scholarly and rigorous, be they quantitative or qualitative.
- We believe in trans-disciplinarity as an "ideal" of true scholarship.

These beliefs are supported by:

"The Production Of Knowledge" by Gibbons et al

"Disciplinary differences and University Teaching" by Ruth Neumann

"Multidisciplinary Working Group" by Martin Schoonen

"Cross Talking" by Jeanette D. Hoit

"Hypercomplexity and Digital Media Studies" by Jeff Rutenbeck

"The Hypercomplex Society" by Lars Qvortrup