



Barbara Van Schewick

M. Elizabeth Magill Professor of Law
Stanford Law School

Bio

BIO

Barbara van Schewick is an Associate Professor of Law and Helen L. Crocker Faculty Scholar at Stanford Law School, Director of Stanford Law School's Center for Internet and Society, and Associate Professor (by courtesy) of Electrical Engineering in Stanford University's Department of Electrical Engineering, and a leading expert on network neutrality.

Van Schewick's research on the economic, regulatory, and strategic implications of communication networks bridges law, networking and economics. Her Internet Architecture and Innovation (MIT Press 2010) is considered to be the seminal work on the science, economics and policy of network neutrality. Her papers on network neutrality have influenced regulatory debates in the United States, Canada and Europe.

In 2007, van Schewick was one of three academics who, together with public interest groups, filed the petition that started the Federal Communications Commission's network neutrality inquiry into Comcast's blocking of BitTorrent and other peer-to-peer protocols. She has testified before the FCC in en banc hearings and she co-authored an amicus brief along with Professors Jack Balkin, Lawrence Lessig, and Tim Wu, among others defending the FCC order that ordered Comcast to stop interfering with BitTorrent.

Prior to joining the Stanford Law faculty, van Schewick was a senior researcher at the Technical University Berlin, and a nonresidential fellow of Stanford Law School's Center for Internet and Society. From August 2000 to November 2001, she was that Center's first residential fellow. Van Schewick is on the Advisory Board of Public Knowledge.

Van Schewick holds a PhD in Computer Science, an MSc in Computer Science, and a BSc in Computer Science, all summa cum laude from Technical University Berlin, the Second State Exam in Law (equivalent of Bar Exam), summa cum laude, from the Higher Regional Court Berlin and the First State Exam in Law (equivalent of J.D.), summa cum laude, from Free University Berlin.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Stanford Law School

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Scientific Award, German Foundation for Law and Computer Science (2005)
- Award in Memory of Dieter Meurer, German Association for the Use of Information Technology in Law (2006)
- Research Prize Technical Communication, Alcatel-Lucent Stiftung for Communications Research (2010)

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Antitrust: LAW 1001 (Spr)
- Externship, Special Circumstances: LAW 884 (Spr)
- Net Neutrality: LAW 4056 (Win)

2022-23

- Antitrust: LAW 1001 (Spr)
- Media, Technology, and the First Amendment: LAW 4001 (Win)
- Policy Practicum: Restoring Net Neutrality: LAW 808Q (Aut)

2021-22

- Antitrust: LAW 1001 (Spr)
- Net Neutrality and Broadband Deployment: LAW 4056 (Win)
- Policy Practicum: Restoring Net Neutrality: LAW 808Q (Spr)

2020-21

- Antitrust: LAW 1001 (Spr)
- Media, Technology, and the First Amendment: LAW 4001 (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Network Neutrality Nuances Point** *COMMUNICATIONS OF THE ACM*
van Schewick, B., Farber, D.
2009; 52 (2): 31-34