

# **Sascha Meinrath**

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## **Biography**

Sascha Meinrath is the Palmer Chair in Telecommunications at Penn State and director of X-Lab, an innovative think tank focusing on the intersection of vanguard technologies and public policy. Meinrath is a renowned technology policy expert and is internationally recognized for his work over the past two decades as a community internet pioneer, social entrepreneur and angel investor.

He was elected as an Ashoka Fellow for Social Entrepreneurship in 2012, and has been named to the Time Magazine "Tech 40" as one of the most influential figures in technology; to the "Top 100" in Newsweek's Digital Power Index; and is a recipient of the Public Knowledge IP3 Award for excellence in public interest advocacy.

Meinrath is a regular columnist for the Christian Science Monitor and is widely published in both academic and media outlets.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Telecommunications, Public Policy, Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Social Entrepreneurship, Start-Ups, Open Source, Surveillance , Digital Feudalism, Digital Craftmanship, Telecommunications and Spectrum Policy, Cybersecurity and Privacy, Disruptive Technology, Distributed Communications, Civil Liberties, Internet of Things, Public Interest Sector, Open Technology

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## **Affiliations**

Ashoka : Fellow, Acorn Active Media Foundation : President, X-Lab : Director, Awesome Foundation DC : Trustee, Penn State University : Palmer Chair in Telecommunications, President of the Board : 4th Amendment Advisory Committee, President of the Board : Rights and Dissent Foundation, Co-Founder : Civil Liberties Coalition, Founder : Open Technology Institute

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## **Education**

Institute of Communications Research  
Ph.D.

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
M.A. Psychology

**Yale University**  
B.A. Psychology

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## **Accomplishments**

**Ashoka Fellow for Social Entrepreneurship**  
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