CYBER ANARCHIZATION OF THE INTERNET IN UGANDA AND TANZANIA

"Cyber Anarchy". Is internet governance anarchical in nature?

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By using the term Cyber Anarchy we connote the absence of a central authority in the governance of internet at the global level to order state behaviors.. This means governing the internet in which rules apply just like in international and normative laws is cumbersome. States such as Tanzania and Uganda govern internet on the basis of their sovereign authority, its primacy within the international system and often or completely ignores international internet norms, declaration and principles to mention but a few. Tanzania enacted the 2015 Cyber Crime Act which is now used to stifle internet rights of users including journalists, activists. The cyber act 2015 focuses on 'publication of false information' and yet the context of 'false information 'remains ambiguous and largely relative' depending to whose perspective between the regime, subscribers or civil society. The Ugandan State on the other hand, has repeatedly shut down its internet, arrested journalist and bloggers and used the Computer Misuse Act 2011 as a weapon to silence critics. The internet in the two countries have become highly politicized. This arrangement of things has caused cyber phobia among users. It is through the veins of such an insight for internet governance in which the term "cyberanachization" was conceived to clarify that the state of internet governance in Tanzania and Uganda is anarchical in nature. This panel will bring Tanzania and Uganda Rights Activist, researchers and academics to interrogate the negative societal consequences brought about by internet revolution within the lenses of international relations. Realism as a theory will underpin this discussion. The UN mandated Global Stability of the Cyber Space (GSCS) will be brought on board to discuss efforts aimed at responsible state behaviours in the cyber space and what needs to be done about it.