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IGF 101 (optional)

Once Upon a Time





INTERNET
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Identity crisis



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Identity crisis (psychology)

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This article is about the psychological term. For other uses, see [Identity crisis](#).

Erik Erikson, the psychologist who coined the term **identity crisis**, believes that the identity crisis is the most important conflict human encounter when they go through [eight developmental stages](#) in life.

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Description

The [identity](#) is "a subjective sense as well as an observable quality of personal sameness and continuity, paired with some belief in the sameness and continuity of some shared world image. As a quality of unself-conscious living, this can be gloriously obvious in a young person who has found himself as he has found his community. In him we see emerge a unique unification of what is irreversibly given—that is, type and temperament, giftedness and vulnerability, innate models and acquired ideals—with the open choices provided in available occupational possibilities, values offered, mentors met, friendships made, and first sexual encounters." (Erikson, 1970.)

According to Erikson's stages, the onset of the identity crisis is in the teenage years, and only individuals who succeed in resolving this will be ready to face future challenges in life. But the identity crisis may well be recurring, as the changing world demands us to constantly redefine ourselves. Erikson suggested that people experience an identity crisis when they lose "a sense of personal sameness and continuity". Given today's rapid development in technology, global economy, dynamics in local and world politics, identity crises are estimated to be more common now than 30 years ago, when Erikson formed his theory.

Narrow definition



United States



Private sector



European Union



Internet governance

“global management of the core resources of the Internet”

arcane powers conferred by the Wizard

- domain names
- IP addresses
- Internet protocols
- Root Server System

The Rabbit Hole



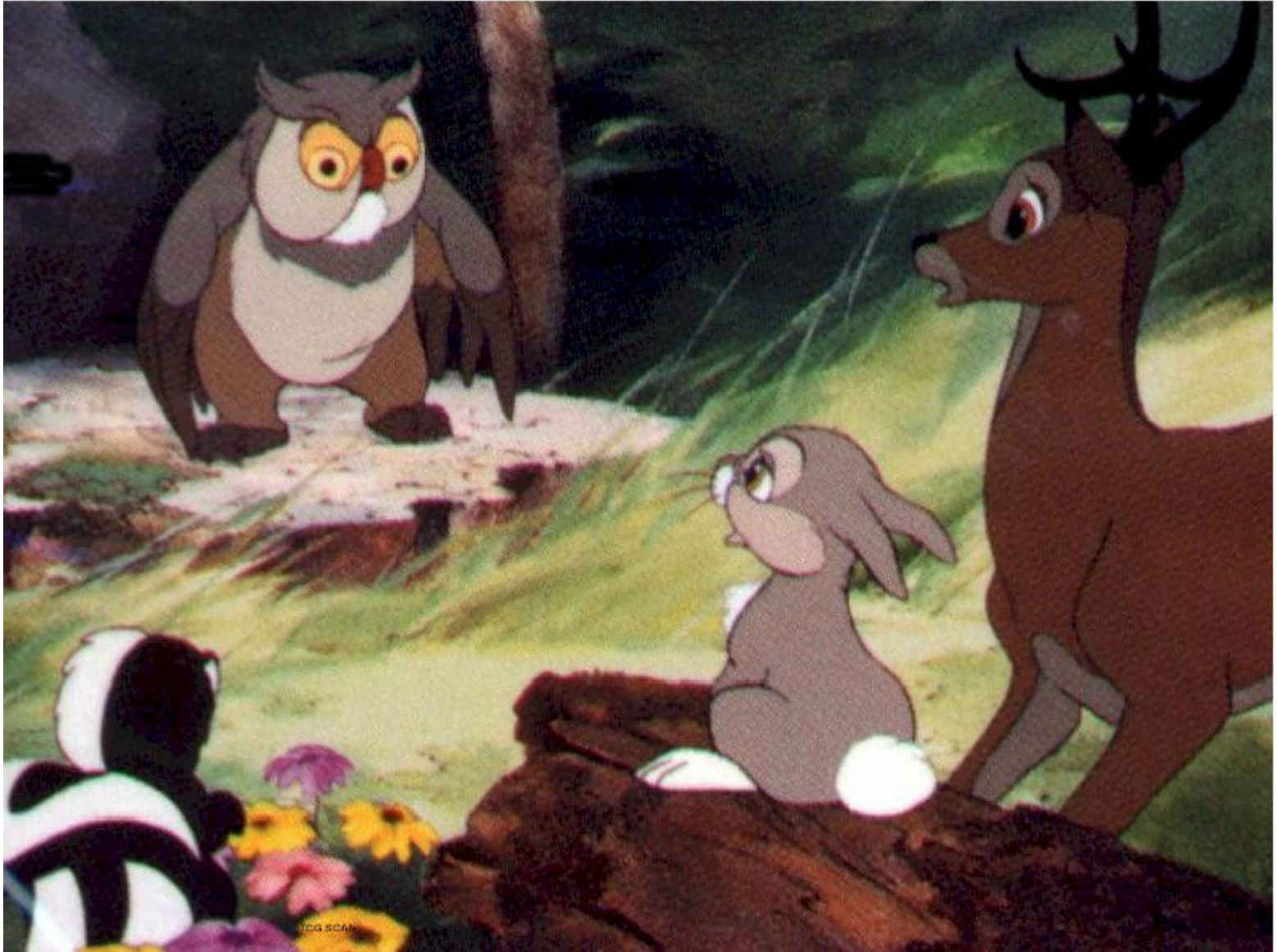
The Rabbit Hole







Animal species



Fairy godmothers



ITU

WIPO

WTO...

WSIS 2005: Tunis



IIN Secretary General



“to convene a new forum for multi-stakeholder **policy** dialogue”

IGF

- not a new organization
- nor a decision making body
- an experiment in international cooperation
- adapting global governance needs to the 21st century
- searching for new forms of international cooperation
- recognizing non-state actors



Perception

- personality
- focus
- associations
- previous experiences
- expectations
- phenomenological reality
- consensus reality

IGF 2006: Athens

- innovative character; useful dialogue space
- open and inclusive preparatory process
- 2 rounds of open consultations
- IGF Web site
- Advisory Group
- submission of papers

IGF 2006: Athens (cont.)

- synthesis paper
- timing of sessions and workshops
- the four themes were well received
- no negotiation pressure
- professional moderators
- workshops
- Dynamic Coalitions
- too many people

IGF 2007: Rio

- Advisory Group
- synthesis paper
- resource people
- non overlapping schedule
- critical Internet resources panel
- less panelists with discussants
- workshop mergers

Highlights

- best practices
- IG at national level
- IGF as a platform (ICANN, ITU, OECD, UNESCO...)
- IGF as annual meeting to discuss policy issues

IGF functions

- help shape public opinion; impact decision-making
- prepare ground for negotiations
- platform to bring all stakeholders together
- facilitate policy coherence in national, regional and international levels

Thank you!

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