GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
IN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA
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U.S. Participants: Peter Shane, Jennifer Evans-Cowley, David Landsbergen, Gary Cavin
PRC Participants: Ma Zhejun, Fang Shirong, Chen Jiachao; Sun Damin; Shu Aixiang; Zheng Jing

SCHEDULE

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Introduction of Participants
9:35-9:50 Question Time
9:50-10:10 Professor Shu Aixaing: “Public Participation in China’s Local Government Public Administration”
10:10-10:30 Director Gary Cavin, “City of Columbus: Citizen-Centered Government”
10:30-10:40 Coffee Break
10:40-11:00 Professor David Landsbergen, “Government as Part of the Social Media Revolution”
11:00-11:30 Group Discussion About Local Government
11:30-12:15 Professor Peter Shane, “Online Citizen Consultation in the U.S.”
12:15-12:45 Lunch and Presentation by Professor Jennifer Evans-Cowley, “SNAPP - Engaging Citizens in Conversations Around Public Transit”
12:45-1:15 Group Discussion About Online Citizen Consultation
1:15-1:45 Professor Sun Damin, “The system and practice of China’s government affairs information disclosure”
1:45-2:15 Professor Peter Shane, “Open Records and Government Data-Sharing in the United States”
2:15-2:45 Professor Fang Shirong, “Public participation in the legislative process of China”
2:45-3:00 Concluding Remarks
U.S. Participants

Gary Cavin is Director of Technology and the Chief Information Officer for the City of Columbus. Cavin serves as an advisor to the Mayor on information technologies and also assists the Mayor in establishing citywide information systems policies. He directs the development and maintenance of the City’s information systems, and promotes use of appropriate technologies to facilitate efficient and effective service delivery. A few of the systems under Cavin’s direction that the public would find familiar are the web payment system, the Government Television channel GTC3, and the city’s 311 Service Center. He also coordinates technological policies with other governmental entities. Cavin joined the City of Columbus in 1993 and has previously served in various positions within the Department of Development. He joined the Mayor’s Senior Staff as Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Operations.

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