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Profile

Maria Schaake (Marietje) Schaake is the International Policy Director at Stanford's Cyber Policy Center, as well as International Policy Fellow at Stanford's Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI). She taught 'AI and the Rule of Law: a Global Perspective', 'Technology and the 2020 Election' and 'Governing Artificial Intelligence: Law, Policy, and Institutions'.

She writes a monthly column for the Financial. At the CyberPeace Institute (CPI) she took the role of President between September 2019 and December 2021.

Between July 2009 and July 2019, Marietje served as a Member of European Parliament. A notably active Member from the Netherlands according to VoteWatch, she was regarded by Politico and the Wall Street Journal as one of the most technology-savvy members. The [New Yorker](#) profiled her not long after her move to the United States.

Schaake led the team of her political group on the International Trade committee and served as spokesperson on trans-Atlantic and digital trade. In the committee of Foreign Affairs, she focused on North Africa and the Middle East, defence cooperation and human rights. As Chair of the Foreign Affairs Budget Working Group she oversaw billions of Euros in foreign policy spending. Moreover, she served as Vice-President of the US Delegation and on the Iran Delegation and the Delegation for the Arab Peninsula. In 2017, she was Chief Observer of the EU Election Observation Mission in Kenya.

A member of the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace, the Transatlantic Commission on Election Integrity and founder of the European Parliament Intergroup on the European Digital Agenda, Schaake develops solutions to strengthen the rule of law online. Connecting the worlds of technology and politics, and condensing complex concepts to reach wider audiences, are areas in which she displays particular insight and knowledge. She finds new avenues at the intersection of governance and technology and has initiated the net neutrality law now in effect throughout Europe.

Schaake holds a Master's degree in American Studies with a Minor degree in New Media from the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. At Harvard, US, and Oxford, UK, she concluded executive courses. A Dutch native speaker, she is fluent in English with working knowledge of French and German.

Schaake is connected to several civic initiatives as a Board Member or Advisor.

Professional experience

- Mar. 2021 – Present Senior Advisor, Technology and Geopolitics for non-for-profit clients, Eurasia Group, New York, USA
- Nov. 2019 – Present International Director of Policy, Cyber Policy Center and International Policy Fellow, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, Stanford University, California, USA
- 2019 – 2021 President, CyberPeace Institute, Geneva, Switzerland (part-time)
- 2009 – 2019 **Member of the European Parliament D66 / ALDE**
Member of International Trade Committee
- Negotiation legislative texts
 - Interaction with private sector, academic and civil society representatives
- Chair of Working Group of Foreign Affairs Committee on External Financial Instruments
- Scrutinizing billions Euros in EU foreign affairs spending
 - Board Member of Madad Fund for Syrian Refugees
- Vice President Delegation for relations with United States
- Liaising with members of US House of Representatives and US Senate as well as government representatives, private sector and civil society
- Substitute Member of Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Addressing foreign affairs issues through parliamentary actions with aim to strengthen EU leadership and impact
 - Member of Sub Committee on Human Rights
 - Member of Delegation for relations with Iran
- Chief Observer EU Election Observation Mission to Kenya (2017)
- Leading a multicultural team of hundreds of experts and election observers
 - Deciding on sensitive security and political matters
- 2006 – 2009 **Independent Consultant**
- Worked for private sector, civil society, diplomats
 - Focused on civil rights and public diplomacy

Board Membership

Advisory Board Observer Research Foundation India
Advisory Board, European Union Agency for Cybersecurity
Advisory Board, Reset
Advisory Board, Schweitz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society, University of Toronto
Advisory Board, MERICS
Global Advisory Board, International Committee for the Red Cross
Supervisory Board, HD Centre
Supervisory Board, Bellingcat
Supervisory Board, Quantum Delta Delft

Board of Trustees, European Council on Foreign Relations
Board, Access Now
Board, Prince Claus Fund

Membership

Member High-Level Panel of Legal Experts, International Bar Association
Appointed OSCE Expert on Media Freedom
Co-Chair, Future Council on Data Governance, World Economic Forum (2021)
Ad hoc Member of The Netherlands Research Council for Security to investigate Vulnerabilities in Software following the securitybreach of Citrix (2021)
Co-Chair High-Level Transatlantic Working Group (2019-2020)
Member Global Commission on Stability of Cyberspace (2017-2019)
World Economic Forum, Young Global Leaders (2014-2019)
Chair CEPS Taskforce on Software Vulnerabilities Disclosure (2018)
Global Commission on Internet Governance (2014-2016)

Public Speaking and Media

Frequent speaker at international conferences, thinktanks and universities, among others: Inaugural Obama Summit, Munich Security Conference, WEF Davos, Democracy Summit, RightsCon, UN Internet Governance Forum, Raisina Dialogues, European University Institute, Harvard University, Columbia University

Regular media appearances including a monthly column in Financial Times

Select publications

“Governing Artificial Intelligence in the Public Interest” with Mariana Mazzucato, Summer 2022
“The Lawless Realm, Countering the Real Cyberthreat”, Foreign Affairs, Nov/Dec, 2020
“A Rules-Based Order to Keep the Internet Open and Secure”, Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, October 30, 2018
“Europe Should Give Meaning to the Rule of Law Online”, Europe’s World, Spring 2017
“Towards a Values-Based European Foreign Policy to Cybersecurity”, Journal of Cyber Policy, January 2016

Fellowships

Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia (2004)

US House of Representatives (2005)

Education

Executive courses: Harvard, USA (2016), Oxford, UK (2018)
University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Master’s Degree in American Studies, minor in New Media Studies (2004)

Languages

Dutch: Native speaker
English: Fluent

German: Working knowledge
French: Working knowledge