

Daniel Domscheit-Berg

One of the Founders of OpenLeaks

"Daniel Domscheit-Berg is a former spokesperson and "number two guy" at WikiLeaks"

Daniel Domscheit-Berg is a German technology activist and IT security expert. He helped build the WikiLeaks platform from late 2007 to September 2010 and acted as its spokesperson under the pseudonym Daniel Schmitt. He quit WikiLeaks over disputes about its strategic orientation, lack of transparency and management style.

TOPICS:

- Artificial Intelligence & The Challenges of Human-Machine-Coexistance
- Internet Security
- Transparency and Privacy in a Digital World
- Smart Homes, The Internet of Things, 3D Printing, Autonomous Vehicles
- Digital Ethics
- Whistleblowing

LANGUAGES:

He presents in German and English.

PUBLICATIONS:

2011 Inside WikiLeaks

IN DETAIL:

Daniel's pre-WikiLeaks career involved building large-scale networks for the automotive and transport industries. Recognised as one of Foreign Policy magazine's Top 100 Global Thinkers in 2011, today he actively contributes to internet projects promoting privacy, anonymity and decentralised infrastructure. In 2017, he founded Verstehbahnhof, a collaborative makerspace and educational hub in Brandenburg. The initiative brings together young people, educators, and technologists to explore programming, electronics, and digital fabrication. It has grown into an inspiring ecosystem for digital education, demonstrating Daniel's belief that access to technology and knowledge should be democratic, inclusive, and community-driven.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Daniel combines rare insider experience from WikiLeaks with a forward-looking vision of ethical digital transformation. He offers audiences thought-provoking insights into transparency, digital governance, and civic empowerment, grounded in both high-level activism and hands-on education.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

Daniel bridges real-world stories (from the trenches of transparency activism) with forward-looking implications for business, society and individuals.