

# PROGRAMME

## DISINFORMATION IN MEMORY POLITICS PRACTICES AND WAYS OF PREVENTION

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11-13 May 2021

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**11/05/2021 TUESDAY**

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**14:00 CEST**

**OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

**MODERATOR:**

- Prof. Ewelina Szpak
- Prof. Remus Pricopie
- Prof. Jan Rydel
- Costel Lazăr
- Prof. Florin Abraham

**14:30–16:00 CEST**

**OPENING DISCUSSION:**

**Truth and disinformation: theoretical and ethical approaches**

**MODERATORS:**

- Prof. Constantin Iordachi
- Prof. Ewelina Szpak

**PANELISTS:**

- Prof. Nicholas J. Cull
- Prof. Marek Kornat
- Prof. Adrian Pop

**16:30–18:30 CEST**

**FIRST PANEL DISCUSSION:**

**Case studies of disinformation in the field of memory politics (historical approaches: totalitarian regimes)**

**MODERATOR:**

- Prof. Octavian Roske

**PANELISTS:**

- Prof. Richard Overy, *Hitler and Stalin: Different Ways of Remembering Totalitarianism*
  - Dr Łukasz Adamski, *Historical Manipulations as the Kremlin's Foreign Policy Instrument with Regard to Poland. Preliminary Results of a Campaign*
  - Prof. Helmut Müller-Enbergs and prof. Thomas Wegener Friis, *What Do We Learn from the Disinformation of the GDR State Security in the Federal Republic of Germany?*
  - Prof. Marcela Sălăgean, *The Romanian Revolution of 1989: Disinformation and Manipulation*
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09:00–10:00 CEST

## KEYNOTE LECTURE

### MODERATOR:

– Dr Gerald Volkmer

### SPEAKER:

– Prof. Alina Bârgăoanu, *Old Sins, New Technologies. Weaponizing Uncertainty in Times of Crisis*

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## KEYNOTE LECTURE: Q&A

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## SECOND PANEL DISCUSSION:

### Case studies of disinformation in the field of current memory politics

#### MODERATORS:

- Dr Ana Maria Cătănuș
- Dr Oldřich Tůma

#### PANELISTS:

- Prof. Attila Pók, *Narratives of Victimhood and Heroism in Memory Politics*
- Dr Serena Giusti, *Some Reflections on Disinformation and Foreign Policy*
- Prof. Juraj Buzalka, *On Social and Cultural Elements of Disinformation: The Post-Socialist Nostalgia in Slovakia*
- Dr Ivo Juurvee, *On Estonian Experience in Facing and Countering Historical Propaganda*

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## THIRD PANEL DISCUSSION:

### Actors, methods and techniques of disinformation today (mass media and education)

#### MODERATORS:

- Prof. Mălina Ciocea
- Prof. Malkhaz Toria

#### PANELISTS:

- Dr Maria Snegovaya, *Disinformation, Euroscepticism and Pro-Russian Parties in Eastern Europe*
- Dr Joel Breakstone, *Civic Preparation for the Digital Age: How College Students Evaluate Online Sources About Social and Political Issues*
- Dr Eric Langenbacher, *Free Speech, Memory and Disinformation in the United States and Germany*
- Prof. Joanna Wojdon, *School Textbooks: Tools of Education or Disinformation?*

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## FOURTH PANEL DISCUSSION:

### Actors, methods and techniques of disinformation today (fake news)

#### MODERATORS:

- Dr Sebastian Fitzek
- Joanna Orłoś

#### PANELISTS:

- Prof. Eiríkur Bergmann, *The Role of Conspiracy Theories in Populist Politics*
  - Prof. Marcin Napiórkowski, *Ancient Empires and Modern Vaccines. Dangerous Links Between Conspiracy Theories*
  - Todd Leventhal, *Lessons Learned on How to Counter Disinformation*
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## FIFTH PANEL DISCUSSION:

### International / European strategies to combat disinformation

#### MODERATORS:

- Dr Bartosz Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk
- Gentiana Sula

#### PANELISTS:

- Dr Michael Žantovský, *Disinformation and Fake News: Are They the Same Thing?*
- Dr Łukasz Kamiński, *Disinformation: How Can Historians Prevent It?*
- Prof. Florin Abraham, *Geopolitics of Disinformation in the Age of Social Media*
- Paolo Cesarini, *Disinformation and Systemic Risks in the Digital Information Sphere: Towards an EU-wide Co-regulatory Solution*

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## Sixth Panel Discussion:

### Recommendations for a guide to prevent disinformation in the field of memory politics

#### MODERATORS:

- Prof. Marie-Janine Calic
- Prof. Mihail E. Ionescu

#### PANELISTS:

- Prof. Jan Rydel, Dr Bartosz Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk, *Attempts to Create Guidelines for Discourse on History and Memory*
- Prof. Dan Dungaciuc, *Lessons from the Activity of the Information Warfare and Strategic Communication Laboratory*
- Dr Igor Gretskey, *Revealing the Limits of Disinformation in Memory Politics*

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## CLOSING REMARKS

- Dr Bartosz Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk

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