

INACH

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the Changing Legal Climate
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Speaker and Booth Bios

Welcome address:



Philippe Schmidt

Philippe Schmidt is the managing partner of the law firm Schmidt Brunet Litzler established more than 20 years ago. He is a graduate of Paris University School of Law, HEC and Columbia University School of Law. He is a member of the Paris Bar and has taught law for many years at the University of Paris. Today, he is chairman of INACH and both First Vice President of LICRA (International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism) in charge of Digital Affairs and one of the members of its legal committee. As one of LICRA's lawyers, Philippe Schmidt has been engaged in many litigations related to Racism and Anti-Semitism and specialized on the issue of hate on the Internet. He was LICRA's lawyer in cases involving Google and Twitter. He also represents LICRA at the new observatory of the cyberhate created by the recent law on cyberhate.



Keynote Speech: How Extremism Goes Viral

Julia Ebner

Misogyny, white nationalism and hateful conspiracy myths are increasingly leaking into mainstream discourse and politics. Why have outlandish ideas taken hold and are spreading faster than ever? Once, anti-minority and anti-democracy movements belonged on the fringes of the political spectrum. But in recent years tech-savvy new right influencers and internationally networked movements have managed to leverage the effects of the pandemic, global conflict and the economic crisis. United by a shared sense of grievance and scepticism about institutions, radicalised individuals are influencing the mainstream as never before. Systematic radicalisation, manipulation and intimidation campaigns have been further aggravated by the next generation of technologies - from Large Language Models (LLMs) and deep fakes to Decentralized Autonomous Organisations in the Metaverse. What risk do these new technologies pose and what can be done to prevent extremists from exploiting them for their purposes?

Dr Julia Ebner is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Calvea Centre for Evolution and Human Science at the University of Oxford (Magdalen College), the Leader of the Violent Extremism Lab at Oxford's Centre for the Study of Social Cohesion and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, where she has led projects on online radicalisation, terrorism, conspiracy myths and hate speech. Julia is also an award-winning and internationally bestselling author of several books, including *The Rage: The Vicious Circle of Islamist and Far-Right Extremism*, *Going Dark: The Secret Social Lives of Extremists* and *Going Mainstream: How Extremists Are Taking Over*. Based on her research, she has given evidence to numerous governments, as well as advised intelligence agencies, tech firms and international organisations such as the UN, Europol and NATO. She has written for media outlets such as the Guardian, Financial Times, Washington Post and Süddeutsche Zeitung and regularly gives public talks and guest lectures at universities in the UK, Europe and the United States. Julia holds a DPhil in Anthropology from the University of Oxford and a dual Msc from Peking University and the London School of Economics.



Panel Opening

Agustina Callegari

With over a decade of experience navigating the dynamic landscape of public policy, technology, and community engagement, Agustina Callegari is a dedicated communication and policy professional committed to fostering a safer and more trustworthy digital ecosystem. She currently leads the Global Coalition at the World Economic Forum. Before this role, she worked with the Internet Society, the Ministry of Modernization in Argentina, and the Data Protection Authority of Buenos Aires City. Agustina Callegari holds an MPA in Digital Technology and Policy from University College London, where she was a Chevening Scholar (2022-2023), an MBA in Technology from the University of San Andrés, and a BA in Communications from the University of Buenos Aires.

Panel Discussion

This panel will look at the impact of AI innovations on gender-based violence and its complex relationship, focusing on the increasing threat of non-consensual explicit material such as deep fake pornography and revenge pornography but also other forms of hate online. The role of technology in tackling and preventing these issues will be explored, as well as the limitations of AI in detecting and tackling harmful content, particularly in cases involving complex hate ideologies such as anti-Semitism or multimodal material, i.e. images. The panellists will also discuss best practices in organising against online gender-based violence and the role of different actors in preventing digital sexual violence. The session will thus address approaches to combat these challenges, emphasize the need for systemic prevention strategies and provide insights into the challenges and opportunities of AI technology.



Sigurdur Ragnarsson

Sigurdur Ragnarsson is the CEO of Videntifier and an experienced expert in fingerprinting and hash technology and a recognized industry speaker. He managed and led Videntifier's relationships with NCMEC, Interpol and other influential companies in the industry.



Marcus Scheiber

Marcus Scheiber is a linguist with research interest in social semiotics, corpus linguistics, critical discourse analysis and multimodality research. He started his academic career at the Universities of Heidelberg and Bern and as a visiting researcher and lecturer at the University of Mumbai. He received his MA from the University of Heidelberg in 2018 with a thesis about internet memes. Since 2020, he has been pursuing a joint PhD project at the University of Vechta and the University of Vienna entitled "The reality construction potential of multimodal communicative units in antisemitic communication", examining internet memes as communication formats in antisemitic communication strategies.



Omny Miranda Martone

Omny Miranda Martone is the Founder and CEO of the Sexual Violence Prevention Association (SVPA). Their dedication to preventing sexual violence stems from their personal experiences as a survivor of sexual violence and deepfake pornography. Omny is a trusted expert on the prevention of digital sexual violence. They created and published the framework for preventing digital sexual violence systemically and the 5 R's of digital bystander intervention. Their expertise has been requested by government agencies and tech companies including the White House, Congress, the Europe Union, Meta, Google, TikTok, and Microsoft. Omny's work has been recognized by the United Nations Millennium Fellowship, the Clinton Foundation, the Global Giving Accelerator, and the Greater Sum Incubator.



Selma Muhič Dizdarevič

Selma Muhič Dizdarevič holds a Ph.D. in Public and Social Policy and is a faculty member in the Department of Applied Social Sciences at Charles University's Faculty of Humanities in the Czech Republic. As a civil society scholar, her primary research interests include social exclusion, minority rights, gender issues, and hate speech. Dr. Muhič Dizdarevič collaborates actively with non-profit organizations at both national and international levels. She has served as a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley, California, USA, and currently sits on the board of the International Network against Cyber Hate, where she also coordinates the EU-funded SafeNet project.

Presentation - "Impacts of the DSA - Comparing the data"



Julie Heezius

A dedicated Project and Advocacy Officer with a solid background in human rights law. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in International and European Human Rights Law. Specializes in monitoring and reporting online hate speech, utilizing legal expertise to support human rights advocacy.

Breakout Room 1 - The DSA and Trusted Flaggers from a national DSC perspective

The session will delve into the crucial role of trusted flaggers under the Digital Services Act (DSA) and create a space to discuss obstacles and challenges that potential trusted flaggers might face. These entities are essential for identifying and reporting illegal online content, acting as a bridge between platforms and regulators to ensure swift and accurate content moderation. It will highlight the importance of their work in upholding digital safety and the challenges they encounter in this complex landscape. It will, furthermore, explore the role of Digital Service Coordinators (DSCs) in implementing the DSA, with a focus on the approach to the assessment of trusted flagger application and awarding the trusted flagger status. A high-level overview of the guidance and application form adopted by the Irish DSC and the up-to-date challenges encountered will also be provided.



Andrea Cox

A pedagogue by profession, Andrea Cox worked in the state administration in creating systems in the preparation of Slovakia for accession to the EU, with an emphasis on the pillar of democracy and human rights. She has worked as a lecturer in

various areas of public policy and communication, lecturing in the countries of the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership (Belarus, Moldova and Georgia). Since 2017, she has been leading the civic association Digital Intelligence, focusing on digital citizenship, fighting online hate speech and promoting education in this area with a focus on children and parents. As of March 2023, she has been elected a member of the Council for Media Services, a state administration body responsible for overseeing compliance with legal regulations governing broadcasting, retransmission, the provision of audiovisual media service on demand and the provision of content-sharing platforms.



Dana Paraschiv

Dana Paraschiv joined Coimisiún na Meán (An Coimisiún) in December 2023, as Director of Regulatory Operation in the Platform Supervision and Investigations Division, with direct responsibility for the assessment of applications for Trusted Flagger status and Out of Court Dispute Settlement Bodies certification. Dana has over 10 years of experience working in supervision and regulation. Prior to joining An Coimisiún, Dana worked in the supervision and regulation of occupational pension schemes with the Pensions Authority and in the supervision and regulation of energy markets with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities. Dana is a graduate of the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest and holds a number of post-graduate diplomas in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Regulation Law and Practice and Organisational Development and a Master's Degree in Leadership and Strategic Management.

Breakout Room 2 - Algorithmic transparency and the wider impact of AI on society.

This breakout room will delve into how AI is used to analyze disinformation narratives, particularly those targeting minority groups and global conflicts like Ukraine/Russia, climate change, and migration. It will provide insights through a remote presentation, showcasing AI's role in dissecting these narratives. The session will also explore how AI and algorithms are quietly but powerfully influencing our lives, the challenges posed by the lack of transparency of these systems, particularly concerning the spread of disinformation and amplification of hate speech, and how these systems can be gamed to generate hate and manipulative content, emphasising the need for transparency in algorithmic decision-making.



Jens Linge

Jens P. Linge has worked as a scientific officer at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission since 2005, after his PhD in Physics at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg and postdoctoral research at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. He joined the text and data mining

team in 2008 where he focussed on the development of epidemic intelligence tools. As team leader of the JRC's disinformation team, he pursues a data-driven approach to identifying and tracking disinformation narratives for a wide range of topics such as climate change, migration, elections, and geopolitical events such as the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine based on Artificial Intelligence.



Gijs van Beek

Gijs van Beek has been an action researcher and project lead for over 20 years in online anti-discrimination, extremism and disinformation, combining tech solutions and innovations for societal good. In recent years, Gijs has been coordinating Textgain's European research centre on online hate and disinformation, known as the European Observatory of Online Hate (EOOH). Now, he is part of the coordination team in the development of forensics AI tooling for the EOOH initiative, the creation of Textgain's own Large Language Model on analysing Hate Speech and the project director of several more nationally focussed research regarding detecting and analysing hate speech, disinformation and extreme voices online.



Jordy Nijenhuis

Jordy Nijenhuis is a storyteller, campaigner, consultant and trainer. He co-founded Dare to be Grey, an award-winning organisation that aims to counter polarisation, is involved in a variety of projects and trains media professionals from all over the world in (social media) campaigning, storytelling and countering radicalisation, hate speech and disinformation. He believes that media is a powerful tool for behavioural change and that we need new creative approaches to achieve fundamental change.



Kelly Grossthal

Kelly Grossthal is a human rights lawyer and the Head of Strategic Litigation at the Estonian Human Rights Centre (EHRC). She focuses on key human rights issues, including AI-related discrimination, LGBTQI+ rights, disability rights, and combating hate speech. Through strategic litigation, the EHRC actively challenges discriminatory laws and practices, advocating for equal treatment in Estonia. Grossthal is also involved in public education and international cooperation, particularly on hate speech, highlighting the threats posed by its normalization in Estonian society, especially against minorities.

Breakout room 3 - The industry's response to online hate.

Fergal Browne from TikTok, and will be moderated by Daniel Heller from CEJI.

This session will look at how social media platforms are addressing online hate, with a particular emphasis on antisemitism and anti-Muslim hate. It will also examine the role of the Digital Services Act (DSA) and artificial intelligence in moderating online content. The speakers will share their professional insights and experiences, offering an understanding of effective responses and policy frameworks.



Emilar Gandhi

Emilar Gandhi is the Head of Stakeholder Engagement for Policy Development within Meta's Trust and Safety Policy organization. In this role, she leads a global team that establishes partnerships with external stakeholders, such as academics, human rights experts, and international organizations, to incorporate global expertise and integrate human rights principles into Meta's Community Standards.

With over two decades of experience at the intersection of technology, policy, and human rights, Emilar is a respected expert in her field and has previously served as the Advisory Board Co-Chair of the Freedom Online Coalition.



Anna Zizola

Anna Zizola is currently the Head of EU Government Affairs at X (formerly Twitter). A researcher on terrorism and violent extremism and EU Public Policy expert, she has worked for more than 10 years in the EU Institutions as a policy officer at DG Migration and HOME Affairs and as a strategic analyst of disinformation for the Spokesperson's team at the European Parliament. Anna Zizola co-authored the book "Women on the

verge of Jihad: The hidden pathways towards radicalization" with Prof. Paolo Inghilleri and has published a number of reports on Jihadi violent extremism.



Fergal Browne

Fergal Browne is an Outreach and Partnerships Manager at TikTok with a focus on combatting Hate Speech, Harassment and Bullying. He is responsible for managing and cultivating external partnerships for TikTok's Trust & Safety team to support in building out principled policies for TikTok's Community Guidelines, connect TikTok users to information and resources that will help keep them safe online, and

garner insights from experts on new trends and issues as they arise. He has worked in Safety for over a decade at a number of tech platforms and previously worked as a journalist.



Daniel Heller

Daniel Heller is originally from Rome, Italy and holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences with a specialisation in Political Science and a Master's degree in Conflict and Development from Universiteit Gent, where he researched for his Master's thesis on the challenges and advantages of an intersectional-informed approach to hate crime policies. His interests include concepts of violence, racism, the political, and intersectionality. At CEJI, Daniel leads the work on hate speech and supports the coordination of the Facing Facts Network activities on hate speech and hate crime.



Closing:

Tamas Berecz

Tamás Berecz, INACH's General Manager, is an expert in the field of sociology and criminology. His main fields of research have been the media, specifically the racist tendencies towards the Roma in the Hungarian and international press. Since the start of his professional career, Mr Berecz has been researching violent extremism and online and offline hate speech and hate crimes both locally and globally. In his final two years at the Institute, he researched terrorist groups on a global scale and wrote two books on the most active and dangerous terrorist outfits in the world. Since the beginning of 2016, Mr. Berecz has been working at INACH as the head of research and analysis, collecting data and conducting research on hate speech online. He has helped develop the methodology for the EC run monitoring exercises to monitor online hate speech on social media, contributed to the development of INACH's counter-speech curricula for the youth and law enforcement agencies, carried out multiple trainings on the international cyber hate database, the monitoring exercises and on counter speech. He has also contributed to the development of INACH's online counter-speech training space and co-wrote most of INACH's reports in the past 8 years.

Networking booths

Morning session



European Commission (TBC)

The European Commission is the EU's politically independent executive body, responsible for proposing new legislation, implementing decisions from the European Parliament and the Council of the EU, and managing the EU budget. It ensures that EU laws and policies are correctly applied across all Member States. Additionally, the Commission negotiates international agreements on behalf of the EU, allocates funding, and represents the EU's interests on the global stage, ensuring a coordinated approach among EU countries.



Decoding Antisemitism

Decoding Antisemitism is an interdisciplinary and transnational research project that examines antisemitism online, focusing on the political mainstream of selected European societies – the UK, France and Germany. Antisemitic discourse on the internet provides insights into the present and future of an ideology of hate which, due to its adaptability, permeates all social milieus and is currently experiencing a new high – not least due to the specific character of web communication.



Sexual Violence Prevention Association

The Sexual Violence Prevention Association (SVPA) is a national nonprofit dedicated to preventing sexual violence systemically. SVPA revolutionizes policy, research, and institutions including colleges, companies, K-12 schools, and the media. Through advocacy, education, and community engagement, it is strived to create a world where everyone can live free from the threat of sexual violence. SVPA believes that by challenging harmful attitudes and behaviors and advocating for policies that prioritize safety and respect for all, sexual violence can be prevented systemically and create a safer, more equitable society.



KIGa eV

KIGa e.V. has been fighting against anti-Semitism, racism, hatred and intolerance for 20 years and is committed to a diverse and non-discriminatory society. Their work promotes democracy and civil courage. Its approaches are innovative and intersectional. Its educational programmes are suitable for schools, adult education and extracurricular formats. They have a broad cultural programme and have been working throughout Germany and Europe for many years.



Phiren Amenca Phiren Amenca Phiren Amenca is a network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers and voluntary service organizations creating opportunities for non-formal education, dialogue and engagement, to challenge stereotypes and racism. Volunteering is a powerful tool for social change, as volunteers dedicate their time and energy to contribute to society. Based on national and international voluntary service programs, the Phiren Amenca network creates opportunities for young Roma and non-Roma to live and engage in local communities and projects for up to one year.

Networking booths

Afternoon session



VIDENTIFIER

Videntifier Technologies

Videntifier is dedicated to building video identification tools and solutions that can help organizations accurately identify and address illegal content online. Since 2012, their unrivalled technology has helped organizations such as online platforms, law enforcement, and CSAM hotlines efficiently navigate the heavy influx of illegal content posted online every day.



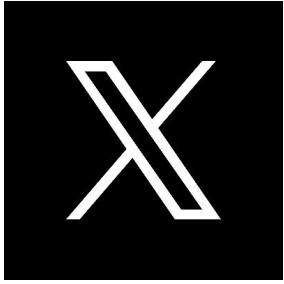
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