

## PROGRAMME

# EDMO SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE 2024 ON DISINFORMATION

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
University of Amsterdam

## DAY 1 – MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY (12:00 – 21:15 CEST)

**12:00 – 12:45** Lunch Buffet & Registration

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**12:45 – 13:00** Welcome and Introduction

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**Claes de Vreese** | EDMO Director for Research, University of Amsterdam & EDMO

**13:00 – 13:45** Opening Keynote

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Chair: Claes de Vreese, University of Amsterdam & EDMO

**Sander van der Linden** | Professor of Social Psychology in Society, University of Cambridge

**14:00 – 15:15** Parallel Sessions 1 & 2

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**Session 1. Truth (Mis)Perceptions in The Face of Disinformation: Cross-Cultural Perspectives**

Chair: Patrick van Erkel, University of Amsterdam

**Conservatives are worse at discriminating about false, not true, climate statements, until disinformation makes them worse: evidence from 12 countries** | Tobia Spampatti, University of Geneva

**Democracy in Crisis: Information Disorders and Polarized Politics in Turkey** | Emre Erdogan, Istanbul Bilgi University

**“It’s a very small country after all!” A qualitative perspective on the reception of dis-/misinformation in Belgium and Luxembourg** | Victor Wiard, UCLouvain

**A 27-country test of communicating the scientific consensus on climate change** | Bojana Veckalov, University of Amsterdam

**Spotting False News and Doubting True News: A Meta-Analysis of News Judgements** | Sacha Altay, University of Zurich & Jan Pfänder, Institut Jean Nicod

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**Session 2. Fact-Checking Frontiers: Challenges and Insights from the Fight Against Disinformation**

Chair: Stephan Mündges, TU Dortmund University

**Whom do fact-checkers trust? Unveiling Source Usage Patterns Among German-language Fact-checking Organizations** | Nico Hornig, TU Dortmund University

**The state of research on fact-checking** | Jānis Buholcs, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

**Screens as Battlefields: Navigating the Challenges of Resources and Tools in Debunking Russian-Ukrainian War Propaganda** | Laurence Dierickx, University of Bergen

**The Weaponization of Fact-Checking in Polarized Societies: The Cases of Hong Kong and Taiwan** | Wang Ngai Yeung, Oxford Internet Institute

**Countering Information Warfare: Fact-checking amid the Ukraine War and Emotions in Reactions to it on Twitter in Seven EU countries** | Jessica Gabriele Walter, Aarhus University

**15:15 – 15:45**

### Coffee Break

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**15:45 – 17:00**

### Parallel Sessions 3 & 4

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#### **Session 3. The Psychology of Truth: Unveiling Biases, Beliefs, and Misinformation Susceptibility**

*Chair: Keith Peter Kiely, Sofia University*

**Biased judgment or lack of skill? Measuring Susceptibility to Misinformation in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine in 19 Countries** | Luisa Gehle, University of Mainz

**Source and Ideological (in)congruence moderate belief in true and fake news** | Habiba Bouali, Université libre de Bruxelles

**Unpacking post-truth: a truth-plausibility framework of political information** | Andrea De Angelis, University of Zurich

**(Don't) Stop Believing: Risk and Protection Factors for Engagement with Online Misinformation – A Signal Detection Approach** | Stephan Winter, University of Kaiserslautern-Landau (RPTU)

**Cognitive biases in news-making and fact-checking: a mixed methods approach** | Elena Musi & Mariavitto Masotina, University of Liverpool

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#### **Session 4. Innovative Methodologies: Pioneering Approaches in Disinformation Research**

*Chair: Katjana Gattermann, University of Amsterdam*

**When journalism is turned off: Evaluating the (disinformation) consequences of the meta news ban in Canada** | Sara Parker, McGill University

**"I Only Believe What I See": Navigating Narratives of the Bucha Massacre Amidst Hungarian Digital Discourse** | Zea Szebeni, University of Helsinki

**Methods for mining and measuring the spread of fact-checked claims on social media** | Kelly Christensen, Sciences Po

**Russian-Ukrainian war misinformation networks in Southeastern Europe: identifying influential sources and disseminators** | Mato Brautovic & Romana John & Sandra Buratović Maštrapa, University of Dubrovnik

**Online Disinformation: From EU legal and policy definitions to VLOPs operationalization** | Urbano Reviglio & Konrad Bleyer-Simon, European University Institute

**17:15 – 18:30**

### Parallel Sessions 5 & 6 & Match-Making Session 1

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#### **Session 5. Disinformation Dynamics: Dissecting Factors Influential to Spread and Reception Amongst Diverse Populations**

*Chair: Elske van den Hoogen, University of Amsterdam*

**How does disinformation affect citizens? Evidence from Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom** | Laura Alonso-Muñoz & Alejandra Tirado-García, Universitat Jaume I de Castelló

**Who is more likely to spread hate and falsehood? Study of factors moderating sharing intentions of false and hateful discourses about migration** | David Blanco-Herrero, University of Amsterdam

**Misinformation can amplify the spread of disease** | Francesco Pierri, Politecnico di Milano

**Understanding the sharing of fake news on the French Twittersphere** | Manon Berriche, Sciences Po

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### **Session 6. Methods of Misleading: Uncovering Disinformation Tactics and Actors**

*Chair: Michael Hameleers, University of Amsterdam*

**Weaponising Disinformation: A Comparative Analysis of Domestic Actors in the United States and Germany, with a Focus on QAnon, in the Context of Russia's Ukraine War Narratives** | Mahmoud Javadi, Erasmus University Rotterdam

**Designing effective blockchain-based disclosures for communicating advertising authenticity** | Dasha Antsipava, University of Amsterdam

**Transparency as an empty signifier? Assessing transparency in EU and platform initiatives on online political advertising and actors** | Trisha Meyer, Vrije Universiteit Brussel & EDMO BELUX

**(Dis)information for Hire? A computational exploration of the extent to which Social Media Influencers spread or combat disinformation** | K. Jonathan Klüser, University of Zurich

**How Russian propaganda circumvents the sanctions** | Mikhail Doroshevich, Digital Skills Coalition Belarus

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### **Match-Making Session 1**

*Chair: Jessica Gabriele Walter, Aarhus University & EDMO*

**18:30 – 21:15**

### **Pre-Dinner Borrel and Dinner**

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## **DAY 2 – TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY (08:45 – 14:30 CEST)**

**08:45 – 09:00**

### **Coffee and Registration**

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**09:00 – 10:15**

### **Parallel Sessions 7 & 8**

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### **Session 7. Characterising Disinformation: Trends, Topics and Narratives**

*Chair: Jessica Gabriele Walter, Aarhus University & EDMO*

**The Impact of Disinformation in Hungary: Pro-Government Media Narratives and Their Effects on Public Discourse in the light of the Ukraine war** | Kata Horváth, Mertek Media Monitor

**The language of disinformation: linguistic appraisal and Kremlin disinformation analysis models** | Viktorija Mažeikienė, Mykolas Romeris University

**From Vulnerable Caregivers To Ruthless Leaders: Stereotypical Representations of Women in Disinformation Narratives in Europe** | Gergana Tzvetkova, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

**Effects of disinformation about the accession to the Schengen area in Bulgaria and Romania** | Nicoleta Corbu, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)

**Global perspectives of disinformation and fact-checking editorial decisions in eight countries** | Regina Cazzamatta, Universität Erfurt

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### **Session 8. Dealing with Disinformation: Educational Approaches and Counterstrategies**

*Chair: Marina Tulin, University of Amsterdam*

**Conceptualizing resilience in practice. A cross-national study on tactics of resilience to disinformation** | Jülide Kont, University of Groningen

**How to protect yourself against online disinformation? Tentative IF-THEN rules tested via an international online experiment** | Florin Cefruga, University of Amsterdam

**Using micro-learning to train educators - a cascade approach to media and information literacy** | Joe Cullen, Arcola Research & Clare Cullen, AGID

**Navigating Misinformation through Enhanced Media and Information Literacy in Irish Education: Current Landscape and Future Directions** | Lucia Mesquita, Dublin City University

**Debunking and Exposing Misinformation among Fringe Communities: Testing Source Exposure and Debunk-ing Anti-Ukrainian Misinformation among German Fringe Communities** | Christiern Santos Okholm, European University Institute

**10.15 – 10.30**      **Coffee Break [short]**

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**10:30 – 11:45**      **Parallel Sessions 9 & 10**

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**Session 9. Disinformation in an AI Age: AI-Powered Problems and Solutions**

*Chair: Claes de Vreese, University of Amsterdam & EDMO*

**Uncovering disinformation: analyzing the thematic patterns and emotional content of Hungarian fake news portals during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukrainian war** | Orsolya Ring, HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences

**Protecting Electoral Integrity in the Age of Disinformation: AI-Powered Social Media Monitoring** | Basak Bozkurt, University of Oxford

**The effects of different forms of visual disinformation** | Teresa Elena Weikmann, University of Vienna

**Investigating TikTok's ban of political advertising** | Stephan Mündges, TU Dortmund University

**Improving Information Resilience in the Finnish News Ecosystem: Emerging insights and future directions** | Minttu Tikka, Aalto University

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**Session 10. The Case for Conspiracy: Unraveling the Role of Conspiratorial Beliefs in Disinformation**

*Chair: David Blanco Herrero, University of Amsterdam*

**Conspiracy theories and climate change: The case of forest fires in Greece** | Spyridoula Markou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

**Conspiracy Theories as Multimodal Drivers of Polarisation** | Jaron Harambam, Kris Ruijgrok & Boris Noordenbos, University of Amsterdam

**How scientific sources figure in online conspiracy theories: A mapping of heterogeneous couplings between medium, knowledge, and narrative on Telegram** | Tom Willaert, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

**Their Time to Shine? Vulnerability to Conspiracy Theories in the Vicinity of War** | Mihnea Simion Stoica & Susana Dragomir, Babeş-Bolyai University

**11:45 – 12:00**      **Coffee Break [short]**

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**12:00 – 12:45**      **Closing Keynote**

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**Annika Sehl** | Professor at Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

**12:45 – 13:30**      **Lunch Buffet & Conference Close**

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**13:30 – 14:30**      **Match-Making Session 2**

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*Chair: Jessica Gabriele Walter, Aarhus University & EDMO*