

THE INTERNET AS A BATTLEFIELD:

CYBER THREATS & DISINFORMATION IN CONTEMPORARY INFORMATION WARFARE

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Date: November 6–7, 2025

Venue: MS Teams Platform & Kozminski University

Academic debates on disinformation

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Place: Google Meets platform: <http://x.alk.edu.pl/eNIRp5DrSL>

9:00 – 9:15 Opening remarks

Prof. Katarzyna Chałubińska-Jentkiewicz

Kozminski University, Poland

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Prof. Marco Lombardi

ITSTIME, Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Italy

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Andrzej Dulka

Polish Chamber of Information Technology and Telecommunications

Panel I 9.15 – 10.15

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Piotr Swacha, PhD, Warsaw University of Life Sciences

Disinformation as a Weapon and a Political Challenge

1. Prof. Oleg Gushchyn, Taras Shevchenko National University, Ukraine, *Russian disinformation activities in internet and media in a field of prisoners of war and civilians*
2. Miroslava Pačková, M.A., PhD, University of Defence, Czech Republic, *Mapping the Spread of Election Disinformation in the Czech Republic: Parliamentary Election 2025*
3. Grazia Ludovica Giardini, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy, *"The digital version of a school hallway": how pro-IS non-branded propaganda on Tik-Tok incites radicalisation processes*
4. Aleksy Szymkiewicz, Demagog Association, *From Madrid to Warsaw: Cross-Border Disinformation and Political Advertising in the European Union*
5. Prof. Ryszard Szypra, War Studies University, *The Internet as a field of ideological battle*

Discussion 10.15 – 10.30

Panel II 10.30 – 11.30

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Massimiliano Moschin, PhD, IUSVE, Italy

Digital Platforms, Radicalization, and Extremism

1. Assoc. Prof. Massimiliano Moschin, PhD, IUSVE, *Digital communication during covid-19 on Instagram*
2. Eleonora Ristuccia, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy, *"Not just a technology, but a force shaping the media war": Is AI a New Trend in Spontaneous Propaganda within IS's Digital Ecosystem?*
3. Olha Tkachenko, PhD, Polish Academy of Sciences, *Challenging Russian Narratives by Ukrainian YouTubers as a Form of Decolonization and Resilience in Times of War*
4. Ronen Itsik, PhD, David Institute For Security Policy, *Gaza as a Networked Battlespace: Digital Campaigns, Cognitive Warfare*
5. Assoc. Prof. Francesco Pira, PhD, University of Messina, *Media Education vs. Educommunication: Research Findings. The Impact of IA on Educational Processes*

Discussion 11.30 – 11.45

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Panel III 11.45 – 12.45

Moderator: Monika Nowikowska, PhD, War Studies University
Hybrid Warfare and Information Security

1. Assoc. Prof. Lucas J. Ruiz Díaz, PhD, University of Granada, *The EU's response to hybrid threats*
2. Prof. Karrie Kosel, University of Notre Dame, *The Propagandists Global Playbook: How China Uses Positivity to Persuade*
3. Assoc. Prof. Nadia Balovsiak, PhD, Ukrainian Catholic University, *Hybrid War in the Digital Environment*
4. Silvano Lucini & Alessandra Pugnana, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy, *The enemy is listening: the exploitation of intelligence techniques by extreme-right actors*
5. Assoc. Prof. Kitti Mezei, PhD, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary, *AI and the Architecture of Deception: Towards Governance of Disinformation and Algorithmic Manipulation*

Discussion 12.45 – 13.00

Panel IV 13.00 – 14.00

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Justyna Kurek-Sobieraj, PhD, War Studies University, Poland

Cybersecurity and Institutional Responses

1. Eng. Jakub Syta, PhD, Maritime Cybersecurity Centre, *Review of effective methods to counteract cybercrime*
2. Gabriella Schitteck, ICANN, *Breaking the Internet – the Rising Threat of Fragmentation*
3. Prof. Uroš Pinterič, PhD, ZIS Pomurje, *Societal context of cyber-warfare*
4. Kristiana Muze-Feldberga, NIC Latvia, *Fortifying Latvia's cyberspace*
5. Assoc. Prof. Justyna Kurek-Sobieraj, PhD, War Studies University, Poland, *Entrepreneurs as the new silent pillar of cybersecurity*

Discussion 14.00 – 14.15

Panel V 14.15-15.15

Moderator: Mariusz Busiło, Aether Advisory, Poland
Law, Institutions, and Countering Disinformation

1. Assoc. Prof. Angela Maria Romito, University of Bari Aldo Moro, *How does EU law respond to cyber threats and disinformation*
2. Assoc. Prof. Federico Costantini, PhD, University of Udine, *TRUTHSTER: a certification platform for media content creators*
3. Mariusz Busiło, Aether Advisory, PIIT, Poland, *Stress Test: How Quickly Can Poland Respond to Organized Disinformation Attacks in the Age of AI and the DSA?*
4. Gvantsa Dolbaia, University of Notre Dame, *Disinformation as a Prohibited Method of Warfare*
5. Assoc. Prof. Grzegorz Tylec, PhD, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, *Are current press law regulations sufficient?*

Discussion 15.15 – 15.30

Panel VI 15.30-16.30

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Nicola Strizzolo, PhD, University of Teramo, Italy
Freedom of Speech, Privacy, and Civil Rights

1. Assoc. Prof. Tal Pavel, PhD, Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Romania, *State Surveillance in Serbia - Digital Control*
2. Prof. Walter Scheirer, University of Notre Dame, USA, *Photoshop Fantasies: Altered and Synthetic Imagery*
3. Assoc. Prof. Andrea Casavecchia, PhD, University of Roma Tre, Italy, *Digital challenges in democratic education*
4. Assoc. Prof. Małgorzata Kowalska-Chrzanowska, PhD, Nicolaus Copernicus University, „*Falszywa Pravda*” as an information warfare tool
5. Assoc. Prof. Katerina Sirinyok-Dolgaryova, PhD, Zaporizhzhia National University, Assoc. Prof. Kseniya Yurtayeva, PhD, Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs, Assoc. Prof. Anna Taranenko, PhD, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine, *Countering disinformation among hybrid threats in the Russia-Ukraine war*

Discussion 16.30 – 16.45

Panel VI 16.45-18.15

Moderator: Karolina Pięta, PhD, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

Social and Cultural Effects of Digitalization

1. Prof. Tamara Kay, University of Pittsburgh, USA, *The Impact of Disinformation on Reproductive Health and Rights Policies in the US*
2. Dr Michał Chlebowski, SWPS University, News Avoidance, *Disinformation, and Journalistic Ethics*
3. Assoc. Prof. Alida Maria Silletti, PhD, University of Bari Aldo Moro, *Internet and linguistic diversity in the AI era*
4. Assoc. Prof. Nicola Strizzolo, PhD, University of Teramo, Italy, *Is Cybersecurity a Luxury?*
5. Stefano Lovi, International University of Rome, *Wayback Democracy: Disinformation and Polarization on X*
6. Prof. Jacek Sobczak, Vizja University, *Problem zwalczania dezinformacji w aktach Unii Europejskiej*
7. Assoc. Prof. Ksenia Kakareko, PhD, University of Warsaw, *Wolność wypowiedzi a dezinformacja*

18.15 Summary and closing remarks

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11:00 – Opening Remarks

**Prof. ALK Bartłomiej Nowak, Vice-Rector for Cooperation with the Environment,
Dean, Law Department**

11:15 – Book Presentation

**Prof. Ciro Sbailò, International University of Rome (UNINT), Italy, *Diasporic
Communities as Cognitive Infrastructures: Sovereignty and Disinformation in the
European Space***

11:45 – 13:15 – Expert Panel I

Quantum Technologies in the Service of Internet Freedom

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Hanna Wolska, PhD, University of Gdańsk

Prof. Piotr Dela, PhD habil. – Maritime Cybersecurity Center, Poland
Julian Dobrowolski, INFO OPS Poland Foundation, Safe Cyberspace Foundation
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Ks. Prof. Mirosław Sitarz - The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland
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Prof. Marek Szewczyk – Kalisz University, Poland
Assoc. Prof. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel, PhD, University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów, Poland
Assoc. Prof. Hanna Wolska, PhD, University of Gdańsk, Poland

13:15 – 14:00 – Coffee Break

14:00 – 15:30 – Expert Panel II

Disinformation in Contemporary Information Warfare

Moderator: Mariusz Busiło, PIIT

Prof. Marek Amanowicz, PhD Eng. – NASK – Research and Academic Computer Network – National Research Institute, Poland
Marta Brzoza, Polish Chamber of Information Technology and Telecommunications
Michał Chlebowski, PhD, SWPS University, Poland
Andrzej Dulka, Polish Chamber of Information Technology and Telecommunications
Shota Gvineria. Baltic Defence College
Prof. István Hoffman, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary (online)
Prof. Karrie Kosel – University of Notre Dame, USA
Witold Kołodziejcki – National Broadcasting Council of Poland (KRRiT)
Małgorzata Krajewska, Polish Chamber of Information Technology and Telecommunications
Izabella Krzemińska, Polish Chamber of Information Technology and Telecommunications
Prof. Marco Lombardi – ITSTIME, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy (online)
Marek Lipski – Polish Chamber of Information Technology and Telecommunications, National Institute of Telecommunications (NIT)
Mateusz Madejski, Orange Polska
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Assoc. Prof. Ryszard Szpyra, PhD, War Studies University, Poland
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Borys Stokalski, Rethink
Katarzyna Szaran, Department for Strategic Communications and Countering Foreign Disinformation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

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