New Ec(h)o systems: Democracy in the age of social media

Agenda

Day 1 (Tuesday, 16 March): Problems and risks

9.00am – 9.30am	*Arrivals and registration*
9.30am – 10.00am	**Introductions** 1. Richard Jackson, Director, NCPACS 2. Sanjana Hattotuwa, PhD candidate, NCPACS and Special Advisor, ICT4Peace Foundation 3. Kevin Clements, Toda Institute
10.00am – 10.45am	**From the syndromic to the systemic: Democracy, peace and social media in a post-pandemic world** 1. Sanjana Hattotuwa, NCPACS and ICT4Peace Foundation 2. Kathleen Reen, Policy and Government, Twitter
10.45am – 11.30am	**The network virus and the networked virus: Hate on social media studied as an epidemic** 1. Zeynep Tufekci, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2. M. R. X. Dentith, Beijing Normal University
11.30am – 11.45am	*Tea and coffee break*
11.45am – 12.30pm	**Māori and Pasifika (re)presentations on social media** 1. Te Rina Krystal Warren, Massey University 2. Lana Lopesi, Author, Art Critic, and Editor
12.30pm – 1.15pm	**Harried, harangued and hating: Modulating the volume of violence on social media** 1. David Shanks, Chief Censor, Office of Film and Literature Classification, New Zealand 2. Kate Hannah, University of Auckland
1.15pm – 2.00pm	*Lunch*
2.00pm – 3.00pm	**Political technologies & authoritarian innovation: Inflaming fears and fighting the fires** 1. Susan Benesch, Director, Dangerous Speech Project and Berkman Klein Centre, Harvard University 2. Sarah Oh, Non-Resident Fellow, Atlantic Council 3. Allie Funk, Senior Research Analyst for Technology and Democracy, Freedom House
3.00pm to 3.15pm	*Tea and coffee break*
3.15pm – 4.15pm	**The violent valley: Social media's tryst with democracy** 1. David Kirkpatrick, Founder of Techonomy and author of 'The Facebook Effect: The Inside Story of the Company that is Connecting the World'. 2. Victoire Rio, Myanmar Tech Accountability Network 3. Meenakshi Ganguly, South Asia Director, Human Rights Watch
4.15pm – 5.00pm	**Insights through critical oversight: Information disorders and journalism** 1. Maria Ressa, Rappler 2. Stephen Davis, Reporter and writer

Day 2 (Wednesday, 17 March): Opportunities

9.30am – 10.15am	**The Christchurch massacre and social media: Lessons learnt and unlearnt** 1. Urdu, Hindi, Turkish and Hausa: Solidarity and solace on Twitter after Christchurch, Sanjana Hattotuwa, NCPACS and ICT4Peace Foundation 2. The Christchurch Call: Challenges and opportunities after 2 years, Paul Ash, Christchurch Call
10.15am – 11.00am	**Strengthening information literacy: Countering extremism and strengthening social cohesion** 1. Helena Puig Larrauri, Build Up 2. Clark Hogan-Taylor, Moonshot CVE
11.00am – 11.15am	*Tea and coffee break*
11.15am – 12.00pm	**The pulse of a nation: Measuring and managing socio-political mood swings** 1. David Hood, University of Otago 2. Thomas Beagle, NZ Council for Civil Liberties
12.00pm – 1.00pm	*Lunch*
1.00pm – 2.00pm	**Architects of or hostages to social media: Youth on youth** 1. Hailey Xavier from School Strike for Climate Change, Dunedin 2. Alexi from OFLC Youth Advisory Panel
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Tea and coffee break
3.00pm – 3.45pm	**From frontier to front door issues: Inoculating against information pandemics** 1. Kara Hinesley, Director of Public Policy, Twitter 2. Kim Connolly-Stone, Internet NZ 3. Nicole Matejic, Principal Advisor Digital Safety, Department of Internal Affairs