

Symposium
Human Rights in the Digital Sphere
18 October 2021, hybrid format

Overall Moderator- Ms Jodie Ginsberg, Chief Executive Officer at Internews Europe

DRAFT AGENDA

<p>9h30 – 10h30 CET</p>	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Robert Spano, President, European Court of Human Rights • Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe • Mr Takeshi Akamatsu, Ambassador, Permanent Observer of Japan to the Council of Europe • Ms Darragh Paradiso, Consul General, Deputy Permanent Observer of the United States of America to the Council of Europe • Mr Emmanuel Decaux, President, Rene Cassin Foundation, Professor Emeritus at the University Panthéon Assas-Paris II
	<p>Keynote introduction remarks: ECtHR Judge Iulia Motoc, Romania</p>
<p>10h30 – 12h30</p>	<p>Panel 1: The online dimension of Human Rights - freedom of expression VS content moderation</p> <p>Content moderation on internet is a tool used to address a variety of issues arising as a result of users' activity, legal as well as illegal, in the online environment. The use of this tool poses particular challenges because, due to evolving technologies, the possibilities they offer and the constant evolution of human behaviour in the online environment, including the evolution of online offences, there is at this stage no end-state of content moderation with stable rules or regulatory forms; it will always be a matter of contestation, iteration and technological evolution.</p> <p>Where is the borderline between censoring the freedom of expression and moderating harmful or illegal content? Who decides what is harmful or illegal? Who is responsible for taking actions, states, private actors, internet platforms and intermediaries?</p> <p>In order to answer these questions, it is fundamental in this area that policies are designed with a clear understanding and recognition of the nature of the content and the accountability of the decision-making process.</p> <p>Human rights obligations of all involved stakeholders, including with regard to the rights to freedom of expression, privacy, freedom of assembly and association, equality and non-discrimination, and the right to an effective remedy are at the centre of the debate of this panel.</p>

	<p>Introduction and moderation - ECtHR Judge Ivana Jelic, Montenegro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General presentation: Prof. Satoshi Narihara, Kyushu University • Legal presentation: ECtHR Judge Darian Pavli, Albania • Legal presentation: ECtHR Judge Saadet Yüksel, Turkey <p>Roundtable discussion - moderated by Ms Jodie Ginsberg, Overall Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECtHR Judge Raffaele Sabato, Italy • Ms Aleksandra Kuczerawy, FWO Postdoctoral researcher, CiTIP, KU Leuven, member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG) • Ms Cornelia Kutterer, Senior Director, Rule of law, Responsible Tech&Competition, EU Government Affairs, Microsoft <p>Q & A session</p>
<p>12h30 – 14h00</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>14h00 – 15h30</p>	<p>Panel 2: Human rights and Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems</p> <p>The panel aims to present, in an accessible way, the main issues raised by AI systems with reference to human rights. It will address issues related to discrimination with decision support systems, both public and private, the emergence of code driven law and data driven law and legal responses envisaged by Council of Europe and the European Union.</p> <p>Introduction and moderation - ECtHR Judge Tim Eicke, UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory speech: Professor Giovanni Sartor, European University Institute, University of Bologna • General presentation: Professor Masaki Fukuda, Osaka University • Legal presentation: ECtHR Judge Erik Wennerström, Sweden • Legal presentation: ECtHR Judge Mattias Guyomar, France <p>Round table discussion - moderated by Ms Jodie Ginsberg, Overall Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Alessandro Mantelero, member of Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee for the Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI) and expert to the Consultative Committee of Convention 108, Associate Professor of Private Law and Law & Technology, Polytechnic University of Turin • Ms Peggy Valcke, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee for the Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Mireille Hildebrandt, Research Professor, University of Brussels, Chair of Smart Environments, Data Protection and the Rule of Law, Radboud University Nijmegen <p>Q&A session</p>
15h30 – 15h45	Coffee Break
15h45 – 17h15	<p>Panel 3: Cyber vulnerability in our daily life</p> <p>Full enjoyment of our rights in cyberspace comes with an adequate protection against related risks in an online environment. The rights to private life, human dignity, safety, integrity of the person, non-discrimination are at stake being threatened by cybercrime. The COVID-19 pandemic has spurred an unprecedented increase in cyber-based illegal activities. How can the governments fulfil their positive obligations to protect individuals against crime and safeguard the fundamental rights of cybercrime victims? This challenge requires careful balancing – how to provide efficient criminal justice responses with appropriate rule of law safeguards.</p> <p>Introductory part - moderated by Ms Jodie Ginsberg, Overall Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General presentation: Mr Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Senior Counsel, Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice • Cognitive science perspective: Professor Alain Berthoz, College of France, Member of the Academy of Sciences • Legal presentation: ECtHR Judge María Elósegui, Spain • Expert input: Mr Mattia Falduti, Postdoctoral Research Assistant, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano <p>Roundtable discussion - moderated by Allison Peters, Senior Advisor at the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sophie Clavet, Senior Manager, Data protection & Privacy law specialist, AWO Agency • Mr Tjabbe Boss, Team Leader, <i>Security in the digital age</i> Unit, DG HOME, EU Commission • Professor Liora Lazarus, B.A., (Cape Town), LL.B., (London), D. Phil (Oxford) <p>Q & A from the floor</p>

17h15 – 17h30

Closing Remarks

- **ECtHR Judge Ganna Yudkivska**, Ukraine
- **Mr Jan Kleijssen**, Director, Information Society - Action Against Crime, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe