

## **Session II: Organised Groups and their new ways of communicating**

### **“Right-wing extremists on the Internet – a threat particularly for juveniles”**

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### **Abstract**

Since the appearance of the Internet, the agitations of right-wing-extremist groups have to a great extent shifted to the worldwide web. The aim of this presentation is to shed light on how national and international right-wing-extremist scenes use the web as a medium to pursue their aims and how close they can get their ideologies to children and adolescents via the Internet. The ideologists of the various groups create websites that clearly violate the provisions of the Austrian Penal Code and/or the National Socialism Prohibition Act. This presentation describes the range of challenges that are linked to prosecuting web-based crimes and shows current international approaches to solving this issue.