

# Hate Speech and Restrictive Measures



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# Hate speech regulation practice with focus on restrictive measures

- Can law and regulation help preventing hate speech?
- Why is it so complicated to regulate hate speech?
- Does hate speech limit freedom of expression? Yes – but freedom of expression is not absolute

# What hate speech is not

- Hate speech is not “political correctness”
- Hate speech is not always/necessarily the same as incitement to hatred and violence
- Hate speech is not something static that can be listed exhaustively

# Benefits of regulation?



1998: Putting the issue on the agenda



2021: Ensuring a correct understanding

# Benefits of formal regulation?

- Self-regulation, co-regulation etc. and formal regulation are not either/or, mutually exclusive
- Codes of conduct, activities of private companies (platforms) can be strengthened by legislation – *support* freedom of expression through legal clarity, transparency