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FORUM on

Disinformation, Journalism and Civil Society

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Call for Papers

On **October 27, 2024**, the forum "**Disinformation, Journalism and Civil Society**" will take place at the Main Auditorium of the Porto Accounting and Business Administration (ISCAP). This event is organized by the Polytechnic Institute of Porto, in collaboration with research groups INDESO (Legal Regulation and Digital Citizen Participation) and COMEIN (Communication, Methodologies, and Innovation, UCM). The event will begin at 10:00 AM and will feature specialists from various fields.

These sessions are funded by NATO through the "NATO Public Policy Fellowships" project and aim to promote reflection and dialogue on the impact and prevention of disinformation in society, with particular emphasis on the role of journalism and civil society in protecting informational integrity.

In a context where disinformation continues to challenge the integrity of information and public trust in institutions, journalism and civil society emerge as essential pillars in building an informed and resilient society. This event proposes an in-depth analysis of the dynamics linking disinformation, journalism, and civil society engagement, exploring how these interactions affect democracy and social cohesion.

With the proliferation of manipulated content and the rapid spread of disinformation facilitated by social networks and digital platforms, critical questions arise regarding the role and responsibility of journalism as a guardian of truth and civil society as an active agent in defending accurate information. The digital age imposes new challenges for fact-checking, transparency, and journalistic ethics, as well as for empowering civil society to identify and respond to misleading content.

This event seeks to foster dialogue among specialists, journalists, legislators, academics, and civil society representatives on effective strategies to mitigate the impact of disinformation. From the need for balanced regulation of digital platforms to the importance of media literacy and fact-checking initiatives, the conference aims to explore innovative and collaborative approaches to protect the informational ecosystem and strengthen public trust.



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Program

November 27

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- **Roundtable with disinformation specialists**

12:30 PM – 14:30 PM

- **Lunch**

14:30 PM - 16:30 PM

- **Debate panel with participants whose proposals were selected, guests from Spain and Portugal, master's and doctoral students**

16:30 PM - 17:30 PM

- **Event closure**

This event aims to be an open discussion space. The submitted proposals will be grouped into specific themes, forming working groups to discuss each topic in depth. These debates will be recorded and, with the participants' consent, turned into chapters of a digital book to be published by a renowned publisher.

Proposed Topics

- Accountability and regulation of digital platforms
- Preservation of Journalism and Strengthening of Pluralism
- Resilience, Media Literacy, Informational Literacy, and Civil Society Participation
- Fact-Checking and Sustainability of Fact-checking Initiatives
- Democratic Resilience and Public Protection Policies

Submission of Proposals

Each participant may submit only one proposal on a debate topic, to be sent to the following link: <https://forms.gle/CEVHoKCwFDA34mHi6>. The proposal, in Word format, must contain the following information:

- Full Name
- Institutional Affiliation
- Proposal Title
- Debate Proposal (maximum 150 words)
- Thematic area of the proposal
- Email and telephone contact

Important Date

- Deadline for proposal submission: **November 22, 2024**

Participation and Publication

Participation is mandatory for proponents whose proposals are accepted. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation, in addition to the opportunity to contribute to a chapter of the digital book with reflections recorded during the debate panels. We look forward to your proposals and collaboration in building this event!

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