



Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR) Workshop

# Disinformation and Human Rights in Context



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Academy Building Leiden University

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# Programme

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## **Panel I : The Media, Online Platforms and Emerging Technologies**

The importance of public debate as a condition for a functioning democracy is undisputed. Disinformation, enabled and amplified by online social media and emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, increasingly disrupts and subsequently affects decision-making and political governance. This panel engages with the changing media ecosystem, addresses the reconceptualization of media freedom in a digital age and raises broader questions on the role and responsibility of online platforms and how legislators should deal with emerging technologies.

## **Panel II : National Minorities, Gender and Disinformation**

Marginalized groups are frequently targeted by disinformation campaigns, which have become a key element in enabling gender-based violence, hate speech and xenophobia. Disinformation adds oil to the fire, enlarging existing confusion and amplifying tensions, endangering the human rights of these groups. Some of the questions addressed are: how have these developments unfolded in recent years, including against the backdrop of ongoing armed conflicts? And how should law-makers and the judiciary, from the national to the international level, address these developments?

## **Panel III : Researching Disinformation**

Researchers often encounter obstacles in identifying and evidencing disinformation, its presence, its impact or the lack thereof. Empirical studies remain limited and doctrinal research is often speculative. Especially the legal field struggles to overcome these hurdles. This panel presents various interdisciplinary and/or multidisciplinary perspectives to researching disinformation, contributing to the search for more effective methodological approaches across the board.



The workshop brings together academic and other experts to discuss the broad interaction between disinformation and human rights in an era of technological advancement. It has a multidisciplinary focus, touching upon substantial questions of law and the practicalities and obstacles in conducting researching in the field of disinformation. The workshop will be **in-person only** and conducted in English. Participation is open to everyone and will be particularly interesting for practitioners, academics, and students