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Digital Constitutionalism & Policy

Fighting Disinformation and Regulatory Conundrums: European and Global Perspectives

Wednesday, 25 October 2023
3.30 – 7:00 pm CEST
Press Club Brussels Europe

The spread of disinformation has become a significant challenge for societies worldwide. False and fabricated content coming from multiple sources, including state actors and media outlets, raises constitutional challenges for democracy, particularly looking at erosion of trust in institutions, while also hindering the development and implementation of effective policy. While the European Union has already put in place a strategy to address disinformation as underlined by the adoption of the European Strengthened Code of Practice in 2022, other areas of the world are following different approaches.

Digital Constitutionalism & Policy (DICOPO) proposes an event that focuses on exploring disinformation policy and fostering discussions on strategies to combat it from a global perspective. By adopting a comparative perspective, the event will provide an in-depth understanding of the strategies and reaction to address disinformation. The event will also be an opportunity to present the book "Freedom of Speech and the Regulation of Fake News" (Intersentia, 2023) co-edited by Prof. Oreste Pollicino, president and co-founder of DICOPO.

The event will start with a welcome address by DICOPO co-founders, then followed by a keynote speech by Věra Jourová, vice-president of the European Commission, and a panel discussing disinformation, media policy and platform regulation. The goal of the event is to facilitate constructive discussions and collaboration among stakeholders on the challenges posed by disinformation and potential policy responses. The event will see the participation of policymakers, experts, academics, and civil society representatives.

The event will also see the launch of Digital Constitutionalism & Policy (DICOPO), a group of scholars, policy-makers and business experts at the forefront of understanding and shape the future of digital governance. From its Brussels base, DICOPO aims to examine how rights and powers are changing in the digital age and how policy should approach to this transformation. By fostering interdisciplinary research, rigorous analysis, and engaging in robust policy debates, DICOPO aims to provide meaningful insights and actionable recommendations to different stakeholders.

Programme

3:30 – 4:00	Registration
4:00 – 4:15	Welcome and introduction

Oreste Pollicino
DICOPO Co-Founder and President

4:15 – 4:30   DICOPO presentation

Andrea Parola
DICOPO Co-Founder

4:30 – 5:00   Keynote speech

Věra Jourová
Vice-President for Values and Transparency, European Commission

5:00 – 5:45   Panel: Disinformation, Media Policy and Platform Regulation

Giuseppe Abbamonte
Director, Media Policy DG Connect, European Commission

Katharina Mathernová
EU Ambassador in Kiev, European Commission

Ramona Strugariu
Renew Europe Group, European Parliament

5:45 – 6:00   Conclusions

Paolo Cesarini
DICOPO Co-Founder

Giovanni De Gregorio
DICOPO Co-Founder

6:00 – 7:00   Drinks