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BIP - Online fake news and disinformation: recognize and verify

Course no.	Theme	Date (2024)	Place	Duration	Instructor
T1	Introduction to online disinformation. Conceptual approach (information, disinformation, fake news, mock news, persuasion, influence, lie, rumour, manipulation, propaganda, deceptive communication, strategic deception, alt-media, alt-fact). The impact of disinformation and fake news in recent scientific research. Gatekeeping and gatewatching paradigms from the perspective of selecting and publishing journalistic information	10 oct.	online lecture and class discussions	2 h	Bogdan Oprea (University of Bucharest - UB)
T2	Introduction to online disinformation. The political-economy of disinformation and fact-checking. An overview of the producers of disinformations and their motivations, and of the funding and organisation of fact-checking	17 oct.	online lecture and class discussions	2 h	David Domingo (Université Libre de Bruxelles - ULB)
T3	The influence of cognitive biases on the credibility of disinformation and fake news	24 oct.	online lecture and class discussions	2 h	Sorin Costreie (UB)
T4	From messages to emotions: emotions - a key ingredient in current research of fake news and critical discourse studies. How emotions work in	31 oct.	online lecture and class	2 h	Manuel Alcántara-Plá (Universidad Autónoma de

	discourses and how we can use them to fight against the disinformation		discussions		Madrid - UAM)
T5	Manipulation techniques in the digital environment (cognitive hacking, social hacking, para-social hacking, symbolic actions, disinformation and fake news, counterfeiting and information leakage, "Potemkin villages" type evidence, mistaken identities, bots, "puppets", botnets and cyborgs, trolling and flaming, humor and memes, malicious rhetoric, etc. - The "Lund" Model)	7 nov.	online lecture and class discussions	2 h	Teodor Răileanu-Olariu („Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi - UI)
T6	Regulations and legislative approach to disinformation. Disinformation and hate speech in international organizations. Models of Regulation among "Digital Empires".	14 nov.	online lecture and class discussions	2 h	Luis Bouza García (UAM), Taru Haapala (UAM)
T7	The "Three Step" Fact-Checking Method for text, photo and video I	21 nov.	online lecture and class discussions, online practical activities	2 h	Bogdan Oprea (UB)
T8	The "Three Step" Fact-Checking Method for text, photo and video II	28 nov.	online practical activities	2 h	Bogdan Oprea (UB)
T9	Regulations and legislative approach to disinformation. European Union regulation: transnational and national policies. Key actors and networks	2 dec.	face-to-face lecture and class discussions	2 h	Luis Bouza García (UAM)
T10	Fake news hits - case studies discussions	2 dec.	face-to-face lecture and class discussions	2 h	Luis Bouza García (UAM); Manuel Alcántara-Plá (UAM); Bogdan Oprea (UB)
T11	Digital footprint, personal data and data protection. Cyber security for journalists. "Cambridge Analytica" and "Schrems vs Facebook" - case studies discussions and video (documentary) watching	3 dec.	face-to-face lecture and class discussions,	4 h	Luis Bouza García (UAM); Manuel Alcántara-Plá (UAM); Bogdan Oprea (UB)

			video learning		
T12	Pre-publishing/broadcasting (ex-ante) and post-publishing/broadcasting (ex-post) information verification techniques. Presentations of The International Fact-Checking Network and The European Fact-Checking Standards Network. Presentation of the international, European and national fact-checking platforms	3 dec.	face-to-face lecture and class discussion; Bucharest	2 h	Laurence Dierickx (ULB)
T13	Fact-checking activities for text, photo and video	4 dec.	face-to-face practical activities and evaluation; Bucharest	8 h	Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Bogdan Oprea (UB)
T14	Field visit to a fact-checking service newsroom	5 dec.	face-to-face; Bucharest	4 h	Luis Bouza García (UAM); Manuel Alcántara-Plá (UAM); Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileannu-Olariu (UI) Bogdan Oprea (UB)
	<i>Visit s to The Romanian Palace of the Parliament and The Cotroceni Palace (the official residence of the President of Romania)</i>	6 dec.	<i>face-to-face; Bucharest</i>	6 h	<i>Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Luis Bouza García (UAM); Manuel Alcántara-Plá (UAM); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileannu-Olariu (UI); Bogdan Oprea (UB)</i>
T15	Presentations and final report assessment	12 dec.	online class discussions	2 h	Bogdan Oprea (UB); David Domingo (ULB); Manuel Alcántara-Plá (UAM); Luis Bouza García (UAM); Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Taru Haapala (UAM); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileannu-Olariu (UI)
T16	Presentations and final report assessment	19 dec.	online class	2 h	Bogdan Oprea (UB);

			discussions		David Domingo (ULB); Manuel Alcántara-Plá (UAM); Luis Bouza García (UAM); Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Taru Haapala (UAM); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileanu-Olariu (UI)
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