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BIP - Online fake news and disinformation: recognize and verify

Course no.	Theme	Time (2024)	Place	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 gatwatching paradigms from the perspective of selecting and publishing journalistic information. AI tools to fight disinformation	9 oct., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online lecture and class discussions</i>	Bogdan Oprea (University of Bucharest - UB): <i>bogdan.oprea@unibuc.ro</i>
T2	Challenges, attempts and limits to curb online disinformation: European approaches	16 oct., 18h00 - 20h00	<i>online lecture and class discussions</i>	Jérémie Nicey (Public School of Journalism of Tours, University of Tours - EPJT/UT)

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T3	The influence of cognitive biases on the credibility of disinformation and fake news	23 oct., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online lecture and class discussions</i>	Sorin Costreie (UB)
T4	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)	30 oct., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online lecture and class discussions</i>	Teodor Răileanu-Olariu („Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi - UI)
T5	Worldwide approaches to disinformation: Recent developments in disinformation and strategic communication in Argentina	6 nov., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online lecture and class discussions</i>	Soledad Arréguez Manozzo (Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina - PCUA)
T6	Worldwide approaches to disinformation: Recent developments in disinformation and strategic communication in Japan	13 nov., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online lecture and class discussions</i>	Akira Igata (University of Tokyo - UT)
T7	Regulations and legislative approach to disinformation. Disinformation and hate speech in international organizations. Models of regulation among "Digital	20 nov., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online lecture and class discussions</i>	Maria Romana Allegri ("Sapienza" University of Rome - SUR)

	Empires".			
T8	Debunking - from news making process to an iterative news validation process	27 nov., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online lecture and class discussions</i>	Christian Ruggiero ("Sapienza" University of Rome - SUR)
T9	The "Three Step" Fact-Checking Method for text, photo and video	4 dec., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online lecture and class discussions, online practical activities</i>	Bogdan Oprea (UB):
	lunch	8 dec., 13h00 - 14h00 local time		
T10a	Fake news hits - case studies discussions I	8 dec., 14h00 - 16h00 local time	<i>face-to-face lecture and class discussions</i>	Christian Ruggiero (SUR); Maria Romana Allegri (SUR); Bogdan Oprea (UB)
	coffee break	8 dec., 16h00 - 16h30 local time		
T10b	Fake news hits - case studies discussions II	8 dec., 16h30 - 18h30 local time	<i>face-to-face lecture and class discussions</i>	Christian Ruggiero (SUR); Maria Romana Allegri (SUR); Bogdan Oprea (UB)
	breakfast	9 dec., 9h30 - 10h00		

		local time		
T11	Digital footprint, personal data and data protection. Regulations and case studies discussions. Video (documentary) watching and discussions	9 dec., 10h00 - 14h00 local time	<i>face-to-face lecture and class discussions, video learning</i>	Christian Ruggiero (SUR); Maria Romana Allegri (SUR); Bogdan Oprea (UB)
	lunch	9 dec., 14h00 - 15h00 local time		
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	9 dec., 15h00 - 17h00 local time	<i>face-to-face lecture and class discussion</i>	Laurence Dierickx (Free University of Brussels - ULB)
	breakfast	10 dec., 9h30 - 10h00 local time		
T13a	Fact-checking activities for text, photo and video I	10 dec., 10h00 - 14h00 local time	<i>face-to-face practical activities</i>	Laurence Dierickx (ULB)
	lunch	10 dec.,		

		14h00 - 15h00 local time		
T13b	Fact-checking activities for text, photo and video II	10 dec., 15h00 - 17h00 local time	<i>face-to-face practical activities</i>	Laurence Dierickx (ULB)
	breakfast	11 dec., 9h30 - 10h00 local time		
T14	Visits to The "Peleş" Palace in Sinaia, Prahova County	11 dec., 13h00 - 15h00 local time	<i>face-to-face activities</i>	Bogdan Oprea (UB); Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Christian Ruggiero (SUR); Maria Romana Allegri (SUR); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileanu-Olariu (UI)
	lunch	11 dec., 15h30 - 16h30 local time		
T15	Orientation meeting about presentations and final report assessment	11 dec., 16h30 - 18h30 local time	<i>face-to-face class discussions</i>	Bogdan Oprea (UB); Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Christian Ruggiero (SUR); Maria Romana Allegri (SUR); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileanu-Olariu (UI)
	breakfast	11 dec., 9h30 - 10h00 local time		

716	Visit to the România Check by Rador - Radio România fact-checking service newsroom (the Public Romanian Radio Service)	12 dec., 11h00 - 13h00 local time	<i>face-to-face activities</i>	Bogdan Oprea (UB); Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Christian Ruggiero (SUR); Maria Romana Allegri (SUR); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileanu-Olariu (UI)
T17	Visits to The Romanian Palace of the Parliament	12 dec., 14h00 - 16h00 local time	<i>face-to-face activities</i>	Bogdan Oprea (UB); Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Christian Ruggiero (SUR); Maria Romana Allegri (SUR); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileanu-Olariu (UI)
	late lunch	12 dec., 16h30 - 17h30 local time		
T18	Presentations and final report assessment	18 dec., 18h00 - 20h00 GMT	<i>online class discussions</i>	Bogdan Oprea (UB); Laurence Dierickx (ULB); Christian Ruggiero (SUR); Maria Romana Allegri (SUR); Soledad Arréguez Manozzo (PCUA); Akira Igata (UT) Jérémie Nicey (EPJT/UT); Sorin Costreie (UB); Teodor Răileanu-Olariu (UI)