

International Conference Agenda
"Combating Disinformation and Propaganda:
A Dialogue on Resilience Strategies in Armenia and Beyond"

May 4, 2023, Ibis Yerevan hotel, "Ararat" hall

"Media and Information Literacy Accelerator" Project¹

Time	Description
10:00 - 10:30	Registration of participants and coffee break
10:30 - 11:00	Opening remarks Seda Muradyan, President of the Public Journalism Club Ladislav Beranek, Grants Officer of the Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy Yerevan Gor Tsarukyan, Director of "Public Relations and Information Center", Office of the Prime Minister of the RA
11:00 – 12:00	<i>Panel discussion: The impact of political processes on dissemination of propaganda and disinformation</i> Speakers: Martin Innes , Professor of Cardiff University. Topic: "Disinformation Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Daniel Ioannisyan, Programs Director of «Union of Informed Citizens» NGO. Topic: "The Political Context of Disinformation" Andranik Shirinyan, Project Coordinator for Freedom House in Armenia. Topic: "Opportunities and Challenges for Strengthening Human Rights Institutions in Post-War Armenia" <i>Moderator: Maria Titizyan, Editor-in-Chief of EvnReport</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Panel discussion: Computational Propaganda and Disinformation Environment Globally</i> Speakers: Bret Schafer , Representative of the German Marshall Fund. Topic: "Information Laundering: How bad actors use digital technologies to manipulate our information environment?" Laura Baghdasaryan, Director of "Region" Research Center. Topic: "Social networks in the Armenian media. pluralism or propaganda?" <i>Moderator: Karen Harutyunyan, Editor-in-Chief of CivilNet</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

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14:00 – 15:30	<p><i>Panel discussion: Lessons learned after 2020: What can be done by Governments and through PPP (Public-Private Partnership)?</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Gor Tsarukyan, Director of “Public Relations and Information Center”, Office of the Prime Minister of the RA. Topic: “National strategy against disinformation of Armenia and the roadmap”</p> <p>Lilit Minasyan, Deputy of the National Assembly of the RA</p> <p>Anna Naghdalyan, Program Officer of International Republican Institute</p> <p>Levon Barseghyan, Chairman of the Journalists' Club “Asparez”</p> <p>Ashot Melikyan, Chairman of Committee to Protect Freedom of Expression</p> <p><i>Moderator: Arevik Sahakyan, Head of “Factor” Information Center</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 16:45	<p><i>Presentation of the results of researches conducted by the Media Initiatives Center within the “Media and Information Literacy Accelerator” project (MILA)</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Lusine Grigoryan, Deputy Chief of party of Media Program in Armenia, Internews. Presentation of the research on disinformation and fake narratives spread in TikTok platform</p> <p>Gegham Vardanyan, Editor-in-Chief of Media.am platform. Presentation of the research on the needs of media workers for verifying information and dealing with disinformation</p> <p>Presentation of MILA project products: Open Sources Platform (OSP) and InVID Armenian translation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Alexander Martirosyan, PJC Projects Manager</p> <p>Tirayr Muradyan, Fact-checking journalist at Hetq.am, Consultant of OSP development</p>
17:00 – 17:15	Wrap up and closing of the conference