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Communication Distortions and the Possibility of Democratic Dialogue in the 21st Century

– in-person international conference organised by the Hungarian Europe Society under the auspices of DIACOMET project in cooperation with the SCIENCE+ regional network –

Date: 12 November 2024, Tuesday 12:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Venue: Central European University, Budapest Campus, 15 Nádor utca, Budapest, H-1051, Room 106

Program:

12:30 - 1:00 Registration

1:00 - 1:30 Welcome & introduction

- **István Hegedűs** (Chairman, Hungarian Europe Society)
- **Maryia Sadouskaya-Komlach** (Chairwoman of the Board, Free Press for Eastern Europe)

Session I.: Disinformation, fake news, information manipulation during the year of elections

1:30 - 2:00 Keynote address

Jaroslav Valůch (Czech researcher, SCIENCE+ Network; Member of the Crisis Information Unit, Czech Ministry of Interior): When disinformation really hurts - Lessons from the Czech Republic

2:00 - 2:30 **Blanka Zöldi** (Editor-in-Chief, Lakmusz): Disinformation in political advertisements - How do big tech companies profit from lies?

2:30 - 3:15 Disinformation, fake news and populist political communication (*round-table discussion*)

Participants:

- **Márk Finta** (Journalist, Napunk - Denník N)
- **András Király** (Journalist, telex.hu)
- **Bulcsú Hunyadi** (Head of Programmes, Head of the Radicalisation and Extremism Programme, Political Capital)

Moderated by **Veronika Munk** (Director of Innovation and New Markets, Denník N; Lecturer, ELTE University)

3:15 - 3:45 Coffee break

Session II.: Ethical communication and journalism in the Digital Age. Lessons learned from DIACOMET and SCIENCE+ projects

3:45 - 4:00 **Christina Krakovsky** (Junior Scientist, Institute for Comparative Media and Communication Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences / University of Klagenfurt; Researcher, DIACOMET project): From abortion to media financing - How divisive issues are discussed in Austrian public discourse

4:00 - 4:15 **Eszter Hadnagy** (Social Psychologist; Ph.D. Student, ELTE University; Researcher, DIACOMET project): Ethical dilemmas in communication - Insights from Hungarian focus groups

4:15 - 4:30 **Erik Uszkiewicz** (Lawyer; Vice-Chairperson, Hungarian Europe Society; Researcher, DIACOMET project): "Law in books and law in action" - Ethical and diversity requirements in the Hungarian media regulation and in practice

4:30 - 5:15 Scientific disinformation in the journalistic practice (*round-table discussion*)

Participants:

- **Péter Lugosi** (Journalist, 24.hu)
- **Nikoletta Nagy** (Journalist, telex.hu)
- **Máté Világi** (Journalist, telex.hu; members of the SCIENCE+ Network)

Moderated by **Fanni Barczikai** (Journalist, Lakmusz)

5:15 - 5:45 Afternoon presentation

Judit Bayer (Senior Research Fellow, University of Muenster): Information warfare in the age of epistemic uncertainty (*online*)

5:45 - 6:00 Farewell remarks

Maryia Sadouskaya-Komlach (Chairwoman of the Board, Free Press for Eastern Europe)

[RSVP: please register here by 8 November 2024.](#)

Please note that the language of the event is English and no translation will be provided.

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The EU-funded DIACOMET project will advance ethical and accountable communication by promoting capacity building for civic resilience against disinformation and civic accountability. The project will generate a concept of dialogic communication ethics, providing a framework for an inclusive model of accountability mechanisms that combine media accountability with civic accountability, bound by a civic code of good communication conduct (a new type of communication ethics).

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