

Understanding and Mitigating Online Hate Speech and Youth Radicalisation

Thursday 12 November, 16:00-17:30, Workshop room 9

- **Session Description**

From socializing and entertainment to homework, the Internet is an essential part of life for young people today, opening vast new opportunities for connecting and learning. At the same time, the Internet provides violent extremists with powerful tools to propagate hatred and violence and to identify and groom potential recruits, creating global online communities that promote radicalization.

The emergence and diffusion of hate speech online is a new and fast evolving phenomenon and collective efforts are needed to understand its significance and consequences, as well as to develop effective responses.

UNESCO takes this session to share the initial outcome from its commissioned research on online hate speech including practical recommendations on combating against online hate speech through understanding the challenges, mobilizing civil society, lobbying private sectors and intermediaries and educating individuals with Media and Information Literacy. In related to this, the workshop would also discuss how to help empower youth to address online radicalization and extremism, and realize their aspirations to contribute to a more peaceful and sustainable world.

- **Name of the organizer(s) of the session:**

Council of Europe, Oxford University; OHCHR, Google, ISOC

- **Names and affiliations of the panelists**

Chair: Lidia Brito, Director for UNESCO Office in Montevideo

Remote Moderator: Xianhong Hu, UNESCO

Rapporteur: Guilherme Canela De Souza Godoi, UNESCO

Panelists:

Frank La Rue, Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Europe

Sunil Abraham, Executive Director, Center for Internet and Society, Bangalore, India

Gabrielle Guillemin, Senior Legal Officer, Article 19

Iyad Kallas, Co-founder, Radio Souriali, Syria

Judith Lichtenberg, Executive Director, the Global Network Initiative (GNI)

Neide de Oliveira, Federal Prosecutor of MIL programme

Eve Salomon, Former Chair, Internet Watch Foundation

Representative from Council of Europe

- **Agenda**

15:45 Preparation meeting with panelists, 15 mins before the session	
16:00 Opening remarks from the Chair	
16:10 Remarks by panelists	
5'	Frank La Rue, Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Europe
5'	Sunil Abraham, Executive Director of Center for Internet and Society, Bangalore, India
5'	Gabrielle Guillemin, Senior Legal Officer, Article 19
5'	Iyad Kallas, Co-founder, Radio Souriali, Syria
5'	Judith Lichtenberg, Executive Director of the Global Network Initiative (GNI)
5'	Neide de Oliveira, Federal Prosecutor of MIL programme
5'	Eve Salomon, Former Chair of the Internet Watch Foundation
5'	Representative from Council of Europe (TBC)
16:50 Open floor to other stakeholders at present	
40'	Q&A
17:30 Closing	