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Session 1: **Welcome Remarks**

Executive Director



Nicholas Rasmussen

Executive Director, GIFCT

Nicholas Rasmussen is the inaugural Executive Director of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT). A national security professional with more than 27 years in U.S. government service, Rasmussen held senior counterterrorism posts at the White House and in the U.S. Intelligence Community from 2001 to 2017. He concluded his government career as Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), leading more than 1,000 professionals from across the Intelligence Community, federal government, and federal contractor workforce.

Rasmussen served in senior posts across three administrations, including as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Counterterrorism at the National Security Council staff under Presidents Bush and Obama before being appointed Director of NCTC by President Obama and continuing his tenure at the request of President Trump's administration. From 1991–2001, he served in policy positions at the Department of State, focused on the Middle East.

Rasmussen holds appointments as Visiting Professor of Practice at the School of Law, University of Texas at Austin, as Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the National Security College of Australia National University, and as Distinguished Professor of Practice at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. He is also a Non-Resident Senior National Security Fellow at the McCain Institute for International Leadership, where he served as Senior Director of National Security and Counterterrorism programs from 2018 to 2020. Rasmussen holds a B.A. degree from Wesleyan University and an M.P.A. from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs.

GIFCT Operating Board Chair

Monique Meche

Chair, GIFCT Operating Board and Vice President of Global Public Policy and Philanthropy, Twitter



Monique Meche is Twitter's Vice President, Global Public Policy and Philanthropy. She leads the company's global efforts to advance freedom of expression, the open internet, and public conversation on the world stage.

Meche has spent over 25 years building and leading public policy and corporate affairs teams around the world, mainly in the tech sector. She has public policy, corporate affairs, corporate social responsibility, marketing, business development, and investment experience and has lived and worked in Europe, Asia, and the U.S.

Meche previously served as Global Head of Public Policy at Waymo, leading advocacy work to build out the framework for autonomous vehicle and truck deployment. Prior to that, Meche was Vice President of Global Public Policy at Netflix, working to further the company's innovative regulatory agenda. From 2013–2017, Meche managed Amazon's international public policy work and helped to grow the company's commercial footprint in over 30 countries. Meche worked at Cisco from 2004–2012 where she was responsible for Government Affairs and Public Policy in Europe, Middle East, and Africa. From 1995–2004, she was at Intel, where she managed Public Policy in Europe, and as Director of Intel Capital, she invested in startup companies in the U.S., Asia, and Europe.

Meche was previously Chair of the Self-Driving Coalition for Safer Streets and is currently Chair of the Operating Board of GIFCT, which brings together the technology industry, government, civil society, and academia to foster collaboration and information-sharing to counter terrorist and violent extremist activity online.

Meche is a graduate of Tulane University in International Relations/Economics, studied at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, and has a master's degree from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. Meche is a dual national of the U.S. and Ireland.

Independent Advisory
Committee Chairperson



Bjørn Ihler

Chairperson, GIFCT Independent Advisory Committee
and Executive Director and Co-founder, Khalifa-Ihler
Institute

Bjørn Ihler is an internationally renowned expert in countering and preventing radicalization into violent extremism through the design of healthier communities on and off-line. In 2016, Ihler co-founded the Khalifa-Ihler Institute which works to promote peace, human rights, and thriving communities. Ihler is also a member of the group Extremely Together working under the Kofi Annan Foundation to empower youth internationally to challenge violent extremism in their local communities and work against radicalization across the globe.

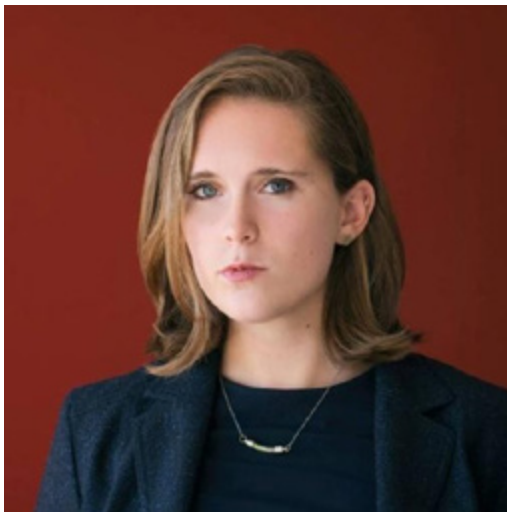
Through his international work, Ihler has worked with and advised both local organizations, national governments, and international institutions such as the E.U., OSCE, and the U.N. to develop strategies to more effectively prevent radicalization into violent extremism and build more peaceful communities. Ihler's work is based on a holistic understanding of the social, economic, cultural, and political roots of radicalization and builds on an understanding of violent extremism as the denial of diversity. Much of Ihler's work builds on his experiences working with former violent extremists from various radical backgrounds, his own experiences as a survivor of the 2011 terrorist attack in Norway, his academic work in Peace and Conflict Studies as well as collaboration with activists, policymakers, technologists, and researchers from across the world. Ihler's work has been featured in articles and op-eds in outlets including Time Magazine and the Guardian, two TEDx talks, and numerous other appearances in international media, conferences, and forums.

Session 1: **Overview of the Evolving Threat Landscape**

Moderator

Jenna McLaughlin

National Security and Investigations Reporter, Yahoo! News



Jenna McLaughlin is a national security and investigations reporter for Yahoo News, where she focuses on the intelligence community, foreign policy, and other issues. McLaughlin previously covered intelligence and national security for CNN, Foreign Policy Magazine, The Intercept, and Mother Jones, following her graduation from Johns Hopkins University in 2014.

Panelist

Dr. Shiraz Maher

Director, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation



Dr. Shiraz Maher is Director of the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR) and a member of the War Studies Department at King's College London. He currently leads the Centre's research on the Syrian and Iraqi conflicts and also researches Salafi-Jihadi soteriology.

Maher is a recognized expert on the current Middle East crisis and jihadist movements. The BBC has described him as "one of the world's leading experts on radicalisation," and the Washington Post has called him "a respected specialist on Islamic State." The Observer's Jason Burke says he has "a justified reputation as a leading authority on contemporary Islamic extremism."

His book, *Salafi-Jihadism: The History of an Idea*

(Oxford, 2016) has been widely acknowledged as a groundbreaking exploration of the political philosophy behind contemporary jihadist movements.

Maher is also an adjunct lecturer at Johns Hopkins University (where he currently teaches separate courses on radicalization and political Islam), and was a visiting lecturer at Washington College during the Spring Semester of 2012 (where he taught Middle East politics).

He is a contributing writer for the New Statesman, frequently writing on Islamic State and the broader Middle East. He has conducted fieldwork across the world, interviewing members of the Taliban, al-Qaeda, Jabhat al-Nusrah, Ahrar al-Sham, and the Free Syrian Army. Most recently, he has conducted interviews with more than 100 Western foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq. Based on his insights from those interviews, he has given evidence before two parliamentary committees on the Syrian conflict, the flow of foreign fighters into the country, and the rise of the Islamic State.

In 2016 he was shortlisted for the Orwell Prize in journalism for his pieces on radicalization, foreign fighter mobilization, and the terrorist threat to Europe. He also received the prize for “Excellence in Research Innovation and Impact” at the King’s Awards in 2015.

Panelist



Adam Hadley

Executive Director, Tech Against Terrorism

Adam Hadley is the Founder and Executive Director of Tech Against Terrorism, a public-private partnership recognized by the U.N. Security Council in working with GIFCT and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) to support the global tech sector in tackling the terrorist use of the internet while respecting human rights. The scope of Tech Against Terrorism covers all platforms used by terrorist and violent extremists, including fintech, social media, archiving, infrastructure, and messaging apps. Terrorism and violent extremism of all forms is covered by this work, from violent jihadist

groups to far-right violent extremists.

Hadley is also the CEO of the London-based data science consultancy QuantSpark and its not-for-profit arm the Online Harms Foundation, which is responsible for implementing Tech Against Terrorism on behalf of CTED and GIFCT. As part of this initiative, Hadley leads a team of researchers, policy analysts, data scientists, and software engineers to support smaller platforms that do not otherwise have the resources to tackle the terrorist use of the services on their own.

Session 2: **Human Rights Impact Assessment**

Introductory Remarks

Edward Flynn

Senior Human Rights Officer, Counter-Terrorism
Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), United Nations



Edward J. Flynn is the Senior Human Rights Officer with the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), which supports the Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee in New York. Mr. Flynn coordinates a team looking at human rights and counter-terrorism issues, including issues connected to terrorist incitement, violent extremism, abuse of social media, and gender. Prior to joining CTED, Mr. Flynn was adviser on human rights and counter-terrorism at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva. He previously served with OHCHR from 1996-2003 as coordinator for human rights programs in Europe, Central Asia and North America, concentrating on field operations in the Balkans. He was a UN human rights field officer in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina during the wars in the Former Yugoslavia, and before that in Haiti. Prior to joining the UN, he worked for six years as a lawyer with non-profit agencies representing refugees in the United States.

Moderator

David Kaye

Clinical Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine and former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression



David Kaye is a clinical professor of law at the University of California, Irvine, director of its International Justice Clinic, and co-director of the Center on Fair Elections and Free Speech. From 2014–2020 he served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression. He is also the author of *Speech Police: The Global Struggle to Govern the Internet* (Columbia Global Reports, 2019), Independent Chair of the Board of the Global Network Initiative, and a Trustee of ARTICLE19. He has written for international and American law journals and numerous media outlets. David began his legal career with the U.S. State Department’s Office of the Legal Adviser, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is a former member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law.

Panelist

Dunstan Allison-Hope

Vice President, Business for Social Responsibility



Dunstan Allison-Hope leads Business for Social Responsibility’s work at the intersection of technology and human rights. BSR is a non-profit organization with a mission to work with companies to build a just and sustainable world. Allison-Hope joined BSR in 2004 and previously led BSR’s information and communications technology, heavy manufacturing, and human rights teams.

Allison-Hope brings significant experience working on a diverse range of engagements and issues, including human rights due diligence, privacy and freedom of expression, sustainability reporting and strategy, and stakeholder engagement. Allison-Hope regularly advises the world’s largest technology companies like Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Salesforce, Sony, Twitter, Telenor, Telia,

and Verizon on human rights and environmental, social, and governance policy.

Allison-Hope facilitated the multi-stakeholder process of developing global principles on freedom of expression and privacy, which led to the launch of the Global Network Initiative in October 2008. He also helped create the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition, a collaborative initiative of more than 100 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) companies improving conditions in their supply chains. Allison-Hope participated in the process of creating the Global Reporting Initiative G3 guidelines, and he is a regular commentator on issues of corporate accountability, reporting, and human rights.

Prior to joining BSR Allison-Hope was part of British Telecommunications' corporate responsibility team from 1999–2004. Allison-Hope has an M.Prof. in Sustainable Development from Forum for the Future.

Panelist

Susan Morgan

Senior Advisor, Business for Social Responsibility



Susan Morgan is an independent consultant working on the intersection of technology and society. Between 2016 and 2019 she worked at the Open Society Foundations, developing international grant-making strategies on disinformation, the online public sphere, algorithmic discrimination, and big data. Prior to that she was the first Executive Director of the Global Network Initiative, a Washington, DC based multi-stakeholder initiative focused on the responsibilities of technology companies to protect the free expression and privacy rights of their users when receiving government requests around the world. She spent 10 years working at British Telecom (BT), including six years focused on corporate responsibility, leading BT's strategy, policy, and public reporting across the company on those issues. She has a B.A. and M.A. in Politics from Durham University, U.K.

Panelist



Anjum Rahman

Project Lead, Inclusive Aotearoa Collective Tāhono

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Anjum Rahman is the Project Lead of the Inclusive Aotearoa Collective Tāhono, an organization working on creating a stronger sense of belonging through connections and collaboration. She is a chartered accountant with over 25 years of experience and a Trustee of Trust Waikato, a major funder in the Waikato Region.

She is a member of international committees dealing with the issues of terrorist and violent extremist content online as co-chair of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network and a member of the Independent Advisory Committee of GIFCT.

She also commits to various volunteer roles in the community. She is a founding member and current media spokesperson of the Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand, a leading voice before and after the Christchurch Mosque attacks. She is a founding member and was a long-time trustee of Shama, Ethnic Women's Trust, a member of the Waikato Interfaith Council, and a trustee of Hamilton's community access broadcaster, Free FM.

Panelist

Lucy Calladine

Government Affairs and Public Policy Lead for Terrorism, VE, and Hate, Google

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Lucy Calladine is Google's Public Policy lead on countering extremism. In this role, she advises Google on content issues across Google's products and services relating to hate speech, terrorism, and violent extremism. She also manages Google's work with GIFCT and other multilateral forums focused on fighting terrorism in the online space.

Session 2: **Taxonomy Expansion**

Moderator

Daniel Byman

Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute and Professor,
Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service



Daniel Byman is a Professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. Dr. Byman has served as a Professional Staff Member on both the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks on the United States ("The 9-11 Commission") and the Joint 9/11 Inquiry of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees. He has also worked as the Research Director of the Center for Middle East Public Policy at the RAND Corporation and as a Middle East analyst for the U.S. intelligence community. Dr. Byman has written widely on a range of topics related to terrorism, international security, and the Middle East. His publications have appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, International Security, and numerous other scholarly, policy, and popular journals. He is the author of books on state sponsorship of terrorism, ethnic conflict, jihadist foreign fighters, and Israeli counterterrorism. His next book is *Spreading Hate: The White Power Movement Goes Global* (Oxford, forthcoming).

Panelist

Mariusz Żurawek

Founder, JustPaste.it

Mariusz Żurawek is an owner of JustPaste.it, a website focused on quick content publishing. His background is mainly in software development, social media, and online privacy, but he is also involved in efforts to stop terrorist propaganda online on the smallest platforms.

Panelist



Dr. Eviane Leidig

Research Fellow in Current and Emerging Threats,
International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)

Dr. Eviane Leidig is a Research Fellow in Current and Emerging Threats at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism in The Hague, Netherlands, and an affiliate at the Center for Research on Extremism at the University of Oslo. Her research specializes in the far right, gender, and online radicalization, recruitment, and propaganda. She serves as Head of Policy at the Center for Analysis of the Radical Right and is an Associate Fellow at the Global Network on Extremism & Technology. Dr. Leidig regularly contributes to international media outlets and consults for policymakers and civil society organizations, having delivered talks for the U.S. Department of State, the European Commission, national and regional intelligence agencies, and law enforcement.

For more see her website, evianeleidig.com.

Panelist



Brian Fishman

Director of Counterterrorism and Dangerous
Organizations, Facebook

Brian Fishman is a Policy Director at Facebook, where he leads work to counter terrorist groups, hate organizations, and criminal networks. Fishman is the author of *The Master Plan: ISIS, al-Qaeda, and the Jihadi Strategy for Final Victory* (YUP, 2016) and co-editor of *Fault Lines in Global Jihad: Organizational, Strategic, and Ideological Fissures* (Routledge, 2010). Prior to coming to Facebook, Fishman led humanitarian and disaster response work at Palantir Technologies, studied terrorist dynamics at New America, and served as the Director of Research at the United States Military Academy's Combating Terrorism Center. Fishman began studying the progenitors of the so-called Islamic State in 2005 and taught the first academic course on the Islamic State of Iraq's vision for governance in 2008. He predicted the rise of the Islamic State in early 2011,

prior to the Syrian civil war, and was subsequently listed as an “enemy” by the Islamic State in its preeminent English-language magazine, Dabiq.

In addition to his role at Facebook, Fishman is a Counterterrorism Research Fellow with the International Studies Program at New America, an Affiliate with Stanford University’s Center for International Studies and Cooperation, a Visiting Scholar with U.C. Berkeley’s Center for Right-Wing Studies, and a Fellow with the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point. He has taught courses on terrorism and counterinsurgency at United States Military Academy, Georgetown University, and Columbia University. Fishman is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs.

Panelist

Dr. Erin Saltman

Director of Programming, GIFCT



Dr. Erin Saltman is the Director of Programming at GIFCT. She was formerly Facebook’s Head of Counterterrorism and Dangerous Organizations Policy for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, working with multi-sector stakeholders and building out CVE programs for Facebook in partnership with international NGOs. Dr. Saltman’s background and expertise includes both far-right and Islamist extremist processes of radicalization within a range of regional and socio-political contexts. Her research and publications have focused on the evolving nature of online extremism and terrorism, gender dynamics within violent extremist organizations, and youth radicalization. Previous roles include Senior Research and Programs positions at Quilliam Foundation and the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD Global), where she remains a Research Fellow.

Dr. Saltman is a graduate of Columbia University (B.A.) and University College London (M.A. and Ph.D.).

Session 3: **Opening Remarks**

Opening Remarks



Yolanda Gallego-Casilda Grau

Head of the Prevention of Radicalisation Unit, European Commission

Yolanda Gallego-Casilda Grau has a degree in Law from the Complutense University in Madrid. She has more than 20 years of experience in public service at the European Commission, working on justice and home affairs policies. Previously she worked as policy advisor to a member of the European Parliament. She has dealt with issues related to criminal law and the international dimension of migration and security. In 2012, she was appointed advisor for international affairs to the Spanish Minister of Interior. At the peak of migrations flows to the E.U. in 2015, she became head of the visa policy and document security unit in the European Commission. Since September 2019 she is head of the newly created “Prevention of Radicalisation” unit in the European Commission, which contributes to the development of the Security Union by formulating, monitoring, implementing, and coordinating the Commission’s overall policies and legislation to prevent and counter (online) radicalization leading to violent extremism and terrorism. The unit manages the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) and supports member states on strategic communications.

Session 3: **Working Groups**

Moderator

Dr. Erin Saltman

Director of Programming, GIFCT

Panelist

Nick Pickles

Senior Director of Global Public Policy Strategy, Development and Partnerships, Twitter



Nick Pickles is the Senior Director of Global Public Policy Strategy, Development, and Partnerships at Twitter, leading the company's thinking and strategic work on critical issues at the intersection of technology, public policy, and politics. Previously he was Head of Public Policy for Twitter in the U.K. and before that the director of the civil liberties and privacy campaign group Big Brother Watch.

A law graduate from the University of Durham, he served as President of Durham Students' Union and stood as a candidate in the 2010 U.K. General Election. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, an internationally published music photographer, and is also a board member of the non-profits BBC Media Action and the Technology Coalition.

Panelist

Antonis Samouris

European Counter Terrorism Centre, Europol

Antonis Samouris is the Head of Terrorist Propaganda Analysis and Referrals in the E.U. Internet Referral Unit at Europol, overseeing the monitoring, analysis, and referral of online terrorist content. Mr. Samouris started his career as a Counter-Terrorism law enforcement investigator before moving to Europol's European Counter Terrorism Centre (ECTC) in 2014. Parallel to his counter terrorism work, he has conducted academic research on Islamist structures in Europe and jihadist communications on the internet. Mr. Samouris is fluent in Arabic and holds a Ph.D. and M.A. degrees on security and conflict resolution from the University of Jordan and King's College, London.

Panelist

Jacqueline Beauchere

Global Digital Safety Advocate, Corporate, External & Legal Affairs, Microsoft

Panelist

Chris Meserole

Fellow, Brookings Institute



Chris Meserole is a fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution and director of research for the Brookings Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology Initiative. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University.

Meserole's current research is focused on two major streams. The first is how democratic governments and societies should respond to the exploitation of digital technologies by both extremist movements and authoritarian regimes. He has written widely on the challenges posed by extremist recruitment and mobilization online, and serves as a co-facilitator of the GIFCT's working group on content-sharing algorithms. He has also advised a wide range of government offices on extremist use of the internet, as well as the Christchurch Call workstream on algorithms and radicalization.

Relatedly, Meserole has also published and spoken frequently on the rise of digital authoritarianism. Meserole is particularly concerned with the global spread of Chinese surveillance infrastructure and governance models, which he described in a co-authored report on "Exporting Digital Authoritarianism" as well as testimony to a United States Commission on International Religious Freedom hearing on digital repression in China.

The second major stream of Meserole's research is focused on the use and impact of artificial intelligence within military applications. He is especially interested in the new norms, confidence-building measures, and verification regimes that will be required to minimize the risks posed by AI-enabled military systems. Meserole has advised officials in the United States and Europe on ethical principles and policy frameworks for lethal autonomous weapons systems and taken part in the U.S.-China Track 2 Dialogue on AI Security led by the Brookings Institution and Tsinghua University.

Panelist

Liz Thomas

Regional Digital Safety Lead, Microsoft



Liz Thomas leads on digital safety for Microsoft in the Asia Pacific region. This includes engagement and advocacy on a range of digital safety topics, including preventing child sexual abuse and exploitation online, terrorist and violent extremist content, and promoting digital civility. Before joining Microsoft in April 2020, Thomas held a number of policy roles in the New Zealand government, most recently at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where she was a part of the team working on the Christchurch Call to Action. She holds a Master of International Relations from the Australian National University, as well as a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from the University of Otago.

Session 3 : **Tech Innovation**

Moderator

Tom Thorley

Director of Technology, GIFCT



Tom Thorley is the Director of Technology at GIFCT. He worked for over a decade at the British government's signals intelligence agency, GCHQ, where Thorley specialized in issues at the nexus of technology and human behavior. Thorley spent the last five years in the U.S. working with government, military, and intelligence agencies to coordinate inter-governmental relationships and provide expert consultancy on cyber issues, disinformation, technology strategy and operational planning. Prior to his deployment to the U.S., Thorley built and operationalized data science teams to inform operations and discover threats, particularly focused on counter terrorism. Thorley is a graduate of the University of Liverpool (B.A.) and the University of Bath (Pg.C.).

Panelist

Vidhya Ramalingam

Founder & CEO, Moonshot



Vidhya Ramalingam is the founder of Moonshot, an organization that uses technology to disrupt and counter online harms globally. She directs overall strategy and oversees campaigns, software development, and digital projects in over 25 countries. Under her leadership, Moonshot has pioneered new partnerships with tech companies to respond to hate and violent extremism on their platforms, online intervention programs to pull individuals out of violent movements, and used automated messaging to disrupt hate groups online.

Ramalingam is recognized internationally for her role leading policy responses to white supremacist extremism and terrorism. Following the 2011 attacks in Norway, she led the European Union's first inter-governmental initiative on white nationalist terrorism and extremism, initiated by the Governments of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and the Netherlands, and launched by the E.U. Commissioner for Home Affairs. She regularly advises Big Tech and Heads of State (including recently the Prime Ministers of New Zealand and Norway) on tackling white supremacy online. She has testified before the U.S. Congress on the global threat posed by white nationalist terrorism. Ramalingam also serves on the Board of Life After Hate, an organization set up by former white supremacists to help individuals leave hate groups. In 2020, she was named an Obama Leader by the Obama Foundation.

Panelist

Julia Fossi

Director, International, Strategy and Futures, eSafety Commission



Julia Fossi is Director of International, Strategy and Futures at the eSafety Commissioner, Australia. She leads a branch that drives eSafety's strategic and policy objectives, manages the organization's international engagements and global capacity-building efforts, maintains its responsible technology agenda, and delivers on strategic projects such as Safety by Design and tech trends and challenges.

Prior to joining eSafety, Fossi worked at the NSPCC, a child protection charity in the U.K., where she was Associate Head of Child Online Safety. She has also worked in a variety of sensitive and high-profile policy and research roles within the U.K. Government, such as human trafficking, homicide, and prison reform. Julia holds a Ph.D. from the University of Nottingham and a B.Sc. in Psychology.

Panelist

Dr. Scott Robbins

Research Fellow, Bonn University



Dr. Scott Robbins recently completed his Ph.D. thesis in the ethics of artificial intelligence at the Technical University of Delft ("Machine Learning & Counter-Terrorism: Ethics, Efficacy, and Meaningful Human Control"). Dr. Robbins' research questions Artificial Intelligence as a grand solution to societal problems and focuses on understanding what machine learning powered machines should and should not be allowed to do by humans in order to retain meaningful control over them.

Panelist

Emma Llansó

Director, Free Expression Project, Center for Technology & Democracy



Emma Llansó is the Director of the Center for Technology & Democracy's (CDT) Free Expression Project, where she works to promote law and policy that supports internet users' free expression rights in the United States, Europe, and around the world. Llansó's work spans many subjects, including human trafficking, privacy, online harassment, terrorist propaganda, and disinformation. She has a particular focus on the capabilities and limitations of automation, including machine learning techniques, in content moderation and analysis of online speech.

Llansó leads CDT's legislative advocacy and amicus activity focused on protecting fundamental rights to freedom of expression and preserving strong intermediary liability protections. She works to develop content policy best practices with user-generated content services, including meaningful transparency, appeals, and remedy procedures. She also focuses on emerging co-regulatory and voluntary collaborative initiatives around content moderation and the consequences these have for access to information and opportunities to speak online.

Llansó is a member of the Freedom Online Coalition Advisory Network, the Christchurch Call Advisory Network, and has served on the Board of the Global Network Initiative. She earned a B.A. in anthropology from the University of Delaware and a J.D. from Yale Law School. Llansó is a member of the New York State Bar and joined CDT in 2009.

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