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The limits to freedom of expression online

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Guaranteeing the freedom of speech online while curbing hate speech, disinformation and cybercrime is one of the toughest balancing acts facing the global Internet governance community. Hear the perspectives of a seasoned politician, former foreign minister of Estonia and Member of the European Parliament Marina Kaljurand, and digital campaigner Jillian C. York, Director for International Freedom of Expression at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, author of “Silicon Values”.

In their own words:

• “[Current measures against disinformation and hate speech] are insufficient to counter the assault on our democracy. (...) The ultimate price of allowing disinformation and hatred to spread online unchecked is clear to all of us.” – Marina Kaljurand

• “It’s not difficult to see how ratcheting up platform liability could cause even more vital speech to be removed by corporations whose sole interest is not in ‘connecting the world’ but in profiting from it.” – Jillian C. York

The Q&A with the special guests will be preceded by a briefing on the progress of the 16th Internet Governance Forum so far and a preview of upcoming highlights.

Venue:

In person: Room 25, International Congress Centre (MCK) in Katowice, Plac Sławika i Antalla 1, Katowice
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