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What Kind of Society is Cyber-Society?

Workshop

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Participant Biographies

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Professor Galligan is a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society, an independent institution affiliated with the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and based at Wolfson College Oxford, whose objective is to study the role of law in contemporary societies and bring the fruits of academic research to a wider professional audience.

Monika Magyar is an independent media lawyer with experience of advising and working with major International media enterprises, broadcasting companies, studios and media production companies on compliance and regulatory matters both at national and EU level. She worked in Brussels for years for an association representing the interest of over 30 broadcasting companies in front of the European Institutions. On behalf of the association she has participated in many legislative proceedings on EU level media regulation (AVMS Directive/e-commerce/State Aid/Council of Europe working groups) and worked closely together with the European Audiovisual Observatory and different media regulation related DGs of the Commission. She has represented broadcasting companies in freedom of speech and other media regulation related cases initiated against the Hungarian Media Authority in
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His latest work focuses on major players Twitter, YouTube, Facebook, Reddit and Wikipedia. He has been published in a variety of peer reviewed journals, such as Social Networks, Annals of the American Geographer, Field Methods, and City and Community. He received his PhD from the University of Toronto in 2009.

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Nicole Stremlau is Head of the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy (PCMLP) at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. Her research focuses on media and governance, particularly in areas of conflict and insecurity in Africa. Her most recent projects examine the role of new media in political participation and governance; media law and regulation in the absence of government or in weak states; the role of media in conflict, peace-building and the consolidation of political power; and how governments attempt to engage citizens and communicate law-making processes, particularly constitution-making. She is currently leading Oxford’s contribution to a large EU project on media and democratization conflicts.
Stremlau's doctoral work explored the role of media during the guerrilla insurgencies in Uganda and Ethiopia, and how the successive governments used the media to consolidate political power in the aftermath of violence.

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