

**WEASA 2021 AGENDA**

**TIME ZONE: CET**

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
<i>July 12<sup>th</sup></i>	<p><b>11:00 - 13:30</b></p> <p><b>Opening, introductions, and admin</b></p> <p>In this session, participants, partners, the WEASA team, and facilitators all get the chance to meet for the first time! We'll do a round of introductions, talk about the WEASA 2021 programme, introduce the partners, and more.</p>	<p><b>16:00 - 18:00</b></p> <p><b>Setting the scene, <a href="#">Brian Whitmore</a></b></p> <p>Moderator: Łukasz</p> <p>Brian Whitmore, our inaugural speaker, will provide an overview of our modern world, in which disinformation often exploits existing divisions within society and where it sometimes feels like we have moved beyond a global liberal consensus. In addition to diagnoses, Brian will also look at potential remedies and open up a wider discussion.</p>
<i>July 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<p><b>11:00 - 13:00</b></p> <p><b>Bellingcat, part 1, <a href="#">Aiganysh Aidarbekova</a></b></p> <p>The whole day will focus on a training by Bellingcat, an independent collective of researchers, investigators, and citizen journalists. Bellingcat's trainers will teach participants about some of the basic methods which they employ in their investigations, which include geolocation, chronolocation, and in-depth social media investigation.</p>	<p><b>14:00 - 16:00</b></p> <p><b>Bellingcat, part 2, Aiganysh Aidarbekova</b></p> <p><i>16:10 - 17:00</i></p> <p><i>WEASA Zoom Coffee Break / Networking room</i></p>

<p>July 14<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>10:00 - 12:00</b></p> <p><b><i>Building democratic resilience, part 1, <a href="#">Nad'a Kovalcikova</a></i></b></p> <p>Moderator: Julia</p> <p>Dr Nad'a Kovalcikova, a fellow at GMF's Alliance for Securing Democracy, will meet with our participants to discuss the ways in which we can make our democracies more resilient in an era of widespread, often algorithmically driven, disinformation. This session, which will span two mornings, will provide an introduction to disinformation and democratic resilience, demonstrate some case studies, and conclude with a series of participatory workshops.</p>	<p><i>15:00 - 15:50</i></p> <p><i>WEASA Zoom Coffee Break / Networking room</i></p> <p><b>16:00 - 18:00</b></p> <p><b><i>5G and geopolitics, <a href="#">Daniel Bagge</a></i></b></p> <p>5G technology will be deeply integrated into our national communications infrastructures. As such, questions about the ownership, security, and geopolitics of such technology have inevitably emerged. In this session, Dan Bagge will guide us through all the questions and debates surrounding 5G, both in terms of the capacity that has been ordered and installed already and that which is yet to be envisaged.</p>
<p>July 15<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>10:00 - 12:00</b></p> <p><b><i>Building democratic resilience, part 2, Nad'a Kovalcikova</i></b></p> <p>Moderator: Łukasz</p> <p>/break out groups/</p>	<p><b>16:00 - 18:00</b></p> <p><b><i>Russian disinformation and not only, <a href="#">Nina Jankowicz</a></i></b></p> <p>Moderator: Vazha</p> <p>Nina Jankowicz, a Fellow at the Wilson Center and author of the recently published <i>How To Lose The Information War</i>, will provide an overview of her research on disinformation, with a particular focus on how it affects the United States and Central and Eastern Europe.</p> <p><i>18:00 - 20:00</i></p>

		<i>Networking Happy Hour in Gather Town: unique online social networking opportunity with games and getting to each other</i>
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>10:00 - 12:00</b></p> <p><b>Algorithms and social movements, part 1, <a href="#">Becky Kazansky</a></b> /break out groups/</p> <p>Moderator: Julia</p> <p>Dr Becky Kazansky, who's research focuses on counter-measures against automated systems, will lead two sessions on algorithms and social movements. We will discuss, among other things, the impact that recommendation and other algorithms have on movement building and social change, and what sorts of assumptions are baked into the algorithms we use every day. The session will conclude with participatory workshops.</p>	<p><b>14:00 - 16:00</b></p> <p><b>Algorithms and social movements, part 2, Becky Kazansky</b> /break out groups/</p> <p><b>16:00 - 16:30</b></p> <p><b>Friday closing session</b></p>
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>10:00 - 12:00</b></p> <p><b>Digital security, part 1, <a href="#">Łukasz Król</a></b> /break out groups/</p> <p>Moderator: Ganna</p> <p>This two part session will teach participants what tools and strategies they can use to keep their data and communication safe. It will touch on the basics of digital security, organizational and operational security, and will conclude with a workshop on effective tool selection.</p>	<p><b>14:00 - 16:00</b></p> <p><b>Bad news game organizers, <a href="#">Ruurd Oosterwoud</a></b></p> <p>Moderator: Łukasz</p> <p>We will be meeting with one of the authors of the Bad News Game, where participants role play a fake news network which aims to maximise reach and engagement. We will discuss the spread of fake news, tactics used by its authors, and how to slow down the spread of misinformation sites. /break out groups/</p>

		<p><b>17:00 - 18:00 Informal sessions: opportunities beyond WEASA</b></p> <p>Leaders for Change Foundation, Kirkland Program, The German Marshall Fund of the US, WEASA Alumni Program, College of Europe, New Eastern Europe, Embassy of Netherlands in Poland...</p>
<p>July 20<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>10:00 - 12:00</b></p> <p><b>Digital security, part 2, Łukasz Król</b> /break out groups/</p>	<p><i>14:00 - 14:50</i></p> <p><i>WEASA Zoom Coffee Break / Networking room</i></p> <p><b>15:00 - 17:00</b></p> <p><b>An introduction to cryptocurrencies, <a href="#">Brenna Smith</a></b></p> <p>Moderator: Łukasz</p> <p>Brenna Smith, a journalist with extensive experience in investigations related to crypto currencies, will provide an overall introduction to her work and research, including journalistic investigations that look at cryptocurrency dynamics, the future of cryptocurrencies, and the relationship between governments, sovereignty, and decentralized currencies.</p>

<p>July 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p><b>10:00 - 12:00</b></p> <p><b><i>Investigative journalism: methods and case studies, part 1, <a href="#">Anna Babinets</a></i></b> /break out groups/</p> <p>Moderator: Vazha</p> <p>In this two-part session, Anna Babinec from Slidstvo.info and OCCRP, will talk us through a major investigation her team conducted which looked at online troll factories. She will describe the tools, techniques, and challenges of the investigation, and conclude with group discussions and workshops on journalistic investigations as a whole.</p>	<p><i>13:00 - 13:50</i></p> <p><i>WEASA Zoom Coffee Break / Networking room</i></p> <p><b>14:00 - 16:00</b></p> <p><b><i>Investigative journalism: methods and case studies, part 2, Anna Babinets</i></b> /break out groups/</p> <p><b>16:00 - 17:00</b></p> <p><b><i>Closing Ceremony and Graduation</i></b></p>
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