



Platformization, Digital Disinformation & Non-Democratic Politics *Belarus in Comparative Perspective*

European Humanities University,
July 16-27, 2024

16 TUESDAY

10:00 - 10:30

Welcome and introductions

10:30 - 12:00

Siarhei Liubimau (EHU): *Platformization of Politics in Non-Democracies: Comparative Perspective on Claim-Making, Repressions, and Social Media Public in Belarus*

12:00 - 13:00

Guide to the European Humanities University with the EHU Communications and Marketing Unit

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 18:00

Natallia Satsunkevich and **Viktoryia Rudziankova** (*Viasna* Human Rights Center): *Ten Ways of How Digital Technologies Are Used Against Human Rights: Belarusian Case* (Presentation and Workshop)

18:30

Dinner

17 WEDNESDAY

10:00 - 11:30

Andrei Kazakevich (Institute of Political Studies Political Sphere): *Politics of Repressions: Political System in Belarus in 2020-2024*

11:30 - 13:00

Tsimafei Malakhouski: (CSO **Honest People**, <https://honestby.org/en>): Belarusian Digital Civil Society and Civil Resistance: The Case of "Honest People" Platform

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 16:30

Aliaksei Lastouski (Institute of Political Studies Political Sphere): *When History Returns: The Use of Historical Symbols During Political Protests in Belarus in 2020*

17:00 - 18:00

Reflections on the first two days, discussion of the Summer School program and the participants' final projects' preliminarily themes and formats

18:30

Dinner

18 THURSDAY

10:00 - 11:10

Siarhei Liubimau (EHU): *Use of AI Powered Analytical Platforms in Media Research* (Workshop)

11:30 - 13:00

Valery Tsepkalo (2020 Belarusian presidential election candidate, ex-director of the Belarus Hi-Tech Park): *AI and Its Impact on International Relations*

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 17:30

Panel Discussion: *Development of the Digital Economy in an Authoritarian Context – The Case of Belarus: Co-existence, Rebellion, and Business Exit*

Valery Tsepkalo (2020 Belarusian presidential election candidate, ex-director of the Belarus Hi-Tech Park)

Anastasia Luzgina (Belarusian digital economy expert, BEROC)

Pavel Liber (Senior Vice President of Technology, Intellias; co-founder of *Golos* Platform)

Moderated by **Ildar Daminov** (Doctoral Researcher at Central European University in Vienna)

18:30

Dinner

19 FRIDAY

10:00 - 13:00

Discussion of the Summer School participants' projects in progress

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 17:00

Scott Rodgers and Robert Topinka (Birkbeck, University of London): *Misinformation in Everyday Life: Problems and Possibilities in Quali-Quantitative Approaches to Social Media*

18:30

Dinner

20 SATURDAY

11:00 - 13:00

Consultations with **Scott Rodgers** and **Robert Topinka** (Birkbeck, University of London)

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

18:30

Dinner (optional)

21 SUNDAY

10:00 - 19:00

Cultural Program in Kaunas

22 MONDAY

10:00 - 11:30

Miglė Bareikytė (European University Viadrina Frankfurt / Oder): *Propaganda and Disinformation – Introduction to Key Concepts*

11:40 - 13:00

Disinformation: Concept, History and Practice (discussion with **Miglė Bareikytė, Johanna Hiebl, Scott Rodgers** and **Robert Topinka**)

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 18:00

Participants' presentations of their projects in progress, consultations with the Summer School faculty

18:30

Dinner

23 TUESDAY

10:00 - 11:30

Johanna Hiebl (Doctoral Researcher at European University Viadrina Frankfurt / Oder): *Battlefield of Memes: From Ironic Engagement to Countering Disinformation* (Workshop)

11:30 - 13:30

Film screening and discussion facilitated by **Miglė Bareikytė**

13:30 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 17:00

Lukas Andriukaitis (Civic Resilience Initiative, <https://cri.lt/>): *Open Source Tools to Fight Disinformation Online*

17:00 - 18:00

Individual work

18:30

Dinner

24 WEDNESDAY

10:00 - 11:30

Counter archiving Facebook (Ben-David, 2020) – text discussion facilitated by **Johanna Hiebl** and **Miglė Bareikytė**

11:30 - 13:00

Taras Nazaruk (Center for Urban History of East Central Europe in Lviv/ University of Hagen): *Archiving Social Media on Your Own: Tools and Methods*

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 16:30

Mykola Makhortykh (University of Bern): *Knowledge Subjugation or Fact Distortion? Empirical Assessment of the Risks of AI in the Context of (Non-)Democratic Politics*

16:30 - 18:00

Johanna Hiebl and **Miglė Bareikytė**: *Simulating the evolution of OSINT through its civilian applications*

18:30

Dinner

25 THURSDAY

10:00 - 13:00

Consultations on final projects with the Summer School faculty (**Siarhei Liubimau, Miglė Bareikytė, Johanna Hiebl**)

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 16:00

Work on final projects' presentations

16:00 - 18:00

Film screening and discussion facilitated by **Miglė Bareikytė**

18:30

Dinner

26 FRIDAY

10:00 - 13:00

Final projects' presentations 1

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 18:00

Final projects' presentations 2

19:30

Dinner

27 SATURDAY

10:00 - 12:00

Feedback and farewell