

Reporting Facts and the Future of Journalism
17–18 August 2017
Orchard Hotel Singapore

PROGRAMME
(as at 17 August 2017)

Thursday, 17 August 2017

Opening Keynote & Dinner
Orchard Ballroom 2

5.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Registration

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Keynote

Chairperson

Associate Professor Kenneth Paul Tan
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Speaker

Associate Professor Cherian George
Department of Journalism
Hong Kong Baptist University

Question and Answer Session

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Networking Dinner

9.00 pm

End of Opening Keynote & Dinner

Friday, 18 August 2017

Conference
Orchard Ballroom 2

8.15 am – 8.50 am

Registration

8.50 am – 9.05 am

Opening Remarks

Mr Janadas Devan
Director
Institute of Policy Studies

9.05 am – 9.15 am

Welcome Remarks

Temasek Foundation Representative

9.15 am – 10.45 am

Panel I: The Problem of Fake News in Asia

Besides often-cited examples from Brexit and the 2016 US presidential election, fake news is making its rounds in Asia. Similar trends have been observed in other parts of Asia, where governments have voiced concerns over the impact of fake news on society and governance. This panel looks at the different faces of fake news. Who are the liars? And what is the journalistic ethos that is under threat?

Chairperson

Mr Alan John
Director
Asia Journalism Fellowship

Speakers

Associate Professor Farish Ahmad-Noor
Coordinator of PhD Programme
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Mr Eric Wishart
Former AFP Editor-in-Chief
and
Member of the Agency's Global News Management
(Hong Kong)

Mr Wahyu Muryadi
Chief Corporate Communication Officer
TEMPO Media
and
Editor-in-Chief
TEMPO Channel

Question and Answer Session

10.45 am – 11.15 am

Tea Break

11.15 am – 12.45 pm

Panel II: Going Behind Misinformation and Fake News

Going beyond a media-centric approach, this panel will look at the broader socio-cultural, psychological and political factors that influence and sometimes encourage the production of misinformation and “fake news”. It will deal with questions such as “why do people create fake news?”, “why do people consume and spread fake news?”, “how and why we got to where we are today?”, and the implications of fake news for society and government.

Chairperson

Professor Lim Sun Sun
Head
Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
Singapore University of Technology and Design

Speakers

Associate Professor Ullrich Ecker
Director
Community and Engagement
School of Psychological Science
University of Western Australia

Associate Professor Shyam Tekwani
Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

Dr Edson C Tandoc Jr.
Assistant Professor
Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information
College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences
Nanyang Technological University

Question and Answer Session

12.45 pm – 1.45 pm

Lunch

1.45 pm – 3.15 pm

Panel III: Pecha Kucha — Trends and Players

A fact-checking industry has sprouted and while there are now accredited fact-checkers, there are also fake fact-checkers. Who are journalists' partners in fighting misinformation and fake news? Who are the new players and what are their challenges? What can curators, technology and social media companies do?

Chairperson

Mr Peh Shing Huei
Partner
The Nutgraf

Speakers

Mr Zakir Hussain
Political Editor
The Straits Times
Singapore Press Holdings Ltd

Mr Martino Tan
Deputy Managing Director
and
Co-Managing Editor
Mothership.sg

Mr Alvin Tan
Head of Public Policy, Southeast Asia
Facebook

Ms Irene Liu
News Lab Lead, Asia Pacific
Google

Mr Septiaji Eko Nugroho
Chair
Indonesian Anti Hoax Movement
and
Indonesian Anti Slander Society

Question and Answer Session

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm

Tea Break

3.45 pm – 5.15 pm

Panel IV: Fake News and Journalism 3.0

The phenomenon of fake news throws a curveball at journalism, both in terms of journalism as a profession and as a business. How do journalists and journalism fight back when this scourge is attacking their credibility, and when people don't seem to care about the facts so long as they like what they're reading, it "sounds right", and it fits with their own view of the world? What is the future of journalism if fake news is good enough? How can we build trust in journalism and the brand of media organisations? What could journalists do to win readers over?

Chairperson

Associate Professor Cherian George

Speakers

Professor Charlie Beckett
Department of Media and Communications
and
Director
POLIS
London School of Economics

Ms Yvonne Chua
Assistant Professor of Journalism
College of Mass Communication
University of the Philippines
and
Co-Founder
VERA Files

Mr Alan Soon
Co-Founder
and
Chief Executive Officer
The Splice Newsroom

Question and Answer Session

5.15 pm – 5.30 pm

Closing Remarks

5.30 pm

End of Conference

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