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Public Lecture on

"Conspiracies, Fake News and Disinformation - Instruments of Russian Information Warfare in Europe and Beyond"

by



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About the Speaker

Prof. Kiril Avramov, Ph.D. is a part of the Department of Political Science at the New Bulgarian University. He has received his education at Gustavus Adolphus College (U.S.), University of Aberdeen (Scotland), University of Sofia (Bulgaria), Central European University (Hungary) and the New Bulgarian University (Bulgaria). Until 2005 he has taught at the Department of Political Science the University of Sofia and from 2006 to 2010 was the Director of the international consultancy and research institute "Political Capital" in Bulgaria. In 2010-2011 period was appointed as the Director for International Relations of the same consultancy and research institute at their HQ in Budapest, Hungary. His main research interest are concentrated in the areas of political elites, political economy, political extremism, electoral systems, political communication, transitions in Eastern Europe, political leadership and international political economy. Additional research interests lie in the fields of art and politics, political protest, political radicalization and radicalization prevention. Teaching interests include elites, institutions, representative government, and international political economy. Dr. Avramov is a member of the Bulgarian Political Science Association, member of the ECPR's standing groups of Extremism & Democracy, Central and East European Politics, Elites and Political Leadership, Politics and the Arts, South East Europe. He is also a member of RAN-DERAD network under Migration and Home Affairs Directorate of the European Commission (EC).

Dr. Avramov is a former Fulbright Senior Visiting Research Scholar at The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREEES) at the University of Austin at Texas (U.S.) in the academic 2015/16 year. He was also a holder of a full scholarship for the entire duration of his PhD research at the University of Sofia and a recipient of an "Open Society Institute-Sofia" scholarship for his year-long PhD specialization at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary in 2005."

Abstract

In the past several years Europe and the West in general has witnessed a serious spike in circulation of disinformation, fake news and proliferation of conspiracy theories tied to contemporary foreign and domestic policy issues and security dynamics in Europe and beyond. Most of these instruments of propaganda and general information warfare could be part of the contemporary Russian doctrine of hybrid warfare. The lecture titled "Conspiracies, Fake News and Disinformation - Instruments of Russian Information Warfare in Europe and Beyond" will discuss different aspects and key elements of the Russian information warfare, as part of the wider arsenal of hybrid warfare in accenting on their deployment, as a foreign policy tool in achieving meta-policy goals for the current Russian administration.

PROGRAMME

Welcoming Remarks

2:00 pm – 2:10 pm **Professor (Dr.) Pankaj Jha**, Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA)
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2:10 pm – 3:00 pm **Professor (Dr.) Kiril Avramov**, Department of Political Science,
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3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Q&A Session**

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