

## Democracy and Information Warfare 2.0 – An International Law Perspective

*Call for papers re-opened*

*Thomas Burri (University of St. Gallen) and Antje von Ungern-Sternberg (University of Trier) hold an international conference at the University of Trier from 19 to 20 May 2022.*

*Background:* We issued the first call for papers in 2019 for a conference in May 2020 on Democracy and Information Warfare. Based on this call, we gathered a sizeable, dynamic community online for in-depth discussion. Now, we are getting everyone together in person in Trier on 19-20 May 2022. We are also re-opening the call for papers to give additional researchers the possibility to join the community.

*Context:* We are particularly interested in the international legal perspective on transnational disinformation, manipulation, and destabilization activities targeting democracies. Disruptive events, such as the capitol riots or the latest Facebook leak, and optimistic attempts to capture the phenomenon, e.g. national or European regulation of AI or private dispute settlement, occupy the spotlight. But an over-arching discussion in international law is lacking. Since existing norms, including non-intervention and free and fair elections, are short on substance, the debate must be normative: Can destabilizing disinformation and manipulation be addressed through international norms and, if yes, which norms?

*Call for papers:* We call upon scholars to contribute a paper to the conference. We aim to attract established scholars and researchers whose work on the topic is not yet available in print. Scholars may contribute a full paper or a talk. Limited travel grants are available. We are aiming at a journal special issue for the best contributions.

*Schedule:*

**17 January 2022:** Abstracts due.

**31 January 2022:** Result communicated (acceptance/rejection).

**5 May 2022:** Final papers due (circulation among participants only).

**19-20 May 2020:** Conference in Trier.

*Information required from authors:* one-page abstract, one-page CV, including affiliations and main publications; please indicate whether you intend to give a full paper or a talk and need travel support.

*Costs:* no conference fees apply. The conference is financed by public funds. We cover accommodation and board for all participants.

*Contact:* Please answer the call by e-mail to the organizers stating the subject “Call for papers 2022”, c/o Professor Dr. Antje von Ungern-Sternberg, [lsvonungern@uni-trier.de](mailto:lsvonungern@uni-trier.de). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions. The call is also available at <http://www.digital-law-institute.de>.