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TechCamp Follow Up Transatlantic Responses to the COVID-19 Infodemic

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Our Topic

While the world struggles with the COVID-19 pandemic, a truly global response is needed. However, an appropriate risk assessment and proper communication were not activated in time or are still severely lacking. Cross-sectoral interdependencies (economy, education, health, media etc.) have not sufficiently been taken into account.

In this ongoing crisis, technology and social media can serve both as an information resource but also as a source of disinformation and mistrust regarding public health measures. While the former can help save lives, the latter may cost them. In an infodemic – where information is overly abundant – it is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish between fact and fiction.

We cordially invite you to this event that will examine the breadth, reach and efficacy of disinformation concerning COVID-19. We will learn what Facebook does to counter disinformation and hate speech. We are also looking forward to hearing from one of America's foremost intelligence experts.

This mini-conference aims to reunite alumni of the 2019 TechCamp Tutzing, while also bringing in new talent. Alumni are welcome to bring an interested colleague along to this virtual gathering. The two grantee teams from TechCamp Tutzing will get to present the results of their efforts from the previous conference.

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Johannes Baldauf is Public Policy Manager at Facebook Germany, where he deals with socio-political issues with a focus on hate speech, right-wing extremism and misinformation.

He has been working on right-wing extremism, antisemitism and conspiracy theories in the digital space for more than 10 years. Johannes has led and developed various civil society projects on these issues and has counseled politicians, NGOs/CSOs and journalists on digital literacy, resilience building and hate speech management.

Dr. James Wilson is the CEO and Founder of M2 Medical Intelligence, Inc. He was the Director of the Nevada Medical Intelligence Center at the University of Nevada-Reno and Principle Investigator of Project ARIS. Dr. Wilson is a board-certified, practicing pediatrician who specializes in operational medical intelligence with a focus on the anticipation, detection, and warning of infectious disease crises. Dr. Wilson led the private intelligence teams that warned of the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic, discovered the United Nations as the source of the 2010 Cholera disaster in Haiti, and several investigations of alleged and confirmed use of biological weapons. Dr. Wilson is a strong advocate for effective and accountable global health security intelligence and the need for credible and balanced threat assessments.

- 9.30 am CET **Welcome Remarks**
Dr. Michael Mayer
Dr. Anja Opitz
Consul General Meghan Gregonis
- 9.45 am CET **Countering COVID Disinformation at Facebook**
Johannes Baldauf
Public Policy Manager, Facebook Germany
- 10.15 am CET **Project Presentation & Discussion I**
Team "Did They Really Say That"
Fiona Weber-Steinhaus
Cornelia Neumeyer
- 11.15 am CET **Project Presentation & Discussion II**
Team "Fact Checking in News Rooms"
Leonie KÜthmann
Maria Heinrich
- 12.00 pm CET **Lunchbreak**
- 15.00 pm CET **Inspire and Coffee: Alumni Conversation**
- 16.00 pm CET **Responses to the COVID-19 Infodemic**
Dr. James Wilson
CEO and Founder of M2 Medical Intelligence
- 17.00 pm CET **Farewell Note**
Consul John Stubbs
Dr. Michael Mayer
Dr. Anja Opitz
- End of TechCamp**