CALL FOR PAPERS

Annual IDeaS Conference: Disinformation, Hate

Speech, and Extremism Online

September 18-20, 2024



Natural disasters, elections, climate changes, insurrections, pandemics, and new technologies are rocking the world. People talk about events, both these massive ones and much smaller ones, on line. Social media platforms, search engines and websites have become the window through which these events are viewed and interpreted. Those on social media seek and shape information, build and join communities, often with impacts in the physical world. One consequence is an online breeding ground for growing and disseminating disinformation, hate speech and extremism. In this conference we ask: How is this done? Who is doing it? Why is it being done? What are the social consequences? How can it be countered?

IDeaS will host a hybrid conference on disinformation, hate speech, and extremism online in September 2024. This conference aims to advance the science of social-cybersecurity through research and applications in this area.

We invite papers that address questions related to disinformation, hate speech and extremism on line. We are particularly interested in papers that touch on the role that disinformation, hate speech and extremism are playing in events related to health, medicine, elections, conflict, diplomacy, and community resilience. Policy, empirical, qualitative, data science and simulation papers are of equal interest. The conference seeks to be a broad look at online harms: thus issues such as platform regulation, new technologies (e.g. deep fakes), human psychological and social response, links between on-line and off-line behavior, are all relevant.

The conference will include: invited panels, posters, and regular talks. There will also be the opportunity for those interested to demo their technologies. Tutorials will be available for those interested in learning about tools and techniques.

Short papers, 6 pages, in the format listed on the IDeaS conference webpage. Technology demos should be proposed in a 2 page description of the technology. All technology demos will be done live at the reception. Poster proposals are 1 page in length. Poster proposals is an option open to all graduate students and postdocs associated with the Knight Research Network. Papers, demo proposals, and poster proposal should be submitted via Easychair by June 21, 2024.

Submit Papers Here

All papers will be reviewed. Selected papers will be nominated for an extended version to be submitted to a special issue of— Computational and Mathematical Organization Theory. The conference is intended to allow for critical discussion and an opportunity for the authors to gain feedback to improve the papers for publication.

Relevant Dates:

Paper, demo and poster proposal submission:

Author Notification:

Final Version for Conference:

Notification for Special Issue:

Final camera ready submission for Journal:

October 1

October 22