

Roundtable “Information ecosystem and troubled democracy”

February 20, 2025

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The [Observatory](#) of the Forum on Information and Democracy [has launched](#) its first meta-analysis in January 2025. The [report](#) consists in a meta-analysis of more than 1600 academic publications and scientific reports (selected among a total corpus of over +2700 resources aggregated). It provides a critical assessment of the role of information ecosystems in the Global North and Global Majority World, focusing on their relationship with information integrity (the quality of public discourse), the fairness of political processes, the protection of media freedoms, and the resilience of public institutions. The report is set to provide a global understanding of the current structure of the information and communication space and its impact on public debate and democracy around the world.

The Global Launch is followed by a series of events hosted by research centers and partners around the world.

These events are aimed at:

- Disseminating the results of the Observatory’s first research cycle
- Highlight research consensus and dissensus, gaps and priorities for the scientific community, including regional and disciplinary variations
- Share actionable insights for different sectors and regions
- Emulate a broader community of actors to join this global meta research effort

In this framework, we are keen to organize a dedicated event on the report’s findings at the [National University of Political Studies and Public Administration](#), hosted under the umbrella of the [Center for EU communication studies](#).

Format and objectives

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025

Time: 2 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: SNSPA, Expoziției 30A, Multifunctional room (ground floor)

Language: Presentation and Q&A in English

Objective: A pluridisciplinary roundtable discussion primarily catered to Professors and students, to discuss the findings and collect feedback on their implication for the academic community with the objective of fostering future collaborations with other universities.

Agenda

14:00	<p>Welcome address</p> <p>Alina Bârgăoanu, professor PhD, Dean, College of Communication and Public Relations, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest; member of the advisory board of EDMO</p>
14:10	<p>Keynote speech</p> <p>Romina Surugiu, PhD, Associate Professor, Dean, The Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences, University of Bucharest</p>
14:30	<p>Presentation of the OID and the report's key takeaways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Gruden, Policy Officer, Media and Big tech, Forum on Information and Democracy, Paris • Robin Mansell, scientific director, Professor Emerita, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics and Political Science • Flavia Durach, rapporteur, Associate professor PhD, Head of Department, Department of Digital Communication and Emerging Media, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest <p>Q&A session with the audience</p>
15:00	<p>Discussion panel: reflection on key issues and research priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliza Vaș, coordinator, Studies Unit, European Institute of Romania • Daniela Munteanu, societal resilience expert, Euro-Atlantic Resilience Centre, Bucharest; PhD candidate • Mădălina Boțan, Associate Professor, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest <p>• Moderator: Flavia Durach</p> <p>Q&A session with the audience</p>
15:30	<p>Concluding remarks by Flavia Durach</p>