

LECTURE

COMBATING FAKE NEWS

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In current times, fake news are being used as weapons to manipulate public opinion. The talk will address the challenges of systematic misinformation by states and private actors. Topics covered will be how far opinions and fact statements are differently protected as free speech, the importance of public broadcasting, regulating broadcasting, the power of platforms, the German Network Enforcement Act, and finally European developments. The potential of the law to combat fake news is limited but not without the potential to defend the liberal democratic order.



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