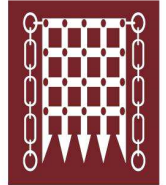


**Westminster Media Forum policy conference:
Tackling misinformation and disinformation online - policy options,
public awareness, and developing countermeasures**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 7th May 2019

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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Agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Admiral the Rt Hon Lord West of Spithead

9.05 - 9.30 **Developing a policy response to the spread of disinformation online**
Sarah Connolly, Director, Security and Online Harms, DCMS
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 - 10.20 **Assessing the latest developments in 'fake news', and the steps currently being taken to counter it**
Joy Hyvarinen, Head of Advocacy, Index on Censorship

Anna Belkina, Deputy Editor in Chief and Head of Communications, Marketing and Strategic Development, RT

Christian Broughton, Editor, The Independent

Nic Newman, Senior Research Associate, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism

10.20 - 10.55 Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Admiral the Rt Hon Lord West of Spithead

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee

11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Stephen Gethins MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

11.35 - 12.25 **The way forward for tackling the issues - public understanding, technological countermeasures and the impact of the Cairncross Review**
Douglas McCabe, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Publishing and Tech, Enders Analysis

Angie Pitt, Project Director, Guardian Foundation and Director, Newswise

Ashley Hurst, Partner and International Head, Digital Business, Osborne Clarke

Anna-Sophie Harling, Managing Director, Europe, NewsGuard

Jonathan Heawood, Chief Executive Officer, IMPRESS

12.25 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**
Stephen Gethins MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Foreign and Commonwealth Office)
Douglas Henderson, Senior Researcher, Westminster Media Forum