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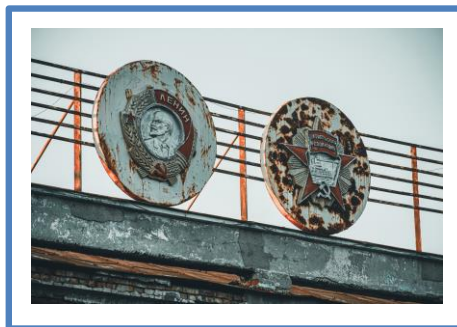
Tracking & Combatting Disinformation

Doppelganger: Media clones serving Russian propaganda – This report exposed a Russia-based influence operation network and describes the way the operation used 'clones' of authentic media sites to target users with disinformation. The operation is described as a cross-platform campaign used to promulgate Russian government narratives about Ukraine. This coordinated operation involved cloning the appearance and credit of authentic journalistic content to disseminate blatant disinformation, *EU DisinfoLab*. Read [here](#).

Deny, Deceive, Delay (Vol.2) Exposing New Trends in Climate Mis-and Disinformation at

COP 27 - This report on climate disinformation detected in the context of COP 27 includes a section on conspiracies and findings like those relating to the propagation of 'wokewashing' narratives by Chinese and Russian networks online, including by State-linked outlets, *Institute for Strategic Dialogue*. Read [here](#).

Handbook to combat CBRN disinformation - January 2023 – Mis- and disinformation about chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) weapons is a growing problem, which can be exploited by both state and non-state threat actors. To combat this phenomenon, this handbook aims at enhancing understanding of CBRN disinformation on



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PODCASTS OF NOTE

Canada Land

In this episode of the podcast, journalist Sam Cooper discusses his investigative journalism on China's foreign interference in Canada.

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Humans in Public Health

In this episode of the Brown School of Public Health podcast, Claire Wardel of FirstDraft discusses mis- and disinformation, particularly in a public health context.

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Could China and the US go to war or do economic interdependencies preclude the possibility? This podcast episode from IFRI explores the current conflict and future scenarios [in French].

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social media and bolstering competencies to prevent and respond to disinformation with a specific focus on techniques for debunking false information, *United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)*. Read [here](#).

Forecasting Potential Misuses of Language Models for Disinformation Campaigns – and How to Reduce the Risk, For malicious actors, advances in machine learning offer the possibility of automating the creation of convincing and misleading text for use in influence operations. This document is the product of a workshop bringing together leading disinformation researchers, machine learning experts, and policy analysts to address this scenario. The resulting report outlines the threats that language models pose to the information environment if used to augment disinformation campaigns and introduces a framework for analyzing potential mitigations, *Computers and Society*. Read [here](#).

Frontier Influencers: the new face of China's propaganda – This report explores the Chinese Communist Party's use of 'frontier influencers' to promote propaganda for the regime, including on YouTube and other social media platforms. The authors suggest this use is an example of CCP willingness to experiment and innovate in shaping online political discourse, particularly on those topics that have the potential to disrupt its strategic objectives, *Australian Strategic Policy Institute*. Read [here](#).

See also: **1 Key for 1 Lock: The Chinese Communist Party's Strategy for Targeted Propaganda**, *Recorded Future*. Read [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Women in Defence and Security (WIDS)
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18th Annual IPAC Leadership Summit
Institute of Public Administration Canada
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8 March 2023

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Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society
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