



Law Schools Global League

New Technologies and Law

Call for Contributions to Book Project

The Working Group on New Technologies and Law of the Law Schools Global League (LSGL) is excited to announce that they will be initiating a project to collaborate and produce a global book on **DISINFORMATION & FAKE NEWS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19.**

The underlying hypothesis for this topic is that online disinformation has been on the rise in recent years, even more so around the COVID-19 pandemic, also referred to as an “infodemic”. The first months of the pandemic have shown that countering disinformation online has become a priority. For many governments around the world, measures taken included providing guidance to social media companies on taking down controversial content; establishing special entities to combat disinformation; and criminalizing certain actions or content. We have seen many limitations imposed on rights to freedom of expression, rights to privacy and the like. The book hopes to examine these issues through a global law lens and to assimilate perspectives from different jurisdictions.

We hope that this topic will stimulate debate allowing for internal & regional collaboration and debate as well as global collaboration and debate.

The proposed agenda/timelines for this project are as follows:

Call for participants – May 2021

Concept proposals, initial planning – June-July 2021

1st virtual meeting of participants to discuss outlines/ concept papers/aligning contributions for comparative purposes- July/Aug 2021.

Please send your expression of interest and 500 word outline of your proposed contribution to the book to **Sylvia.Papadopoulos@up.ac.za**