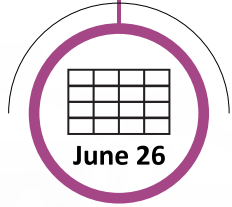


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CRACKING THE CODE OF THE SOFT POWER METHODS USED BY AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES



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11:00 – 12:00

REGISTRATION/WELCOME COFFEE
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12:00 – 15:00

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June 26

Workshop Description

This workshop scrutinizes the nuanced soft power methods employed by authoritarian regimes to shape narratives, sway opinions, and bolster their global standing. Moreover, discussants will shed light on the intricate challenges such tactics pose to democratic principles and international norms. They will also closely examine the various dimensions of the PRC's soft power, analyzing its impact on diplomatic relations and cultural and academic exchanges, as well as shaping China's global perception and image.

Discussants

MELISSA CHAN - Independent Journalist, Germany
DANIL BEKTURGANOV - Director, "Civil Expertise", Kazakhstan
NINO KHELADZE - Journalist, Journalism Resource Center, Georgia
ANI KINTSURASHVILI - Senior Researcher, Civic IDEA, Georgia
KATERINA PROCHAZKOVA - Media Coordinator, Journalist, Sinopsis, Czech Republic
JANINA GILLIAN O. SANTOS - Analyst, Doublethink Lab, The Philippines

Moderator

SALOME SVANIDZE, Head of Civic Integration Program, Civic IDEA, Georgia

Biography



MELISSA CHAN - an independent journalist, conducts a study into China's expanding foreign influence, global authoritarianism, and related issues. She has previously partnered with major media giants such as The Washington Post, Time, The Guardian, and others. She was nominated for both a Loeb Award (the highest honor in business journalism) and an Emmy while working for The New York Times. She has an MA in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and Politics and a BA from Yale University (USA). In 2012–2013, she was a researcher at Stanford University.

KATERINA PROCHAZKOVA- an analyst at Sinopsis and in the project of the Institute of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague. She previously worked as an editor for the foreign editorial office of Czech Television and as a correspondent for Czech Radio in Asia. Having lived in Hong Kong, Taipei, and Beijing for about ten years, she has extensive experience in the region. Katerina studied journalism at the University of Ostrava and the University of Glasgow and honed her language skills at National Taiwan University (NTU) in Taipei, Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU), and Sophia University in Tokyo. She is also a member of the Foreign Correspondents' Club and the Beijing International Society.



DANIL BEKTURGANOV – the President of the “Civil Expertise” Public Foundation. He has acquired an MA in Political Science. Danil specializes in research and consulting in the following areas: *Transparency and accountability* (He is a member of the National Council of Stakeholders for the implementation of the EITI from the civil society side) and *Digital advocacy* (He is a member of the Digital Rights Expert Group and the author of several articles and expert opinions on topics such as e-participation, biometric identification, and e-petitions as tools for direct democracy).

ANI KINTSURASHVILI – Senior Researcher, Civic IDEA (2020 – present). She is an alumna of Tallinn University with a Master's Degree in International Relations, International Security and Conflict Studies. Ani is mainly working on the issues of China's political, economic and information influence in Georgia and worldwide. In 2015-2016, she served as an intern at the US Embassy and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. She was awarded a certificate of appreciation for her exemplary dedication, tireless effort and exceptional resourcefulness in support of the US Embassy Regional Security Office. In 2012, she held the position of Vice President of the Outgoing Global Community Development Program at AIESEC Georgia.



NINA KHELADZE - JRC producer and project coordinator (2017 – present). She also serves as TOK TV's development director. Nina is a member of the Charter of Journalistic Ethics and worked on its Council for three years. With over 10 years of experience as a journalist, she has worked in both regional and national TV and radio media outlets.

Through the Journalism Resource Center, Nina successfully implements various media programs in collaboration with European partners.

JANINA SANTOS – As an Analyst for the Digital Intelligence Team at Doublethink Lab, Ms. Santos conducts investigations into FIMI incidents in the Philippines. She holds a Master's degree in Management with a major in National Security Administration and has completed coursework towards a



Doctor of Philosophy in Development Administration with a focus on Security Development. Additionally, she completed the Strategic Civil-Military Operations Officers Correspondence Course offered by the Armed Forces of the Philippines in 2019. Prior to joining Doublethink Lab, she served as a Defense Research Officer for the Philippine Navy, where she developed policies, plans, programs, and projects related to Civil-Military Operations (CMO) and Strategic Communication.



SALOME SVANIDZE - Head of Civic Integration Programme, Civic IDEA. Salome obtained a Master's degree in European Union Studies from Tbilisi State University, the Institute for European Union Studies. She was a fellow of the Konrad-Adenauer- Stiftung (KAS). In 2021, she graduated from Tbilisi State University, faculty of law, with honors. She was

an "Erasmus+" exchange student at the University of Tuscia, focusing on Public International Law. During her time at university, Salome gained practical experience through an internship at the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Department of State Representation to International Courts of Human Rights. She leads civic engagement, EU integration and minority inclusion programmes.