

**Call for Papers**  
**International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP4)**  
26-28 June 2019  
Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada

**Mapping the Impact of Misinformation, Disinformation and Networked Hate: Current and Future Challenges and Solutions**

Submission deadline: 30th January 2019

**Conference Details**

The fourth edition of the **International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP4)** will take place at the University of Concordia from 26th to 28th June 2019 with a preconference the 25th June. Following the success of the previous editions during which public policy researchers from around the world came together over a period of three days, the International Public Policy Association's the 4th International Conference on Public Policy will now move for the first time to North America.

**Objectives & theme of the conference:** promote the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of Public Policy; contribute to its international development by promoting research on public policy and its use by policymakers.

Link to the conference website: <http://www.ippapublicpolicy.org//conference/icpp4/10>

**Panel Title: "Mapping the Impact of Misinformation, Disinformation and Networked Hate: Current and Future Challenges and Solutions"**

**Topics or themes:** technology, policy, human rights, hate speech, disinformation

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In the digital age, rising social tensions often develop and play out on social media and other online platforms. In this information-sharing environment, the ground is fertile for the spread of misinformation and disinformation. The general objective of this panel is to explore how social media, the internet and other technological tools such as Artificial Intelligence and algorithms enable extremist actors to disseminate propaganda, misinformation, recruit and incite violence that disrupt societies and lead violations of human rights. The aim is also explore potential solutions before things are set to take a turn for the worse and become a real threat to our democracies, foreign affairs and national security.

[Full topic summary](#)

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- The implications of misinformation and hate on social media for democracy and social peace
- Social media as a new weapon of war
- The impact of misinformation on national and international security
- Misinformation, fake news and human rights abuses
- Nefarious uses of new technologies (AI, Deepfakes, communication technologies...)
- Dictatorships and new technologies (AI, social media, surveillance....)
- Regulation, disinformation and 'hate speech' on social media platforms
- The anatomy of online misinformation
- Understanding & countering hate speech online
- Radicalization and online hate speech
- Online hate speech, misinformation and disinformation and their impact on civil rights.
- Networked and digital rights

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**Panel submission:** <http://www.ippapublicpolicy.org/conference/icpp4-montreal-2019/paper-add/10>