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Call for Proposals – Presenters
International Conference – University of Victoria, Canada
August 31, 2022 – September 2, 2022

Fake News, Disinformation and Post-Truth Politics:
Comparing the European Union and other Western Democracies

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The Jean Monnet Network on Post-Truth Politics, Nationalism and the (De-)Legitimation of European Integration is organizing a conference from August 31, 2022 – September 2, 2022 at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. We invite proposals for individual papers on the subject of fake news, disinformation and post-truth politics looking at the impact of these issues on Western Democracies and the European Union in a comparative perspective.

The organising committee seeks proposals on the following four areas of research:

- Possible impact of post-truth politics on the public sphere and the quality of public deliberation.
- Possible impact of post-truth politics on the legitimation and delegitimation of democracies in North America and/or the European Union and its member states, considering in particular developments connected to public perceptions of and/or support for liberal democracies.
- Possible impact of post-truth politics on political systems and democracy in North America and/or the EU and its member states, for instance with regard to a strengthening of radical actors and a weakening of moderate actors.
- Possible impact of post-truth politics on mediatization and politicization of immigration. This entails studying how social media and counter media outlets harness anti-immigration sentiment and comparing the local adaptations in democracies and across western democracies in this ‘re-informative’ mode of far-right and right-wing populist mobilization.

About the JMN Network

Headquartered at the Höfði Reykjavík Peace Centre in Reykjavík, Iceland, Post-Truth Politics, Nationalism and the (De-)Legitimation of European integration (PTP) is a research network that aims to address the possible impact of ‘fake news’, disinformation and ‘post-truth politics’ on the legitimation and delegitimation of European integration. The central objective of the project is to analyze, through a series of case studies, both the extent and possible impact of the proliferation of disinformation and fake news via digital and other media, but also through more conventional mobilization and communication mechanisms, on processes of legitimation and delegitimation of European integration in the public sphere.

Submissions:

Please send abstract proposals (500 words max.) and a short author biography to Claude Beaupré at jmnconference@uvic.ca by 5:00pm (Pacific Time) on April 29th, 2022. Funding is available for a select number of proposals. Successful applicants will be notified by May 27th, 2022.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Claude Beaupré at jmnconferences@uvic.ca.