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Future of Political Warfare

The National Academy of Sciences Building, Lecture Room
2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20418

Day One – Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:00 **Working Breakfast for Presenters and Committee Members**
Setting expectations, getting to know each other, and gaining alignment

8:45 **Welcoming Remarks**
Ms. Caryn Leslie, Senior Program Officer, Intelligence Community Studies Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
Mr. Dan Flynn, Director of IC Net Assessments, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)

9:00–12:00 Session #1 – Evolving Authoritarian Strategies of Influence
(Facilitator: **Dr. James Fearon**, Planning Committee Member)

9:00–9:45 **Dr. Emily Thorson**, Syracuse University

9:45–10:30 **Dr. Joshua Tucker**, New York University

10:30–10:45 **Break**

10:45–11:30 **Dr. Margaret Roberts**, University of California, San Diego

11:30–11:50 **Q&A**

11:50–1:00 **Working Lunch for Presenters and Committee Members**

1:00–4:00 Open Session #2 – Influence Campaigns and Detection Technologies

(Facilitator: **Dr. Emilio Ferrara**, Planning Committee Member)

- 1:00–1:15 **Dr. Emilio Ferrara**, University of Southern California
Introductory Remarks
- 1:15–2:00 **Dr. Herb Lin**, Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation
Information Warfare in a Cyber-enabled Social Media Environment
- 2:00–2:45 **Dr. Patrick Warren**, Clemson University
Touched by the Trolls: How and Why a Coordinated Information Operation Interacts with Outsiders
- 2:45–3:00 **Break**
- 3:00–3:45 **Ms. Clara Tsao**, National Security and Technology Entrepreneur
Tools and Techniques to Detect and Counter Influence Campaigns and Future Technologies
- 3:45–4:30 **Ms. Renee DiResta**, Stanford Internet Observatory
Similarities and Differences Between the IRA, GRU, and Wagner group
- 4:30 **Adjourn for the Day**

Day Two – Friday, February 7, 2020

- 8:00 **Working Breakfast for Presenters and Committee Members**
- 8:45 **Welcoming Remarks**

9:00–12:00 Open Session #3 – Disinformation, Countermeasures, and Future Technologies

(Facilitator: **Dr. Huan Liu**, Planning Committee Member)

- 9:00–9:15 **Dr. Huan Liu**, Arizona State University
Introductory Remarks
- 9:15–9:45 **Dr. Kathleen Carley**, Carnegie Mellon University
Social Cybersecurity
- 9:45–10:15 **Dr. Sun-Ki Chai**, University of Hawaii
Social Science Theories of Culture and Behavior
- 10:15–10:45 **Dr. Filippo Menczer**, Indiana University
Social Media and Society's Vulnerability to Misinformation

10:45–11:00 **Break**

11:00–12:00 **Panel Discussion**

12:00–1:00 **Working Lunch for Presenters and Committee Members**

1:00–4:00 Open Session #4 – Strategies & Tactics: Political Warfare & Influence
(Facilitator: **Dr. Emilio Ferrara**, Planning Committee Member)

1:00–1:45 **Dr. Young Mie Kim**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Suspicious Groups on Social Media: Strategies and Tactics

1:45–2:30 **Dr. Tanushree Mitra**, Virginia Tech
The “Who” and the “How” of Information Narratives Pertaining to Conspiracy Theories and Hateful Propaganda in Online Platforms

2:30–2:45 **Break**

2:45–3:30 **Panel Discussion** (moderated by **Dr. Tim Weninger**, Notre Dame University)

3:30–4:00 **Q&A and Closing Remarks**

4:00 **Adjourn**

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