

Call-For-Papers

The 2nd International Workshop

HATE SPEECH IN ASIA AND EUROPE: A COMPARATIVE APPROACH

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This project began in 2017 as a way to bring scholars across the continents together to discuss national, regional, and global dynamics of hate speech from diverse viewpoints that include the political, legal, historical, ideological and religio-cultural perspectives. To this end, it focuses on the cases of hate speech in European and Asian societies. Through the first workshop which was held at Ritsumeikan University in Japan, we have explored the contours of hate speech in different Asian and European countries. Around 30 insightful papers from 8 different countries were presented as a collaborative dialogue on the hate speech and some of them are on its way to publication via a journal special issue and an edited volume.

This year, the workshop will continue and expand on this conversation by considering acute tension surrounding hate speech issues around the world. How should democratic societies respond to such persistent problem as well as to the broader forms of “othering” that motivate hate speech? How can we counter it? It seems to us that neither the cause of nor cure for this pernicious phenomenon is well appreciated in the context of today’s globalized world. With this workshop which consists of a 2-day paper presentation session and a half-day roundtable session, we expect to explore hate speech phenomenon as a complex web of historical injustices, economic inequalities, religious tensions, socio-political ideologies and emerging democratic challenges, as well as divergent legal constructions.

This research project is intended not only to show similarities in this global phenomenon observed beyond the political and geographical boundaries, but also to distinguish differences in the historical, legal and cultural foundation of each nation-state that cause and maintain the expression and structure of the discrimination. The comparative nature of this collaborative research will help fill in blind spots and lead to better informed and more sophisticated and

practical recommendations for the prevention of hate speech in many Eastern and Western societies.

We invite paper proposals from different approaches such as media studies, history, sociology, anthropology, political science, legal studies, religious studies **that examine, but not restricted to, the following questions:**

- What are the current contours of hate speech in different Asian and European societies?
- How states and civil societies respond to challenges presented by hate speech?
- What are alternative strategies for managing the public sphere against hate speech?
- How is hate speech defined and delimited in law and public policy in Asian and European contexts?
- What are the differences and similarities in the phenomenon of hate speech between Europe and Asia?
- What are the legal and discursive characteristics of individual societies in dealing with hate speech?
- What are the most urgent issues regarding hate speech in Asia and Europe?
- How is mass media, especially the Internet, employed in expressing hatred against different minorities?
- Why do ethnicity, sexuality or religion act as flashpoints in hate speech?
- In what forms are the abuse of power detected in European and Asian societies? (e.g. *Gapjil* in South Korea)

The workshop registration fee is 50 euros for the full-time employed and 25 euros for students and part-time employed. It covers access to all sessions, lunch, and reception dinner). We are pleased to provide presenters with partial subsidies for accommodation and travel expenses depending on funding availability and participant's needs. We intend to publish selected papers from the workshop as a journal special issue and/or an edited volume with a reputable academic press.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

1. Deadline: Please submit your proposal with a title, an abstract of not more than 500 words and a list of references, together with your name, position, institutional affiliation and email address by **August 31, 2018**. (Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by September 20, 2018)

2. Submission method: Send in MS Word via email to hatespeechworkshop@gmail.com

3. Final papers: Paper presenters are requested to submit full papers by **December 15, 2018**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions regarding this workshop.

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