

CONCLUSION – DEFENCE AND SECURITY ADVISORY NETWORK REPORT

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From the perspectives given throughout this event it has been shown that there is a need for a greater focus on resilience during a time in which we have seen a rise in polarization, extremism, and social and economic change. Whereby it has been shown that emergent and oppressed identities are now benefiting from the power of the internet and social movements, and *Generation Z* content creators who are redefining access, equity, and relationships between identities, it might be seen that examining the world encompassing a more post-structural or post-modern view could bring about a new sense of understanding.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the DSAN event have showcased that there is a greater examination needed of these online communities and social movements and how they operate. This research comes at a time of uncertainty and despair, which, largely brought on by the pandemic, has caused many to isolate and join online communities in order to find comfort and a sense of belonging. Many of the speakers noted that this has allowed the dissemination of misinformation and disinformation to be able to cross through various cultural and linguistic boundaries taken on in the form of memes and propaganda. Individuals have arguably become susceptible to echo chambers of their own creation due to the facilitation of passive and active consumption of fake information and extremist content.

With a rise in polarization, distrust in institutions, and no clear ending in sight to the current pandemic, scholars like Professor Kelshall, Ms. Archutowski, Dr. Moskalenko, Dr. Askainus, and Ms. Champion bring up the notion of multi-jurisdictional approaches in order to understand and combat a rise in extremism, recommending new theories fitting within the realm of critical security studies and countermeasures such as online risk assessment tools and digital literacy.

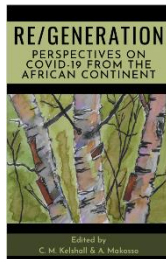
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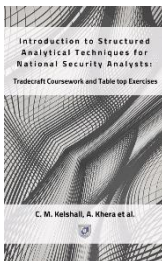
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