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The increasing complexity of the information ecosystem makes disinformation a security challenge. Especially social media channels offer malign actors unprecedented opportunities for information operations. How to protect democratic and open societies from the harmful effects of targeted disinformation campaigns is a question that requires a policy response both on the level of individual states and international organizations such as the EU and NATO.

This seminar will address three sets of questions: EU and NATO's approaches to disinformation and how Finland's NATO accession is likely to impact the information environment for the country; how media literacy can improve overall societal resilience and how young people are specifically targeted by disinformation; and finally, Russia's strategies of using disinformation as a tool to influence target countries.

PROGRAMME:

Speakers:

- **Maksym Yakovlyev**, Head of Department of International Relations, Director of School for Policy Analysis, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy;
- **Johanna Vehkoo**, Journalist;
- **Tomass Pildegovičs**, Senior Expert, NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence;
- **Yara Tag-Eldeen**, Analyst, Psychological Defence Agency of Sweden;
- **Moderator: Minna Ålander**, Research Fellow, FIIA.