

Regulating African Media Conference
Birmingham Centre for Media and Cultural
Research
Location: Zoom
3-4 May 2022



Conference Schedule

DAY 1: 3RD MAY 2022			
Welcome: 10:00-10:10 BST			
Keynote Address: Dr Hayes Mabweazara, University of Glasgow – 10:10-10:55 BST			
Panel 1: Regulating Online Harms – 11:10-12:40 BST Chair: Oliver Carter			
1	Amany Hassan Bassyouny	The British University in Egypt	Social media regulation and online harms in Egypt
2	Elizabeth Wanjiru Wambiri	Kenyata University School of Law	Protecting children from online predation: Examining data protection and the safety of children in the use of social media media in Kenya
3	Sherin Moody	The British University in Egypt	Online violence against African females
Networking/Lunch: 12:40-13:15 BST			
Panel 2: Journalism and Online Censorship – 13:30-15:00 BST Chair: Yemisi Akinbobola			
1	Dennis Oketch	Daystar University, Nairobi	User-generated content production and traditional journalism contestations: Regulation and restrained democratic spaces in Kenya
2	Beebeejaun Ambareen	University of Mauritius	Powers of the media regulatory authority: A comparative study between Mauritius and South Africa
3	Sulayman Bah	Birmingham City University	Online Media Regulation – The Gambia
Panel 3: Activism and the Politics of Regulation – 13:30-15:00 BST Chair: Dima Saber			

1	Tigere Muringa	University of KwazuluNatal	Online activism and social media regulation. A case study of selected African countries
2	Boluwatife Ajibola	London School of Economics	Political power versus the politics of regulation: Nigeria's Twittersphere and tussles from the #EndSARS protests
3	Moses Ofome Asak	University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria	State-sanctioned Twitter ban and digital authoritarianism: Evidence from Nigeria
Closing: 15:00-15:10 BST			
DAY 2 - 4TH MAY 2022			
Opening: 10:00-10:10 BST			
Panel 4: Cyber, Online and Social Media Legislation – 10:10-12:00 BST Chair: Vincent Obia			
1	Ndawana Youngson & Joanne Knowles	Liverpool John Moores University	Cyber security laws, digital media spaces and media freedoms in Zambia
2	Mufutau Oluwakemi Oriola & Olusegun Ojomo	Tai Solarin University, Nigeria; & Babcock University, Nigeria	Nigerian communication scholars' perception of social media hate speech regulation in a culturally diverse nation-state
3	Muthoni King'ori & Maureen Syallow	Strathmore University, Kenya	Balancing freedom with responsibility or simply pandering to political whims: An analysis of Kenya's Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act
4	Olusegun Israel Ogundeji	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona	Nairaland: Top indigenous platform and Nigeria's social media regulation plan
Panel 5: Digital policymaking and data infrastructure – 10:10-12:00 BST Chair: Eric Mugendi			

1	Ouejdane Sabbah	University of Amsterdam	Infrastructural tech-empire: Analysis of platform-led connectivity initiatives in Africa
2	Josephine Philip Churk	College of Business Education, Dodoma-Tanzania	Social media for inclusive digital policymaking practice as an approach to regulate digital policymaking decisions in the City of Dar es Salaam
3	Toussaint Nothias	Digital Civil Society Lab, Stanford University	Zero-rating in Africa, reconsidered
4	Kobina Ano Bedu-Addo	University of Westminster; Ghana Institute of Journalism	Regime change??: The structural constraints to reforming Ghana's broadcasting regulatory regime following digital switchover's creation of a multichannel television market
Lunch: 12:00-12:30 BST			
Panel 6: Ethics and new media regulation – 12:30-14:00 BST Chair: Kirsten Forkert			
1	Mekonnen Hailemariam Zikargae	Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia	Critical analysis of identities influencing ethical issues and challenges of journalism practices: The cases of Africa and Arab media political contexts in the digital age
2	Ngozi Okpara	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	Regulation of social media in Nigeria with regard to online harms from Aristotelian virtue ethics perspective
3	Laeed Zaghlami	Algiers University	Online information facing political, ethical and technological challenges in Algeria
Panel 7: Approaches to online content regulation – 12:30-14:00 BST Chair: Sulayman Bah			
1	Kevin Mudavadi, Melissa Tully, Dani Madrid-Morales, Layire Diop & Frankline Matanji	Indiana University; University of Iowa; University of Houston; Francis Marion University; & University of Iowa	Understanding roles, responsibilities, and regulation for addressing misinformation in Kenya
2	Grace Chimezie	International Research and Exchange Board	Understanding the emerging methods of social media regulation in Nigeria through digital sovereignty

3	Vincent Obia	Birmingham City University	Towards a systemic approach to regulating social media and internet content
Discussion on Edited Book Collection/Farewell: 14:15-15:00 BST			