

Sharing data and theoretical approaches on fake news and misinformation

Prof. André Abath, Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) in Brazil, is looking for collaboration in his WUN RDF proposal which consists in develop an international workshop aimed at sharing data and theoretical approaches on fake news and misinformation, which could foster future partnerships for addressing the issue. Prof. Abath is looking for researchers who have an interest in the field and who can contribute with information on disinformation and its impact in the region.

REDD (<https://reddufmg.wixsite.com/redd>) is a research group of interdisciplinary nature focused on investigating issues related to disinformation and its implication in democracy and social organization and functioning. The group has been recently formed and its current members are all based in Brazil. We feel that the WUN call is an excellent opportunity for us to discuss issues related to disinformation with researchers from different parts of the world. If our application is successful, we plan to host an exploratory workshop in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in the second semester of 2024, focused on issues related to disinformation and in which collaborators will be invited as speakers. This exploratory workshop should allow for different groups, each working on disinformation from their unique vantage points, to come together to exchange ideas, share insights, and explore common ground. This collaborative setting fosters an environment of open dialogue, mutual learning, and the identification of shared goals and challenges. Furthermore, the outcomes of an exploratory workshop extend beyond the event itself. They lay the groundwork for lasting partnerships and collaborations.

In an era where disinformation can undermine trust, manipulate opinions, and disrupt societies, the value of consolidating efforts cannot be underestimated. Exploratory workshops serve as the cornerstone upon which we can build united fronts against disinformation, leveraging the collective intelligence and dedication of diverse stakeholders to protect the integrity of information in our increasingly digital world.

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