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October 2, 2018, in Washington, DC. A livestream is available <u>here</u>.

State and non-state actors' interference in the US and European elections, as well as use of social media platforms to spread false narratives and manipulate the political discourse, have jolted US and European policy-makers into action. Yet, while Western democracies are slowly crafting their response, disinformation campaigns threaten to distort elections worldwide. In response to this growing threat, the Atlantic Council will host StratCom in Washington, DC, to bring together key stakeholders, researchers, government officials, and civil society to disseminate best practices among the global community. The event will address the tools and methods used by both state and non-state actors to spread disinformation, target elections, and new technologies aimed at destabilizing democracies worldwide.

October 2nd will feature panels on: Beyond Europe: How Disinformation Campaigns Affect Democracies Globally; Interference in European Elections: Responses and Lessons; Dark Forces: Exposing the Kremlin's Influence Operations; and Click Bait!: Algorithms, Radicalization, and the Fight for Our Attention.

We will also feature keynote addresses from: **The Hon. Christopher Krebs**, Under Secretary, *National Protection and Programs Directorate*, US Department of Homeland Security; **Ms. Lyudmila Savchuk**, internet activist who infiltrated the Russian Internet Research Agency; **Mr. Tristan Harris**, *Co-founder*, *Center for Humane Technology*; and **Ms. Maria Ressa**, president of independent Philippine magazine Rappler, which has been targeted by the Duterte government.

You can find a full list of speakers here.

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