NASK WORKSHOP: ANU STUDENTS RUSSIA & THE PRC'S NARRATIVE CONVERGENCE

1. A WARM-UP

- A practical introductory exercise, for instance, participants are presented with examples of disinformation content that may have violated platform policies. Working in small groups or individually, they must decide whether, in their view, such content warranted removal and explain why.

2. THEORETICAL INTRODUCTION

- A short introductory presentation outlining the fundamental operating principles of external actors and showcasing examples of disinformation and propaganda content – originating from both Russian/Chinese channels and local sources. A refresher on advanced search techniques.

3. PRACTICAL GROUP WORK

- Tasks will be assigned involving the search for specific content – within given subject areas – that the students identify as potentially containing disinformation or propaganda.
- The exercise will focus on crisis response – for example, applying lessons learned from Poland's experience with the "drone crisis" to the Australian context of a potential Chinese provocation.

4. DISCUSSION

- Participants will share the most interesting examples or search results. This will serve as a starting point for a discussion on:
- how they perceive disinformation/propaganda (referencing the first part of the session and how platforms are – or are not – handling the issue);
- what they consider important, what caught their attention, and what they might have overlooked;
- whether they observe any recurring patterns in the content;
- how, in their view, the growing scale of manipulation in the information sphere can be combated, and how transparency in the information environment can be ensured.

5. WORKSHOP GOALS

- raising awareness regarding various forms of information manipulation;
- learning basic techniques for information search and verification;
- learning the fundamental theoretical principles of information – psychological operations;
- enhancing critical thinking and resilience against inauthentic activities.

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