



## Concept Note

of

## International Seminar

on

# Impact of Social Media on Peace & Security

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## **Concept Note:**

Undoubtedly, social media can be seen as the most widely accepted technological invention in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Social media is now a social communication norm in developed and developing countries. The term “Social Media” refers to internet based applications that enable people to communicate and share resources and information. Some examples of Social Media include Blogs, Discussion Forums, Chat Rooms, Wikis, YouTube Channels, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter etc. Social Media can be accessed by computer, smart and cellular phones, and mobile phone text messaging (SMS).

### **There are three main characteristics that define Social Media:**

- A virtual space where users can activate and set their own profiles
- The opportunity to make such profiles public, in partially or completely, linking it with other profiles and in doing so, the users can communicate with the other profiles linked to their network
- The opportunity to handle one’s own network, developing and updating it constantly

It is quite interesting to understand the evolution of media and how social media has taken a stronghold in today’s society; the penetration of information through social media has become very common. Since the introduction of electronic media and the expansion of print media, social media has introduced varied opportunities and at the same time, has been a huge challenge to security. Mostly, social media is very common amongst youth who is vulnerable in the society and thus exposed to incorrect information. This could fetch undesirable outcome.

Countering fake news and rumors play a substantial role while maintaining law and order. Moreover, such information provides a huge threat while dealing with contemporary security issues. Dealing with social media to serve the purpose of peace and stability during crisis, demands a careful research. It is also necessary to understand it prudently. Today, the introduction of smartphones in the hands of the common man provides numerous rights to access and surf different sites on the internet. It also provides a lot of freedom to get information. Such a huge storehouse of information in the hands of a layman poses a huge security challenge. Therefore, there is a need to tackle the disruptive elements which could target vulnerable people to create havoc in the peaceful co-existence of mankind.

Advancement in technology has introduced new media which has positive and negative impact on society. Tackling social media to serve the purpose of peace and disruptive elements has become core duty in the field of peace and security studies. Common questions asked are related to how media development policies and programmes can help prevent insecurity, violent conflict and contribute towards peace and justice. It also aims to help practitioners and researchers in the field of conflict prevention and also helps them to communicate and explore ways to work better in these areas.

Considering the present contemporary Global security environment and emergent threats from Social Media to Global Security order, this seminar will share their ideas on thoughts among various strategic experts, policy makers and security experts. Social media promotes positive and negative agendas.

Globally, terrorists, separatists, political organizations, religious groups, individuals and others use social media to spread their information and ideas.

The overall objectives of this seminar are as follows:

- To highlight the key issues related to social media and its impact on global peace and security
- To understand the changing nature of social media and its changing nature of technology in the context of peace and security
- To develop academic policy option for new social media and security measures

The sub-themes of this seminar are as follows:

- Disruptive Technology and Social Media
- Fake News, its Challenges to Peace and Security and Countering Strategy
- Contemporary Global Peace and Security Issues and Social Media
- Law and Order and Social Media
- Impact of Social Media on Foreign Policy
- Impact of Social Media on National Security
- Peace and Harmony through Social Media
- Positive Outcome through Social Media
- The New Forms of Media, Social Media and the Transformation of the Media Sphere
- The New Social Media and Security Measures
- Technology and Social Media
- Social Media in the Hands of Disruptive Holders/Terrorists
- Countering Fake News and Rumors
- Contemporary Security Issues: Social Media as a Critical Threat
- Role of Social Media in Maintaining Law and Order
- Role of Social Media in Foreign Policy
- Creating Peace through Social Media
- National Security and Social Media

The expected outcomes of this seminar are as follows.

- This seminar would help examine contemporary challenges and opportunities through social media in the context of peace and security. It will add in a tangential way to the theoretical and practical outlook on the standing of relevance of social media
- It will also help to identify various issues for further research related to social media and bring about collaboration and partnership for evidence based research
- It will prove extremely useful for exchange of ideas and views with the strategic experts, intellectuals, academicians, industrial holders and other stake holders who are important for understanding the impact of social media

## **Seminar papers will be published in book form**

We would like to request you to send us your abstract of the paper (around 300 words) and Brief CV (around 200 word limits) with latest photograph at [ddss.conf@gmail.com](mailto:ddss.conf@gmail.com)

### **Important dates and deadlines:**

Last date of submission of abstract: **15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

Last date of submission of full paper: **20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

Registration Fees: **2000/-**

Looking forward to see you in the seminar.

With best regards,

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