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COURSE ON DIGITAL DIPLOMACY: THE ROLE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

[February 15, 2024]

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Date: February 15, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Rubén Darío Room, GSB 1889 F St. NW

Broadcast: This event will be webcast live

10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Inauguration

* Remarks of the Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, Ambassador Sebastián Kraljevich Chadwick, Permanent Representative of Chile to the OAS
* Remarks of María Fernanda Trigo, Director of the Department for Effective Public Management, OAS Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. An introduction to digital diplomacy

10:15 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Manuel Muñiz, International Rector and Dean, School of Political Science, Economics and Global Affairs, IE University (25 minutes) (virtual participation)

* Terms, concepts, and tools
* The impact of emerging technologies on diplomacy

Questions and answers (15 minutes)

Guiding questions

* Do foreign ministries have a technology-use policy?
* Do foreign ministries have guides or manuals for foreign service training in multilateral or bilateral negotiations for the governance and digital transformation agenda or emerging technologies?

10:55 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Nele Leosk, Special Ambassador for Digital Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia (25 minutes) (virtual participation)

Questions and answers (15 minutes)

Guiding questions

* Can other countries utilize technology used by Estonia for e-government?
* What conditions have enabled the success of digital transformation?

11:35 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Mentimeter

List the technologies most used by your country’s foreign ministry.

* What are the challenges in the use of emerging technologies by foreign ministries?
* Which foreign ministry procedures and services should be digitally accessible to members of the public?
* What are the challenges for the advancement of e-government in your country?

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. How do emerging technologies impact democracy?

* Alexandra Reeve Givens, President and CEO, Center for Democracy & Technology
* Sidney Leclercq, Senior Program Officer, Democratic and Inclusive Governance, International Development Research Centre (virtual participation)
* Elaine Ford, Director and founder of Digital Democracy (virtual participation)
* Alberto Fernández Gibaja, Head of Programme, Digitalization and Democracy, International IDEA (virtual participation)

Questions and answers

Guiding questions

* How do emerging technologies threaten democracy in your country?
* In which areas of digital transformation is progress most needed in your country?
* How do you see the role of girls and women in promoting technologies for strengthening democratic values?

12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Conclusions

* Presentation of Mentimeter results and inputs by Mike Mora, Specialist, Department for Effective Public Management
* Closing remarks by María Fernanda Trigo, Director, Department for Effective Public Management

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