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A Virtual Nine-Week Lecture Series

# POLITICS IN THE TIME OF GLOBAL PANDEMIC

## Week 2: Information Warfare — Framing Issues around the COVID-19 Crisis

With Dr. Jonas Kaiser, affiliate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and Associate Researcher at the Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Dr. Jennifer Kavanagh, senior political scientist, RAND Corporation, and Felice Freyer, health care reporter, *The Boston Globe*. The afternoon's moderator is Dr. Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, associate professor, Department of Communication & Journalism, Suffolk University.

**Wednesday, July 1, 2020**  
**Live at 4:00 pm**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

The COVID-19 pandemic is a global event unlike any other experienced in the contemporary era. Its size, scope, reach, and implications are enormous, ongoing, and unequal. Outcomes—from how people all over the world will live their daily lives to whether democracy will survive—are all in question.

Join us as we consider the challenges of reporting on and conveying “accurate” information about the pandemic to the general public.

Distribution of information in this global crisis plays a powerful role in shaping public understanding and behavior. The novelty of the virus itself means that scientific knowledge rapidly evolves and shifts based on new data.

A panel of experts — Jonas Kaiser, Jennifer Kavanagh, and Felice Freyer — will examine the rapid decline in trust in public institutions, public figures, and the media and discuss the resulting impact on the health of not only citizens, but of their democracy.



Dr. Jonas Kaiser



Dr. Jennifer Kavanagh



Felice Freyer



Dr. Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber

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