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## Introduction to Freedom of Expression Online

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Open Webinar

10:00 Eastern Time/16:00 Central European Time

This workshop will discuss the complex and rapidly evolving question of how to ensure freedom of expression in the digital era. It will survey international human rights law standards regarding online speech, many of which are well-established. Then it will cover some of the more complex emerging issues around online speech, such as responding to harmful speech in a manner that protects freedom of expression and issues around the role of online platforms.

The intended audience for this webinar is lawyers working at the national level on freedom of expression issues who wish to strengthen their understanding of international law standards around online speech.

The workshop is part of the Centre for Law and Democracy's (CLD's) *Supporting the Establishment of Networks of Media Lawyers Globally* project, funded by the Global Media Defence Fund managed by UNESCO. The project seeks to encourage the creation of and support national-level networks of legal professionals working to advance media freedom and freedom of expression. For more information on this project, please see <https://www.law-democracy.org/live/projects/media-lawyers-networks>.

You can register for this webinar at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcOurqi8pHdWL18vqKQwNSCym3DP7ndXO>

### Agenda

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| 10:00 – 10:10 | Introductions and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toby Mendel, Executive Director, CLD</li></ul>  |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | Three-Part Test Refresher and Basic Principles Governing Freedom of Expression Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laura Notess, Senior Legal Officer, CLD</li></ul> |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | Open Discussion   |

10:50 – 11:10      New Developments and Evolving Debates on Responses to Harmful Online Speech

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11:10 – 11:30      Open Discussion