

Mini Track on Information Warfare: Modelling and Mitigating Misinformation

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“World War III is a guerrilla information war with no division between military and civilian participation.” Marshall McLuhan’s declaration of 1970 marks a shift in the conception of combat, looking towards the present state of affairs. Modern warfare is marked by a collapsing of the neat divisions between ‘war’ and ‘peace’, ‘civilian’ and ‘military’, and between discrete domains of conflict. In an age of ‘always-on’, multi-domain, non-linear warfare, where information is both a domain in itself and the essential support for all other forms of combat, how do we wage, or mitigate, against Information Warfare?

This track seeks to encourage contributions from and debate among participants from as wide a range of participants as possible, considering IW in the traditional battlespace and in new areas, and the full spectrum of IW activities from PSYOPS and Influence Operations to ‘Fake News’, weaponised memetics, and the manipulation of political discourse.

Topics of interest to this mini-track include but are not limited to:

- Information Warfare
- Influence
- Fake News
- Disinformation and/or Misinformation
- Non-kinetic conflict



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Submission Details

In the first instance, a 300–350-word abstract is required, submissions must be made using the online submission form at <https://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/eccws/eccws-abstract-submission/>

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