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# Radical Speaker Series: Weaponized Information Summit

4 December 2018

Event Outcomes

On 4 December, SOFWERX, in collaboration with USSOCOM/J5 Donovan Group, hosted a Radical Speaker Series covering weaponized information. Mass influence operations, deep fakes, and social media metrics have been used by state and non-state actors in attempts to influence everything from public sentiment on policy issues to election results. The type and extent of influence operations has laid bare policy and technology gaps. This represents an emerging new threat vector for global competition short of armed conflict.

- 110 Individuals attended the seminar in person
- 72 outstations participated virtually
- 6 distinguished speakers presented topics related to countering weaponized information:
  - Dr. David Perlman – An Introduction to Cyber-enabled Information Operations
  - Mr. Scot Terban – Your Algorithms Won't Save You: Why We Need More Sociology and Psychology in The Fight Against Online Propaganda
  - Dr. Matthew Sorrell – DEEPFAKE: Provenance Countermeasures
  - Dr. Irene Amerini – Strategies for Countering Fake Information: New Trends in Multimedia Authenticity Verification and Source Identification
  - Ms. Sara-Jayne Terp – Practical Influence Operations
  - Mr. Keith Dear – The Science of Information Warfare