

INTERNET PLATFORMS SEXUAL CONTENT AND CHILD PROTECTION

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How can Internet platforms protect children from abuse, while preserving space for legitimate sexual expression and discussion online, and minimizing risk? This full-day workshop will bring together platform and stakeholder representatives in a private expert-led seminar and open discussion about best practices to protect children without infringing the human rights of children or others.

10am-5pm

Patreon, 600 Townsend St, San Francisco

Register now at https://prost.asia/dialogue

EXPERT PANELISTS



Andrew Puddephatt, Chair of the Internet Watch Foundation, United Kingdom



Gilian Tenbergen, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology with SUNY Oswego



Candice Christiansen, Founder, The Global Prevention Project, The Prevention Podcast



lan O'Brien, Senior Director of Programs and Operations at the Free Speech Coalition



Guy Hamilton-Smith, Sex Offense Litigation and Policy fellow, Mitchell Hamline School



Cathy Gellis, lawyer with a practice focused on free speech, technology use and development



Cathy Beardsley, President and CEO, Segpay



Kristen DiAngelo, Co-Founder and Executive Director of SWOP Sacramento

FACILITATOR



Jeremy Malcolm is Executive Director of Prostasia Foundation, and an expert in the use of multi-stakeholder processes in Internet governance. While at the Electronic Frontier Foundation he led the development of the Manila Principles on Intermediary Liability.

EVENT PROGRAM

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9:30 - 10:00	Registration and coffee
10:00 - 10:30	Introduction to the problem, participants, and process
	A nuanced approach to the restriction of sexual content can protect children better, improve user experience, and comply with human rights obligations, while managing risk
10:30 - 12:30	Presentations from the assembled experts followed by Q&A
	Experts in child sexual abuse prevention and those who are affected by sexual content bans share insights from research
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch break
1:30 - 3:30	Presentation of case studies for small group discussion
	Group work on examples of sexual content restriction and how these can become better informed and more inclusive
3:30 - 4:00	Larger group discussion of lessons learned
4:00 - 5:00	Distillation of key lessons and agreement on next steps
	Participants will identify key lessons into points for inclusion in future jointly-developed best practice recommendations
5:00 - 6:00	Close and reception

QUOTES



Platforms of all sizes need to be empowered to be made more effective contributors towards child sexual abuse prevention, through a more nuanced and better-informed approach towards content moderation and censorship.

Jeremy Malcolm, Prostasia Foundation



This new sex-positive approach provides another necessary avenue through which we can continue to work together to address, and ultimately prevent, child sexual abuse.

Gilian Tenbergen, SUNY Oswego



Oftentimes, policies that sound sensible in principle wind up perpetuating the very harms that are sought to be extinguished. Input from varied perspectives is essential to diminishing this risk.

Guy Hamilton-Smith, Mitchell Hamline School of Law

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER



Prostasia Foundation is the only s.501(c)(3) nonprofit child protection organization that is progressive and sexpositive, and supports the free and open Internet. Our diverse team includes digital rights activists, lawyers, mental health professionals, and representatives of sex workers and other stakeholders who are normally excluded from discussions about child protection.