

**THE STAKE OF THE FAKE:  
LAW AND COMMUNICATION IN A POST-TRUTH SOCIETY**

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*“During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act.”  
(George Orwell)*

**ABSTRACT:** *This paper proposes a logical approach of the notion of fake news in the wider context of conceptual pairs such as news and information, knowledge and truth, trust and manipulation, or regulation and control. The perspective chosen by the authors is based on their professional experience as jurist and communication specialist, and the purpose of the analysis is to answer some fundamental questions in the contemporary information society: What are the stakes of producing and disseminating false news? Should the states control the spreading of information? Where is the limit beyond which the restriction of freedom of expression becomes censorship? Is there any kind of protection against fake news required for the Internet users?*

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