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Special Issue: Media Manipulation, Fake News, and Misinformation in the Asia-Pacific Region

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In recent times there has been a noticeable shift in thinking about the possibilities for regulating social media platforms. A steady stream of scandals in relation to Facebook and Google sharing personal data with third parties, the growing evidence of Russian hacking of the 2016 US Presidential elections, and the role of the boutique data analytics firm, Cambridge Analytica contributed to this shift. The turn to regulatory solutions was prompted by both US Congressional and European Commission investigatory hearings. At the same time, there is a growing understanding that these media-tech platforms in the West and Eastern Asia use less than transparent algorithms to amass personal data for achieving various objectives. We are seeing ongoing investigations and new models of regulation are just around the corner. A pervading sense that the ‘Tech Giants’ have betrayed our trust arising from their role in spreading misinformation and the manipulation of breaking news calls out for more detailed theoretical and empirical analysis. For this special issue of the Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia we welcome any topics that deal with media manipulation, fake news, misinformation and disinformation. The topics that we are particularly interested in include, but are not limited to:

- Algorithmic news and manipulation
- Media pluralism and algorithmic news provision
- News recommender algorithms such as YouTube’s ‘Up Next’ recommender
- Sellers of fake followers or ‘likes’ on social media platforms
- Elections and strategies for online news manipulation/disinformation
- Regulatory responses, including responses to news manipulation by the platforms

Please submit your abstract in English to timothy.dwyer@sydney.edu.au by 30 March (please include “JCEA Special Issue” in the title). The maximum word limit for the abstract is 500 words.

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