

Information & Logistics Technology Department Research Seminar Series



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LECTURE ABSTRACT

I call BS! Understanding information, misinformation, and disinformation

This seminar will cover one of the emergent areas of cybersecurity, that involving the validation of information as true or de-bunked as false. We will consider the global information ecosystem and what it means to society and the future of norms, organization, and action as well as the technical tools that may be needed to manage this problem.

SPEAKER BIOSKETCH

Chris Bronk is an associate professor of information science and technology, with tenure, at the University of Houston. He has worked on a number of topics, including: cybersecurity education; social media and influence campaigns; cyber workforce development; international conflict and norms online; and applied cybersecurity for energy and logistics. He has published a book, *Cyber Threat: The Rise of Information Geopolitics in U.S. National Security* and has contributed to or drafted more than two dozen academic papers. His academic work has been sponsored by the NSF, Department of Energy, Department of Defense, Deloitte, Microsoft, and AT&T. He has served as both a Foreign Service Officer and Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of State.

Director of the University of Houston's graduate cybersecurity program, he has advised students who now work in banking, computing, energy, and government. Bronk is a widely quoted source on cybersecurity mattes, with his opinion or input appearing in *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, der Spiegel, Foreign Policy, Scientific American, CNN, the BBC,* and *The Houston Chronicle.* He holds an appointment in Rice University's Department of Computer Science. In addition to his Ph.D. from The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Bronk also studied international relations at Oxford University and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

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