

**The Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft
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invites you to a lecture titled

A History of Fake News

with

Chris Stokel-Walker

on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 19 hrs (CET)

Venue: Frankfurter Presseclub, Ulmenstraße 20, 60325 Frankfurt and virtual via Teams

Please register for the Presseclub and for Teams by October 21 at

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Registered Teams-participants will receive login details on October 22.

Biography:

Chris Stokel-Walker is a freelance English journalist, specialising in technology. He regularly contributes to the BBC, Washington Post, New York Times, WIRED, Economist, Guardian, New Scientist and Newsweek, and appears on the BBC, Sky News, CNN, Al Jazeera, Times Radio and other TV channels and radio stations. Chris is author of *YouTubers: How YouTube Shook Up TV and Created a New Generation of Stars* (2019, Canbury Press), and *TikTok Boom: China's Dynamite App and the Superpower Race for Social Media* (2021, Canbury Press) – the first popular book on TikTok. He wrote *The History of the Internet in Byte-Sized Chunks* (2023, Michael O'Mara Books), and is the author of *How AI Ate The World* (2024, Canbury Press).

Synopsis:

Anyone can go online, write something about what's going on the world, and share it with potentially millions of people. We are living in an era of radically democratized information. And it's a threat to democracy itself. Social media has made it easier than ever to spread falsehoods, amplified by its echo chambers and algorithms, and latched onto by politicians looking for convenient narratives.

But fake news has a surprisingly long history. This book traces its evolution through rumor, conspiracy and misinformation, Ancient Greece to Donald Trump and beyond. It explores the origins of confirmation bias, some of the earliest instances of mass media manipulation, the deployment of fake news during war and the significance of the internet age, ultimately asking the question: how do we make sense of this post-truth world?

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