

Rules of the discussion: what can and cannot be posted

The entire Symposium is held under Chatham House Rule.

The Chatham House Rule reads as follows:

When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

In implementing this rule to all discussions held within the Symposium, the organizers aim at encouraging openness and free discussion, and at allowing participants to speak as individuals and to express views that may not be those of their organizations.

What does this means for the coverage of this event?

Basically, it means that no comment or remark should be publicly linked back to the person who initially made it, nor to the organization/party/nationality/religion etc. to which they are affiliated.

The Rule is mostly concerned about the dissemination of the information after (or during) the event - nothing should be done to identify, either explicitly or implicitly, who said what.

How about the spokespeople of the plenary sessions?

The spokespeople are publicly known and the simple fact of their participation is a matter of public record. However, any remark, discussion point or observation made during the Symposium's discussion falls under the Rule unless otherwise specified.

So what can actually be posted?

The content of the discussion and the observations of the participants can be published and commented as long as they do not identify, either explicitly or implicitly, who said what.

How about Tweeting about the event?

Tweeting about the event is allowed and encouraged as long as the person tweeting reports only what was said during the session and does not identify - directly or indirectly - the speaker or another participant.

The hashtag of the Symposium is: #DigitHarium22.

The same consideration applies to other social media.

How about photos or videos?

The spirit of the Rule apply to photos and videos as well: the content and subject of the presentations (video or otherwise), as well as any promotional material, venue etc. can be portrayed in photos or videos. However, unless the participant gives explicit and unequivocal consent, they should not appear in the pictures or videos taken at the Symposium.

Can a list of attendees at the meeting be published?

No - the list of attendees will not be circulated beyond those participating in the specific session. For journalists, media personnel and note-takers participating to the various sessions, the same rule applies: participants and their affiliations shall not be identified - directly or indirectly - in public fora such as social media or newspapers.

How about quotes from the participants?

Unless the participant gives explicit and unequivocal consent to be identified, quotes from the Symposium's sessions should not be attributed.