



# DISINFORMATION, COVID-19, AND THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

## Panelist Biographies

### Heather Conley

Heather Conley is Senior Vice President for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic; and Director, Europe Program, and the Arctic and director of the Europe Program at CSIS. Prior to joining CSIS as a senior fellow and director for Europe in 2009, Conley served four years as executive director of the Office of the Chairman of the Board at the American National Red Cross. From 2001 to 2005, she was deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs with responsibilities for U.S. bilateral relations with the countries of Northern and Central Europe. From 1994 to 2001, she was a senior associate with an international consulting firm led by former U.S. deputy secretary of state Richard L. Armitage. Ms. Conley began her career in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. She was selected to serve as special assistant to the coordinator of U.S. assistance to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, and she has received two State Department Meritorious Honor Awards. Ms. Conley is frequently featured as a foreign policy analyst and Europe expert on CNN, MSNBC, BBC, NPR, and PBS, among other prominent media outlets. She received her B.A. in international studies from West Virginia Wesleyan College and her M.A. in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

### Nina Jankowicz

Nina Jankowicz studies the intersection of democracy and technology as the Wilson Center's Disinformation Fellow. Her book, *HOW TO LOSE THE INFORMATION WAR*, will be published by Bloomsbury's IBTauris on July 9. Ms. Jankowicz has advised the Ukrainian government on strategic communications under the auspices of a Fulbright-Clinton Public Policy Fellowship. Her writing has been published by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Policy*, *BuzzFeed News*, *The Wilson Quarterly*, and others. She is a frequent commentator on disinformation and Russian and Eastern European affairs, and has been interviewed by CNN's Christiane Amanpour and PBS's Judy Woodruff. Prior to her Fulbright grant in Ukraine, Ms. Jankowicz managed democracy assistance programs to Russia and Belarus at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. She received her MA in Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, and her BA from Bryn Mawr College.

**Sophia Ignatidou**

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