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“Social Media and Mass Violence”



Annual Winnie Veenstra Peace Lecture
6 p.m. Monday, March 25
Brown & Gold Room
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This talk examines the role of hate speech on Facebook and other social media platforms in inciting mass violence almost 25 years after local radio helped precipitate the Rwandan genocide. Facebook and other technology platforms have come under criticism in recent years for similarly contributing to outbreaks of violence in Myanmar, the Philippines and elsewhere. In addition to discussing social media’s dissemination of dangerous speech, Professor Benesch will address social media's potential for preventing or mitigating mass violence.

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