

# Session 6: Content moderation and intermediary liability

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This session will uncover the approach taken by countries in the region to content moderation and intermediary liability covering regulatory tools used by governments, jurisprudence laid down by courts, and concerns identified by scholars. The core objective of this session is for participants to unpack how individual rights and public interest are dealt with by platforms under the law with a specific focus on hate speech and gender related content.

## Reference Materials

*\* Tables are hyperlinked, please click on the text to access*

- **Table 3: Laws and regulations governing the ICT ecosystem**
- **Table 4: Resources/databases on ICT and jurisprudence**
- **Table 5: International human rights law landscape**

## Reading Materials

### Suggested Readings:

1. Association for Progressive Communications, *APC policy explainer: Platform Responsibility and Accountability* (November 2020)

2. Global Network Initiative, *Addressing Digital Harms AND Protecting Human Rights — GNI Shares Recommendations for Policymakers*
3. Divya Srinivasan, Gayatri Khandhadai, *Jurisprudence Shaping Digital Rights in South Asia* (November 2020) (Section on Intermediary Liability)
4. APC, *Reorienting rules for rights: A summary of the report on online content regulation by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression*

#### **Additional Readings:**

1. Bolo Bhi, *Pakistan's Online Censorship Regime* (July 2020)
2. SFLC.in, *Intermediary Liability 2.0: A Shifting Paradigm* (March 2019)
3. Manila Principles on Intermediary Liability
4. *Media Matters for Democracy conducts an initial analysis of the new social media rules and their potential impact on digital rights and economy in Pakistan* (November 2020)
5. The Ringer, *The BTS Army and the Transformative Power of Fandom As Activism* (June 2020)
6. Equality Labs, *Facebook India - Towards the tipping point of violence: Caste and religious hate speech* (2019)

## **Session Presentation**

### **Session Summary**

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