



# What's IN-cubating?

April - June 2021



On behalf of my fellow IN-cubators, I am very happy to share with you what we have been up to at the Centre for Information Integrity and the Internet (IN-cube) in the last quarter. Since our launch in January this year, we have embarked on multiple research projects and shared some of them through our monthly webinars. Our team has kept track of relevant and timely issues in Singapore, from vaccine hesitancy to attitude towards fake news and cancel culture. Details of these can be found in this issue of our quarterly newsletter. Please reach out to us at [incube@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:incube@ntu.edu.sg) for any suggestions or ideas. We would love to collaborate!

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## Webinars

### Cancel Culture & Online Vigilantes

We explored the motivations behind Cancel Culture and Acts of Online Vigilantism in Singapore. Held on 29 April, this webinar also features the work of IN-cube's student members whose study won Top 2 Student Paper at the prestigious and highly competitive Mass Communication Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication 2021 Conference. Watch the video to learn more.

The graphic features the Nanyang Technological University logo and the Centre for Information Integrity and the Internet logo at the top left. The main title 'CANCEL Culture and Online Vigilantes in Singapore' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'CANCEL' in a red box. Below the title, it states 'A webinar presentation from the Centre for Information Integrity and the Internet (IN-cube)'. On the right side, it is moderated by Assoc. Prof. Edson C. Tandoc Jr. from the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. At the bottom, there is a date 'APR 29, 2021' and a link to the webinar: 'Live on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/ntuincube21> Or scan QR code'.

## Fake news in Singapore



On 8 June, we held an in-house conference titled “Defining, determining and dealing with deliberate online falsehoods in Singapore.” This initiative was part of a Singapore Social Science Research Council grant project. Student presentations examined generational differences when it comes to fake news beliefs as well as the impact of different types of fact-checking in slowing down the spread of fake news. We also discussed how fake news affected journalism and public relations work. One of the studies presented in our conference also won Top 3 Student Paper at the Communication Technology Division of the AEJMC 2021 Conference.

## Digital News Report 2021



In partnership with the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (RISJ) at Oxford University, IN-cube released RISJ’s Digital News Report 2021 for Singapore on 23 June. IN-cube Director, Assoc Prof Edson C. Tandoc Jr., presented the survey highlights while Prof Ang Peng Hwa and Prof May Lwin shared their insights about the findings. IN-cube Assistant Director Karen Ho moderated the session. Find out how and where Singaporeans get their news by watching the video.

## IN-cube in the news

IN-cube Director, Assoc Prof Edson Tandoc Jr., and Research Fellow, Dr. Zhang Hao Goh shared their thoughts about the use of social media in Singapore to hold people accountable for their actions. Read this article from The Straits Times.

### THE STRAITSTIMES

#### 3 in 4 polled here believe social media can call people in power to account



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Three in four people here are motivated to use social media because they believe can hold people in power - such as politicians, business leaders and celebrities - accountable for their actions, according to a recent survey.



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By Kym Campbell

## Commentary: The rise of streaming and decline of cable TV will benefit consumers most

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Disney's decision to close its TV channels across Southeast Asia could signal something good for the entertainment industry – and for us, says Dr Kym Campbell of the Wee Kim Wee School of Communications.

Dr. Kym Campbell, a member of IN-cube, provided key insights to the changing trends in Singaporeans' entertainment habits in this commentary published on 24 May. His article cites IN-cube data on the financing and subscription habits regarding cable TV and video streaming services in Singapore.

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## Understanding why some people are not taking Covid-19 vaccines and how to gain their confidence

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IN-cube also weighed in on the ongoing conversation of vaccine hesitancy in Singapore. This article published on 12 June by Today includes IN-cube's survey findings tracking vaccine trust in Singapore.

### About IN-cube

IN-cube stands for Centre for Information Integrity and the Internet, a new research centre at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University Singapore. It aims to contribute to promoting information integrity in online spaces, especially in an era of misinformation and disinformation, through timely, rigorous, and relevant research that links academics, policymakers, industry players, and the public. Learn more about IN-cube by visiting our website: [ntu.edu.sg/incube](http://ntu.edu.sg/incube)