



What's IN-cubating?

July - September 2021



The last quarter has been busy yet fulfilling for us at the Centre for Information Integrity and the Internet (IN-cube). We have started analysing data from the Wave 2 of our panel study to track internet use in Singapore and we're excited to share our results with you soon. We also organised monthly webinars covering timely and relevant topics, including the problem of fake news and the rise of smart devices.

We are also very excited to welcome our new batch of student members and visiting students! You can read about them in this issue. If you have questions, suggestions, ideas for collaboration, or if you want to join us at IN-cube, please reach out to us at incube@ntu.edu.sg.

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Public Engagement

Fake News, Fact Checking, and the Media

IN-cube Director, Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Asst. Prof. Nuri Kim presented their published findings in a webinar held on 19 Aug. They explored the impact of fake news on information behaviour as well as the benefits and limitations of fact-checking in fighting fake news.

Watch the Zoom recording [here](#).

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Fake News , Fact-Checking and the Media

Exploring the impacts of fake news on news media credibility
and how fact checking stems the spread of fake news

A webinar presentation from the Centre for Information Integrity
and the Internet (IN-cube)

August 19, 2021
11am to 12pm on Zoom
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Moderated by: Ms Karen Ho Pel Seah, Asst Director (IN-cube)

Harnessing the Potential of Smart Devices

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An exploration of user interactions with wrist-worn smart devices and the potential of smartphone applications to improve health messaging efforts

A webinar presentation by the Centre for Information Integrity and the Internet (IN-cube)

Presented by:

- Asst Prof Kang Hyunjin
Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information
- Asst Prof Edmund Lee Wei Jian
Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information

Moderated by:

- Dr Goh Zhang Hao
Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
11am to 12pm on Zoom
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IN-cube held a webinar on 15 Sep, featuring research on smart wearables and how data from smartphones can optimise health messaging efforts. IN-cube Assistant Director, Asst. Prof. Edmund Lee, and Asst. Prof. Hyunjin Kang presented their research findings, with IN-cube's Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Dr. Goh Zhang Hao, moderating the session.

Watch the Zoom recording [here](#).

APRW- NTU WKWSCSI Panel Discussion

IN-cube joined the launch of the APRW-NTU-WKWSCI Student Development Fund on 8 Sep. Assoc Prof. Tandoc moderated a panel discussion, titled: *Towards Effective Public Messaging Strategies: Implications for Post-Pandemic Communication*, during the launch. At the event, Minister of State (MCI & MND) Tan Kiat How acknowledged IN-cube's efforts in bridging academic research and the public sector. CoHASS Dean, Prof. Joseph Liow, and WKWSCSI Chair, Prof. May O. Lwin also attended the launch.



Watch the recording [here](#).

IN-cube in the news

THE STRAITS TIMES

Risk of depression grows with more time spent on Facebook: NTU study



On 16 Aug, *The Straits Times* featured key findings from a published journal article by IN-cube Director, Edson C. Tandoc, and Postdoctoral Fellow Goh Zhang Hao.

The study found that spending more time on Facebook is linked to experiencing symptoms of depression, which in turn could lead to even greater usage of Facebook.

Read about it [here](#).



Commentary: Dismissing those hesitant about COVID-19 vaccination as anti-vaxxers is short-sighted



Edson C Tandoc Jr



Zhang Hao Goh



Kim Hye Kyung

Understanding the reasons behind vaccine hesitancy and what shapes these worldviews hold the best chance of changing people's minds, say Edson C Tandoc Jr, Goh Zhang Hao and Kim Hye Kyung.

Team members from IN-cube and Asst. Prof. Kay Kim from WKWSCl contributed to the public discourse on vaccine hesitancy through an invited commentary published by CNA.

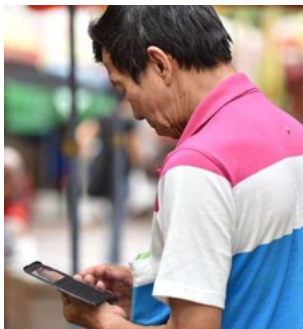
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Their comments were based on new survey data from 6,000 respondents across 10 cities in Asia, including Singapore, exploring vaccine attitudes in the region.

Read about it [here](#).

Singapore

Fake news, scams and extremist views: Should we be concerned about what older family members are doing online?



IN-cube Director, Edson C. Tandoc Jr., shared his opinion on how people of different age groups may fall prey to fake news, in an online news article published on 18 Aug by CNA.

Read about it [here](#).

Student Engagement

Interview with SAJC students: Online Vigilantism & Harrassment



IN-cube has engaged in community outreach to share our research findings with secondary school students interested in issues related to digital communication.

On 22 July, IN-cube's Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Goh Zhang Hao and Research Assistant, Loy Guan Peng, took part in an online dialogue with students from Saint Andrew's Junior College to discuss the topic of online harassment in Singapore.

Results sharing with WKW students: Videoconferencing Fatigue



IN-cube members shared new research findings on videoconferencing fatigue during an online session with first-year WKWSCI students on 14 Sep.

Asst. Prof. Benjamin Li and Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Goh Zhang Hao shared research findings from IN-cube's second national survey. Assoc Prof. Tandoc moderated the session.

Learn more about our findings and watch the Zoom recording [here](#).

Welcome, *IN-cubators!*

At IN-cube, we are constantly seeking talented and motivated researchers to join us!

Students are our greatest assets at IN-cube, and we are committed to nurture and support them every step of their research. We are proud and delighted to announce these new members who have joined or are visiting us this semester:



Qian Yu Xing

Yuxing is currently a visiting PhD student from the Wuhan University School of Information Management.

He majors in Data Science and his research areas are health informatics and social computing, with a particular focus on health issues about elderly care and mental health.

Wang Yi Xi

Yixi is currently a visiting PhD student from the Renmin University School of Journalism.

She majors in Journalism her research areas are health communication and data journalism.





Zhang Lang Chang, Lancherd

Lancherd is a PhD student at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

His research interest lies in the applicability and implications of mass media effects (e.g., Cultivation) on social media, especially with gender and minority contexts. His current research with in-cube involves Internet use and online hate.

Sofia Tan Conteras

Sofia is a PhD student at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

Her research interest lies in the intersection and individual nature of advertising and journalism in the online context.



Quek Pei Jun

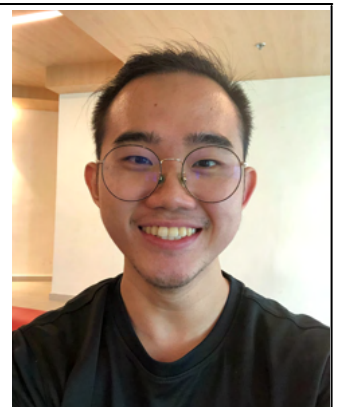
Pei Jun is a research assistant at Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

Her current projects in the centre involves fake news and fact-checking.

Loy Guan Peng

Guan Peng is an undergraduate student at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

He is a research assistant at the centre. His research interest lies in social media and online behaviours.



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