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DISINFORMATION AND FACT-CHECKING IN US MEDIA

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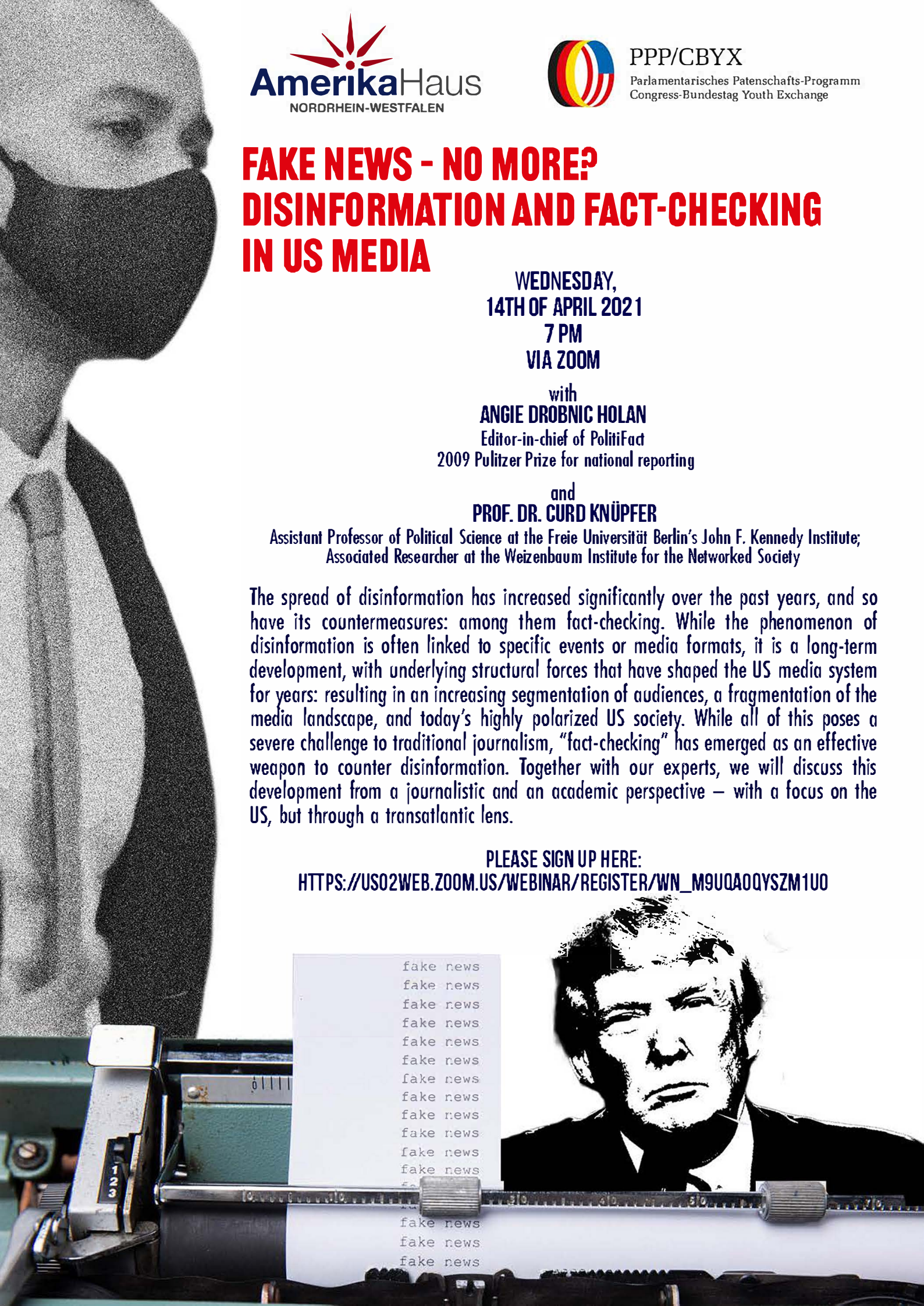
The spread of disinformation has increased significantly over the past years, and so have its countermeasures: among them fact-checking. While the phenomenon of disinformation is often linked to specific events or media formats, it is a long-term development, with underlying structural forces that have shaped the US media system for years: resulting in an increasing segmentation of audiences, a fragmentation of the media landscape, and today's highly polarized US society. While all of this poses a severe challenge to traditional journalism, "fact-checking" has emerged as an effective weapon to counter disinformation. Together with our experts, we will discuss this development from a journalistic and an academic perspective – with a focus on the US, but through a transatlantic lens.

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