

HATE ON THE INTERNET

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Plenary Panelists



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RAPHAEL COHEN-ALMAGOR is the Director of the Center for Democratic Studies at the University of Haifa. He was the Fulbright Visiting Professor at UCLA School of Law and Dept. of Communication, and Visiting Professor at Johns Hopkins University. He has been involved in diverse capacities with several leading organizations, including the Chairperson of "The Second Generation to the Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance" Organization in Israel, Director of the Medical Ethics Think-tank at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, member of the Israel Press Council, member of UNESCO International Clearing House on Children and Violence on the Screen, as well as Chairperson of Library and Information Studies at the University of Haifa. To date, he has published twelve books, including one poetry book, and more than eighty refereed articles and book chapters on free expression, political extremism, Israeli democracy, media ethics, multiculturalism and medical ethics.



MICHAEL J. GENNACO currently serves as Chief Attorney of the Office of Independent Review of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Prior to this, he served for over six years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California. As Chief of the Civil Rights Section, Mr. Gennaco was responsible for overseeing all hate crime, police abuse, and involuntary servitude investigations and prosecutions in the district. He has investigated and prosecuted many high profile cases, including the prosecution of Buford Furrow, Jr. for his racially motivated killing of a postal carrier and antisemitic shootings of four children and one adult at the North Valley Jewish Community Center, the UC Irvine and Cal State Los Angeles cyberspace hate mail prosecutions, and the Lancaster skinhead racial violence prosecutions. An active member on numerous federal and local civil rights task forces, Mr. Gennaco has also testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding hate crimes on the Internet. Prior to working at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Gennaco served for ten years as a trial attorney with the Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C.

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