

PANEL DISCUSSION

# CRIMINALISED, SURVEILLED, RESILIENT: DEFENDING OUR CIVIC SPACE AGAINST EVOLVING REPRESSION



29/01/26 - 7:30PM



MUSÉE NATIONAL DE LA RÉSISTANCE  
PLACE DE LA RÉSISTANCE, ESCH-SUR-ALZETTE



ENGLISH  
TRAD. FRANÇAIS

This round table examines the **global shrinking of civic space** as expanding systems of **digital surveillance, anti-democratic laws, and transnational repression** increasingly target, silence, and **criminalise human rights defenders**. Across the world, individuals and organisations face escalating threats to their safety and freedom to act.

## **“Mass digital surveillance, without oversight or transparency, is a direct threat to freedom of expression, the right to privacy, and the safety of human rights defenders.”**

– Amnesty International

### **PANELISTS**



**TAYSIR MATHLOUTHI**

**Senior EU Advocacy Officer at 7amleh – The Arab Center for the Advancement of Social Media**, a leading Palestinian non-profit promoting and protecting digital rights.



**TENZIN NAMGYAL**

**Tibetan human rights defender and activist with Students for a Free Tibet**, a global grassroots network campaigning for the human rights and freedom of the Tibetan people.



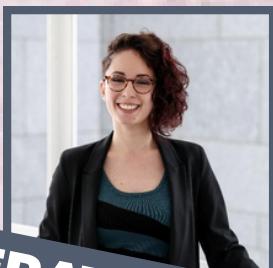
**MADGALENA BORDAGORRY**

**Policy and Network Coordinator at EU-LAT Network**, a coalition of European organisations advocating for human rights, democracy and social justice between the EU and Latin America..



**LUC DOCKENDORF**

**Luxembourg's Ambassador for Cybersecurity and Digitalisation**, with extensive experience at the intersection of digital policy, security, and human rights.



**DR. SALOMÉ LANNIER**

**Researcher at the University of Luxembourg** whose work focuses on human trafficking, exploitation, and the protection of human rights in digital and criminal justice contexts.

### **MODERATED BY**

The panel brings together activists and representatives from Palestine, Tibet, Latin America, and Europe to share common experiences of **monitoring, threats, legal restrictions, and digital repression**. The discussion will explore **strategies of resistance, solidarity, and defence of civic and democratic space**, highlighting the intersectional realities of these struggles.