



Cybersecurity Institute

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Hacktivism: fighting for a cause or State-sponsored subversion?

- Paris, Thursday 26 February 2026, from 8h30 to 13h30 –

8h30 – 9h00 **Registration**

9h00 – 9h15 **Introductory Remarks**

9h15 – 9h30 **A Global Overview of Hacktivism**

This presentation will provide an analysis of the current hacktivist landscape both in France and internationally. It will highlight emerging trends, the most targeted sectors, and the primary motives and key actors driving today's digital unrest.

9h30 – 10h15 **Hacktivists: Calling the Shots in Cyberspace?**

Between targeted cyberattacks, large-scale data leaks, and information warfare, where does power lie in this digital theatre of operations? This panel examines the ways in which hacktivism reshapes geopolitical leverage and challenges cyberspace stability.

10h15 – 10h30 **Coffee break**

10h30 – 11h15 **Shadow Soldiers: The Rise of State-Affiliated Hacktivism**

This panel examines the blurred lines between independent hacktivists and state-sponsored proxies. Panellists will analyse how States can leverage hacktivist groups to conduct disinformation campaigns and disrupt democratic processes. The discussion will further explore the profound challenges this "grey zone" poses to international law and the principles of state responsibility in cyberspace, particularly in times of war.

11h15 – 12h00 **Disrupting the Disruptors: States Responses to the Hacktivist Surge**

This session examines how public authorities address the hacktivist threat, exploring the distinct yet complementary roles of law enforcement, the judiciary, and diplomacy in securing cyberspace.

12h00 – 13h30 **Networking lunch**