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Dear Mr Goodman

I have pleasure in inviting you to attend the **JPR Policy Lunch**, which will be held at the above address on the subject of

**The Governance of Cyberspace: The Far Right on the Internet**  
on  
**Tuesday, 30 April 1996**  
at 12.30 for 12.45 pm until 3.30 pm

The discussion will be introduced by **David Capitanchik** of Aberdeen University and **Mike Whine** of the Defence Department, Board of Deputies of British Jews. **Dr Roger Eatwell** of Bath University will be in the Chair.


Concern about pornography on the Internet has to a large extent overshadowed the debate on the use of cyberspace by far-right groups as a vehicle for disseminating race hate material and as a means of co-ordinating illegal activities. Discussion has focused essentially on the issue of censorship versus freedom of expression. The introduction of the US Telecommunications Bill and the ban imposed by Compuserve following a Bavarian court ruling have been seen as precursors of far-reaching censorship, which could undermine the libertarian culture of the Internet.

The global nature of cyberspace militates against national or regional control. Many commentators are in favour of internationally agreed rules on what material should be outlawed and who should be liable for its dissemination. While the project has been described as a legal minefield, experts point to new technology—programmes or devices which deny access to offending material—as another way forward.

A draft policy paper on the governance of cyberspace commissioned by JPR will be presented for discussion at the Policy Lunch. Contributions to the discussion will inform the policy document to be published by JPR.

I very much hope you will be able to accept our invitation. As the number of places is limited, we would be grateful for an early reply.

Yours sincerely



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