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Digital Tactics and Extreme Speech - or How to Avoid Capture

Abstract

How do minoritized actors navigate a deeply hostile media environment amid growing authoritarianism? In this presentation, I'll speak on the question of the digital ethics of Indian Muslims as a tactic. By drawing on different case studies, I argue that my interlocutors learned to arrange their actions in emotionally attuned, rhythmic, and context-sensitive ways. What I call tactical describes an ethical-political trajectory within a power dynamic that works on different scales. These scales involve institutions under authoritarian nationalism, decomposing legal systems, transnational networks of support, and fragmenting logics of digital capital, as well as the culturally formed desires and ethical dispositions of media practitioners.

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