

Speech by Dongxu LIU

Dear President

I'm Dongxu LIU, a professor from Minzu University of China, as well as an ethnic minority from Gelao ethnic group in China. I am engaged in the research of the relationship between ethnic minorities and the society. My research shows that the hatred toward the ethnic minorities origin from the structure and insitutional environment of the society. Social media has significant impact on the magnification and spread of hate speech.

As a multi-ethnic country enjoying a longstanding history, China has the tradition to incorporate various ethnic culture. This tradition carrys the philosophy of upholding the equality and solidarity, striving for common prosperity and common development among all ethnic groups, which is fully embodied in China's' laws and system. Thus hatred among different ethnic groups in China have no soil to survive and spread in such harmonious environment. On the contrary, the social environment in some other countries where the ethnic minorities and migrants haven't got equal treatment can easily become the hotbed for hate speech. The turmoil led by African Americans' protest movement in USA during Covid-19 pandemic is due to such reason.

Enhancing the cooperation among governments, international organizations and NGOs, improving the governance mechanism of internet and media, identifying and cleansing those malicious hate speech toward ethnic minorities as soon as possible, releasing authoritative information through various parties to lead the public opinion, can reduce the negative influence of the spread of hate speech on ethnic minorities. Thank you.