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# MEDIA FREEDOM in Volatile Environments

**BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS** 

## **SESSION 1: OPENING PLENARY**

Ambassador Florian Raunig, Head of 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship Task Force



Florian Raunig was born on 7 January 1967 in Basel. In 1986 he finished the classical gymnasium in Munich and then studied political science, philosophy and law at the University of Vienna. In 1997 he joined the newly-established OSCE Presence in Albania, setting up the first Field Office as well as the Border Observation Team in Northern Albania. Thereafter, he headed the Austrian Development Co-operation Offices in Tirana and Skopje and worked for the Delegation of the European Commission in Tirana. After joining the Austrian Foreign Ministry in 2002 he served in the Ministry's department for the EU, at the Austrian Embassy in Liubliana and in

the Austrian Development Agency. He served as Austrian Ambassador to Montenegro (2007-2009) and to Albania (2009-2013) and as the Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (2013-2016). Since 6 July 2016 he heads the Task Force for the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship 2017.

Frane Maroevic, Director, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media



Frane Maroevic previously held the post of Senior Advisor in the Office. He began his career at the OSCE in 2010 as the Deputy Head of Press and Public Information. Before joining the OSCE he was the Director of Communications for the High Representative and EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the Spokesperson for the European Commission in Bosnia and Herzegovina and a journalist with the BBC World Service in London.

## David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression



David Kaye, a clinical professor of law at the University of California, Irvine, is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, appointed by the UN Human Rights Council in June 2014. His rapporteurship has addressed, among other topics, encryption and anonymity as promoters of freedom of expression, the protection of whistleblowers and journalistic sources, and the roles and responsibilities of private Internet companies. Early in his career he was a lawyer in the U.S. State Department, handling issues such as the applicability of the Geneva Conventions in the wake of the attacks of

September 11, 2001. His academic research and writing have focused on accountability for serious human rights abuses, international humanitarian law, and the international law governing use of force. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and former member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law, he has also published essays in such publications as Foreign Affairs, The New York Times, Foreign Policy, JustSecurity and The Los Angeles Times.

Kate Adie, Journalist, BBC



Kate Adie became a familiar figure through her work as BBC Chief News Correspondent. She is considered to be among the most reliable reporters, as well as one of the first female British reporters, sending dispatches from danger zones around the world. Adie is also a long-serving presenter of Radio 4's From Our Own Correspondent and a presenter or contributor to many other radio and television programmes. As a television news correspondent, her memorable assignments include both Gulf Wars, four years of war in the Balkans, the final NATO intervention in Kosovo and elections in 2000, the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster at Zeebrugge,

the massacre at Dunblane, the Selby rail crash, the SAS lifting of the Iran Embassy Siege in London, the Bologna railway station bombing and the Tiananmen Square protest in Beijing in 1989. Adie carried out numerous assignments in Northern Ireland throughout "The Troubles" as well as reporting on the referendum to ratify the Good Friday Agreement. She covered the Lockerbie bombing and reported from Libya after the London Embassy siege of 1984, reporting from Libya many times thereafter, including during the bombing of Tripoli by the US in 1986. She also covered the Rwandan Genocide and the British military intervention in the Sierra Leone Civil War.

Moderator: Matthijs Berman, Principal Adviser to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media



Matthijs Berman has been the Principal Adviser to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media since September 2016. Before joining the OSCE, he led an EU election support project in the Central African Republic (Bangui). Prior to that, from 2004 until 2014 he was a member of the European Parliament, focusing on development cooperation and the EU budget, and chairing the Dutch social-democrat delegation. Berman has headed EU election observation missions in Ethiopia, Senegal and Afghanistan. He started his career as a journalist and radio/television presenter for various Dutch media, from 1985-2004, and has been a radio correspondent based in Paris and Moscow.

## **SESSION 2: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND "FAKE NEWS"**

Moderator: Sejal Parmar, Senior Adviser, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media



Sejal Parmar is Senior Adviser at the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. She is also an Assistant Professor of Law at the Department of Legal Studies and a core faculty member of the Center for Media, Data and Society at the School of Public Policy at the Central European University (on leave). Her main field of expertise and research is international and European human rights law, particularly on freedom of expression. She has previously worked as Senior Legal Officer at ARTICLE 19 and Human Rights Coordinator at Doughty Street Chambers in London. She has

held visiting appointments at Queen Mary, University of London and the University of Edinburgh, and has been an EU-US Fulbright Scholar and Emile Noel Fellow at New York University Law School and a Marie Curie Fellow at the Amsterdam Centre for International Law. She holds an LLB in Law (hons) from the LSE, a PhD in Law from the EUI, Florence, and is called to the Bar of England and Wales.

#### Panellists:

Barbora Bukovska, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Article 19



Barbora Bukovska has been ARTICLE 19's Senior Director for Law and Policy since 2009. She leads the development of ARTICLE 19's policies and provides legal oversight across the organization. Bukovska has extensive experience working on a range of human rights issues, including protection from discrimination, access to justice, deprivation of liberty, reproductive rights, and community development. She has also initiated approximately 50 cases at the European Court of Human Rights on these issues. From 2006 to 2008, she was the Legal Director at the Mental Disability Advocacy Centre, an international organization working on the rights of people with disabilities in Europe and Central Asia.

## David Mikkelson, Founder, snopes.com



David Mikkelson founded the site now known as snopes.com back in 1994 as a creative outgrowth of his wide-ranging interests in a variety of subjects (particularly folklore) and his professional expertise in the computer industry. Handling everything from researching and writing articles about urban legends to managing the site's technical infrastructure, Mikkelson saw snopes.com (which antedated the development of automated search engines) quickly become the go-to place for Internet users to query about anything questionable they encountered online, establishing it as the oldest and best known online fact-checking outlet operating

today. In additional to his 20+ years of experience researching and writing about the facts behind a multitude of topics, Mikkelson's educational background includes a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Texas (San Antonio) and about a zillion course hours of post-graduate classes at California State University, Northridge taken with no particular degree program in mind.

# Nataliia Ligachova, Chief Editor, Detector Media



Nataliia Ligachova is the Chairperson of NGO "Detector media", and Chief-editor of the website "Detector media". She is an honored journalist of Ukraine, including the honor of "Leadership in mass media" from the international NGO, Internews Network in 2008 and winner of the Gerd Bucerius press prize "Free press of Eastern Europe" in 2011, awarded to journalists for their professionalism and civil courage. Ligachova has also been Chairperson of the independent mass media council in Ukraine. She is one of the most cited experts in media sphere by TV channels and business press.

## Dainius Radzevičius, Chairman, Lithuanian Journalists Union



Dainius Radzevičius has been the Chairman of the Lithuanian Journalists Union since 2003 and Chairman of the Council of Lithuanian National Radio and Television since 2010. With a Master's degree from the Institute of Journalism from the faculty of Communication at Vilnius University, Radzevićius has experience working from throughout the media and journalism sector. He was a journalist at weekly lawnewspaper "Sargyba", author and manager/editor for programs at Regional TV Channels 5 and 11, and author for news radio "Ziniu rarijas", to name a few. Aside from his journalism experience, Radzevičius has also worked as a public servant as

Spokesman of the Department of Courts and Director of the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania.

# SESSION 3a: ACCREDITATION AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN CONFLICT AREAS

*Moderator:* Matthijs Berman, Principle Adviser, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. Please see his biography under Session 1.

#### Panellists:

Elena Sherstoboeva, Associate Professor, University Higher School of Economics (HSE), Moscow



Elena Sherstoboeva is an Associate Professor in the Department of Media at the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow. She earned a PhD degree from the School of Journalism at Lomonosov Moscow State University in 2009. Her research interests are media law and policy, entertainment law, and copyright. She teaches legal aspects of media, information law, entertainment law, as well as show business and media production. Sherstoboeva is currently pursuing a PhD in Advanced Communication Studies (EHEA) at Ramon Llull University. Her specialized field of research is mass media regulation and policy in Russia. Her current

research project focuses on the regulation of media in Russia in the context of the standards set by the Council of Europe. Sherstoboeva is a practicing lawyer in the field of media and copyright. She provides legal consultations for Russian performers, actors, and authors as well as for media and media production companies.

## Ashwin Raman, War Reporter



Born in Mumbai in 1946, Ashwin Raman has been a war correspondent for well over 40 years. Starting off as a young journalist in Vietnam, in the last ten years or so he has reported extensively from Afghanistan, Somalia, Iraq and Syria for the German Public Service programmes ARD and ZDF. His documentaries have been internationally aired and acclaimed, winning prestigious prizes like the Adolf Grimme award for conflict reporting in 2017. Raman is a one-man team and films all his documentaries himself with a palm-size video camera. He was the subject of a short documentary (Firing Line) made by the BBC portraying him at work in Iraq in 2007.

Oksana Gavrilyuk, Head of Communications and Press, Ministry of Defence of Ukraine



Colonel Oksana Gavrilyuk has more than ten years of experience working in communications in various posts, including leadership positions. For the past five years, she has worked with the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine on topics such as respect for the rights of journalists, the safety of journalists and government communications development. Gavrilyuk has initiated a number of courses to help journalists in areas where Anti-Terrorist Operations (ATO) are being conducted in eastern Ukraine, along with numerous training sessions and seminars and ensuring the systematic organization of the work of members of the media in the ATO zones.

She was also responsible for setting up a network of press centres in the most volatile hotspots in eastern Ukraine to ensure prompt reporting of developments and coverage of the situation in the region. Gavrilyuk is a Member of the Working Group on the development of STRATCOM (strategic communications) in Ukraine, particularly in the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence. She is also an active participant in the Working Group on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 "Women and peace and security" of the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence and General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, focusing on ensuring equal rights and opportunities for men and women in the army.

#### 3b: MEDIA AND DIGITAL LITERACY AS A REMEDY TO DISINFORMATION AND MANIPULATION

Moderator: Tapio Varis, UNESCO Chair in Global E-Learning, University of Tampere



Tapio Varis is Professor Emeritus of Professional Education, with an emphasis on global learning environments, University of Tampere, Finland, and the UNESCO Chair in Global E-Learning. He is a Principal Research Associate at UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, and a member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education, the European Commission Media Literacy Expert Group. He is also the acting President of Global University System (GUS) and a Media and Journalism Scholar at the University of Helsinki. He is a Board Member of the New York based

Center for Peace and Media Initiative.

Varis has held various posts throughout his career, including Rector of the University for Peace (created by the UN) in Costa Rica, Chair of Media Studies at the University of Tampere, Finland, and Director of Tampere Peace Research Institute. He has been visiting professor in many parts of the world, including Mexico, Venezuela, the United States, Spain, and Austria.

### Panellists:

Oksana Volosheniuk, Manager of Media Education Program, Academy of Ukrainian Press



Oksana Volosheniuk is also a researcher at the Institute of Art, Folklore and Ethnography National Academy of Science of Ukraine, a film critic and member of FIPRESCI. Volosheniuk has been studying screen media for over 20 years with a particular focus on the history of documentary film in Ukraine, cultural policy and film education. Her work record includes the position of Mass Media Program Director at the International Renaissance Foundation (Soros Foundation in Ukraine). Currently she is authoring fundamental research entitled "History of Film Ukraine". Since 2010 she has worked with the Academy of Ukrainian Press, an organization that develops media

education for citizens, maintains media education networks, creates and distributes informational products to popularize media literacy, and organizes events encouraging representatives of media outlets to fulfil their professional duties according to the European norms and standards. Volosheniuk has authored and co-edited the Ukrainian textbook for pedagogical universities, Media Education and Media Literacy. She also co-edited the Ukrainian edition: L. Scheibe, Faith Rogow, The Teacher's Guide to Media Literacy: Critical Thinking in a Multimedia World.

Marius Lukošiūnas, Programme Specialist, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO



Since 2005 Marius Lukošiūnas has worked for UNESCO, first as an Advisor for Communication and Information Program at UNESCO Moscow (2005-2010) and then at the Cairo offices (2010-2014). Since 2014, he has worked for the Division of Freedom of Expression and Media Development at the Organization's headquarters in Paris. Before joining UNESCO, Lukošiūnas served as the Head of the Press Services and Advisor to the President of the Republic of Lithuania. He has also worked as a media and political affairs officer in the OSCE Mission in Bosnia & Herzegovina and the UN Mission in Kosovo. In the interim, he managed EU enlargement related media

projects at the European Journalism Center based in Maastricht. He occupied the position of the Director of the Institute of Journalism of Vilnius University from 1992-1997. He holds a PhD from Moscow State University (1990). Lukošiūnas started his career as a journalist for Lithuanian TV in 1987. He reported from a number of hot spots during the breakup of the Soviet Union in the early nineties, and moderated the presidential debates during the first Lithuanian presidential election of 1992.

**Dorđe Krivokapić**, Associate Lecturer, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Belgrade



Dr. Đorđe Krivokapić LL.M. is the Legal and Policy Director of SHARE Foundation where he leads an interdisciplinary research and advocacy team fighting for the public interest in every critical battle affecting digital rights, in the areas of privacy, free speech, security and open access to knowledge. He is also an Associate Lecturer at Business Systems Organization Department, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, the University of Belgrade, where he teaches courses on Business Law and IT Law. His primary fields of interest are the intersection of law and technology and the impact of emerging information technologies on society and the market. After graduating

from the Faculty of Law at the University of Belgrade, Krivokapić enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, graduating with an LL.M. in International Commercial Law in 2006. Before, he was a legal associate at Karanovic & Nikolic Law Office, the leading commercial law office in the Western Balkans, where he was involved in numerous transactions and projects. During 2010 and 2012, he was a visiting researcher at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. In 2016, he finished his doctoral thesis on the topic "Reputation, Internet & Conflict of Laws" and earned the title of Juris Doctor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Belgrade.

## SESSION 4: SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS AND IMPUNITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST THEM

Moderator: Barbara Trionfi, Executive Director, International Press Institute



Barbara Trionfi is Executive Director at the Vienna-based International Press Institute (IPI), a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists dedicated to safeguarding and fostering media freedom and promoting quality, independent journalism. Trionfi joined IPI in 2000 as a press freedom adviser for the Asia-Pacific region where she had previously studied and worked for over four years, carrying out research in the field of human rights and freedom of expression. Later, as press freedom manager, she oversaw IPI's global press freedom activities. With an academic background in international relations and human rights, Barbara has taught courses

at Webster University – Vienna in Media Ethics, Media Literacy and Cultural Diversity and the Media. Her field of expertise covers different areas related to press freedom and freedom of expression, including self-regulatory media accountability systems, safety of journalists, and international mechanisms to protect press freedom.

# Panellists:

Sergiy Tomilenko, Chairman, National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (NUJU)



Sergiy Tomilenko is the Chairman NUJU, an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan organization that brings together journalists and other media professionals who are engaged in journalism and journalistic activities. NUJU's main objectives are to protect the journalists of Ukraine, to organise educational activities and to maintain contact with international journalistic associations abroad. Tomilenko has long been involved in journalist's community activities. Since 2006 he has served as Chairman of the Cherkassy Regional branch of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine. In May 2012 he was appointed the First Secretary (Deputy Chairman) of the NUJU, and was

elected as President by the Congress of NUJU in April 2017. Tomilenko is also the founder of the news agency Procherk.in and was an editor of the Cherkasy regional newspaper "New Day" (1998- 2010), and worked as deputy editor of the newspaper "Youth of Cherkassy." He graduated from the School of modern journalism (IREX ProMedia Ukraine). He worked as assistant professor of journalism in Cherkassy National University and now he teaches at Kyiv State University. Tomilenko graduated the School of Political Studies (Council of Europe, 2007) and is a qualified coach for practical journalism, having graduated from the program IREX U-Media "Training of Trainers". He conducts his own seminars on practical journalism.

John Owen, Professor of International Journalism, City University of London, and Chairman, Frontline Club



John Owen is chairman of the Frontline journalism and media club in London. He is a retired professor of international journalism at City University. Owen teaches and lectures at the Anglo-American Studies Centre in London. He served as chief news editor and chief of foreign bureaux for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). In recent years he worked as an executive producer for programmes for Al Jazeera English in Washington and London. Owen was the founding director of the Freedom Forum's European Centre & founding executive producer of EBU's NewsXchange. He is co-author and co-editor of "International News Reporting: Frontlines and Deadlines"

published by Wiley & Blackwell. He lives in London. (www.johnowenjournalist.com)

Saša Leković, President, Croatian Journalists' Association



Saša Leković has been a journalist for the past 38 years. He has worked in every position in local and national print media in Croatia, from local correspondent to Executive Editor and assistant to the Editor in Chief. Leković is one of the founders of "Jutarnji list", a Zagreb-based daily. He also has experience in radio, TV and web media. Since 2003 Leković has run the non-governmental, non-profit organization Investigative Journalism Center / IJC (www.cin-ijc.com), based in Zagreb but active all over the South East Europe. As a reporter and editor/mentor as well as a licensed investigative reporting trainer and lecturer he has worked with a hundreds

of journalists and journalism students, mostly in South-East Europe and in Armenia, Nigeria and Israel/Palestine. Since April 2015 he has served as the President of the Croatian Journalists' Association.

Erol Önderoglu, Reporters Sans Frontières' Representative in Turkey



Erol Önderoglu has been a Reporters Sans Frontières representative in Turkey for more than 20 years, covering journalists' cases on a daily basis, and advocating for media freedom and journalists from various media outlets. He is currently on trial for supporting a pro-Kurdish daily publication. For the past 15 years he has released Quarterly Media Monitoring Reports on the situation of freedom of expression in Turkey. So far, he has written over 5.000 articles and columns on violations of freedom of expression, legislation and legal practices. Önderoglu has worked on a number of initiatives with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. He has been

awarded the "Turkish Journalist Association Press Freedom Award" and "Dr. Erhard Busek - SEEMO Award for Better Understanding in South, East and Central Europe".

## **SESSION 5: MEDIA SELF REGULATION IN TIMES OF CONFLICT**

*Moderator:* Barbara Thomass, Professor for International Comparison of Media Systems, Institute for Media Studies, Ruhr-University, Bochum



Barbara Thomass' main fields of interests are international communication, media politics, media in transition countries, and media and journalism ethics. She is a member of the Board of the ZDF, a national public service broadcaster, and head of the Akademie für Publizistik, an institution for further training of journalists in Germany. Earlier, she was a lecturer and researcher in communication science at the universities of Hamburg, Göttingen, Lüneburg and Bremen and at the universities in Vienna and Paris. She has worked with international organisations for several years on courses on journalism standards and ethics in different parts of Eastern and South Eastern

Europe, West Africa and India. Prior to her academic career she worked as a journalist.

## Panellists:

Inga Sikorskaia, School of Peacebuilding and Media Technologies in Central Asia



Inga Sikorskaia is a journalist, media expert and trainer. Her areas of expertise include freedom of expression, peace study, hate speech, diversity and language rights, conflict and ethnic journalism. Sikorskaia founded the School of Peacemaking & Media Technology in 2010, after which time she found herself at the center of the ethnic violence in southern Kyrgyzstan and has made numerous media reports and photos from the conflict zone. She initiated hate speech media monitoring, which previously did not exist in Kyrgyzstan and adopted research methodology based on her international experience. This year she led a number of workshops for creating

positive messaging to counter VERLT, supported by the OSCE Office in Tajikistan, trainings/seminar for countering online hate speech, organized by the OSCE Center in Astana (Kazakhstan), and training-workshops for youth journalists and activists in Kyrgyzstan and CA region. Sikorskaia is the author of more than 200 analytical reports for the British Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR), where she spent seven years as a senior editor for Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. Sikorskaia is a member of the Hate and Extremists Content Expertise Council under the Ministry of Justice in Kyrgyzstan and several working groups on peace development. She holds a B.A. in Mass Communications and Journalism and an M.A. in Law.

Diana Dutsyk, Member, Independent Media Council



Diana Dutsyk has been a journalist for over 20 years. She is Executive Director of Detector Media, and carries the title of the Honoured Journalist of Ukraine. Her previous editorial positions included positions at a number of Ukrainian on- and offline publications including Glavred, PiK, Bez Tsenzury (No Censorship), and six years of experience as a parliamentary correspondent for Ukraina Moloda (Ukraine Young). Dutsyk also teaches at the School of Journalism of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, and has authored a monograph on political journalism.

Bent Nørby Bonde, Director, Media Progress



Dr. Bent Nørby Bonde has decades' of experience working with media throughout the conflict cycle. He has worked in 59 countries, the majority of which during times of conflict and transition. His PhD was titled Media and Communication in Conflict prevention and Peace-Building – Exploring strategies for International and UNled Conflict Transformation. In his capacity as Managing Director for Baltic Media Centre (1993-2003), Nørby Bonde established comprehensive media collaboration programmes in the Baltic States, Russia and Poland, the countries of South East Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, with a focus on peace-building and

democracy through media policy reforms, institution and capacity building as well as cross-regional content cooperation. In most cases this approach has been an effective tool to address conflict, media reform and democracy. As manager of the consultancies Media Progress and African Communication, Nørby Bonde dealt extensively with countries in conflict and democratic transition across Africa, MENA, Asia, Pacific and Central America. His key approach is to facilitate stakeholder processes that involve media owners, journalists, civil society and governments, balancing editorial independence with a professional and balanced media. He has been deeply involved in assisting independent regulatory bodies in Africa, Eastern Europe and Western Balkans.