



Deutschland 2016

PROPAGANDA FOR WAR AND HATRED AND FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

**Event organized by the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media,
together with the German Chairmanship**

12 February 2016 - Vienna Hofburg Congress Center, Ratsaal

ANNOTATED AGENDA

In late 2015 OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Dunja Mijatović presented to the participating States and the public a non-paper on propaganda and media freedom noting the destructive power of hateful propaganda and its root causes. Developed by the Representative's Office, the non-paper (available at www.osce.org/fom/203926) offers an in-depth look into the legal and historical context of propaganda in the media, and presents the Representative's position on the harm made by propaganda to freedom of the media. Ignorance, hate, hostility and other consequences of propaganda are imminent threats to journalism and free media.

When presenting the non-paper, Mijatović stressed that 40 years ago in the Helsinki Final Act, the OSCE participating States specifically committed to refrain from propaganda for war of aggression in their relationship with each other.

Mijatović has called propaganda an ugly scar on the face of modern journalism and urged governments to discuss the dangers of propaganda and has recommended practical ways to counteract it. In particular, the non-paper points out that propaganda for war and hatred are effective in environments where governments control media and silently support hate speech. A resilient, free media system is an antidote to hatred.

The Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media has been recently engaged in an activity to tackle the root causes of propaganda by working with Russian and Ukrainian journalists in confidence-building measures designed to bridge the gap between them, and training young journalists from the two states on topics such as ethics in journalism and conflict reporting.

This particular event will serve as a platform to discuss the non-paper "Propaganda and Freedom of the Media" and to understand the legal and historical basis for the case against propaganda.

The meeting will bring together experts across the OSCE region to discuss the practice of and terminologies related to the phenomenon of propaganda and its effects on the media, as well as the challenges it brings to the journalists online and offline.

It will focus on human rights and legal implications of propaganda on freedom of the media, as well as on wider concepts of peace, security and co-operation in Europe. Presentations and discussions will explore the best ways to protect media freedom, including the need for protection of independent voices.

OSCE delegations are kindly invited to attend the meeting and raise questions of their concern and interest. This expert meeting does not envisage statements from OSCE delegations.

The expert meeting will be webcast live on www.osce.org and all information related to the event, including documents and information about the speakers, will be available at www.osce.org/fom/217456. The expert meeting also can be followed via Twitter. Please use the hashtag #PropagandaFOM to follow the event and to pose questions to the moderator and experts.

- 8:30 – 9:00** **REGISTRATION WITH COFFEE**
- 9:00 – 9:15** **OPENING REMARKS**
- Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (RFoM)
 - Sabine Stöhr, OSCE Chairmanship, Deputy Head of Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE
- 9:15 – 10:15** **SESSION 1: Legal definitions and challenges to propaganda**
- Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Senior Advisor, Office of the RFoM
- Speakers:
- Wolfgang Benedek, Director, European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy of University of Graz (Austria)
 - Michael Kearney, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Sussex (United Kingdom)
 - Marloes van Noorloos, Assistant Professor of criminal law, Department of Criminal Law of Tilburg Law School (Netherlands)
- 10:15 – 10:30** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:30 – 12:00** **SESSION 1 (cont'd): Legal definitions and challenges to propaganda**
- Moderator: Andrey Rikhter, Senior Advisor, Office of the RFoM
- Discussion
- 12:00 – 13:00** **LUNCH**
- 13:00 – 14:15** **SESSION 2: Public and Professional Challenges to Propaganda**
- Moderator: Barbara Trionfi, Executive Director, International Press Institute
- Speakers:
- Iurii Kazakov, Deputy Chair of the Chamber of media audience, Public Collegium on Press Complaints (Russian Federation)
 - Boro Kontić, Director, Media Center in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
 - Viktoriya Romaniuk, Deputy Chief Editor, StopFake.org website (Ukraine)
- 14:15 – 14:30** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 14:30 – 16:00** **SESSION 2 (cont'd): Public and Professional Challenges to Propaganda**
- Moderator: Barbara Trionfi, Executive Director, International Press Institute
- Discussion
- 16:00 – 16:15** **CLOSING REMARKS**
- Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council
 - Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- 16:15 – 17:00** **RECEPTION**