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Biographies

High-Level Panel

Moderator: Ms. Rebecca MacKinnon, Senior Fellow, New America Foundation, Former CNN bureau chief in Beijing and Tokyo; co-founder of Global Voices Online; author of “Consent of the Networked: The Worldwide Struggle for Internet Freedom”



Rebecca MacKinnon is currently a Bernard Schwartz Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation in Washington, DC, where she conducts research, writing and advocacy on global Internet policy, free expression, and the impact of digital technologies on human rights. Her first book, *Consent of the Networked: The Worldwide Struggle for Internet Freedom*, was published by Basic Books in January 2012. She is a co-founder of Global Voices Online, a global citizen media network. She also serves on the Boards of Directors of the Committee to Protect Journalists and the Global Network Initiative, a multi-stakeholder initiative to advance principles of freedom of expression and privacy in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector. Rebecca is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and worked as a journalist for CNN in Beijing for nine years, serving as CNN's Beijing Bureau Chief and Correspondent from 1998-2001 before moving to Japan, where she was CNN's Tokyo Bureau Chief and Correspondent from 2001-03. From 2004-06 she was a Research Fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society. In 2007 and 2008 she served on the faculty of the University of Hong Kong's Journalism and Media Studies Centre, where she taught online journalism and conducted research on Chinese Internet censorship. During that time she was also Project Lead for Creative Commons Hong Kong. In 2009 she continued her research and writing as an Open Society Institute Fellow, and in the Spring of 2010 she was a Visiting Fellow at Princeton's Center for Information Technology Policy.

Mr. Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, U.S. Department of State



Thomas O. Melia is Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL). He is responsible for DRL's work in Europe, including Russia, and the countries of Central and South Asia, as well as worker rights issues worldwide. In addition to serving as Head of U.S. Delegation to several meetings of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Melia is the U.S. co-chair of the Civil Society Working Group in the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission. Mr. Melia came to DRL in 2010 from Freedom House where he was Deputy Executive Director for five years. Earlier, Mr. Melia held senior posts at the National Democratic Institute including from 1998 to 2001, Vice President for Programs. From 1986 to 1988, he was Associate Director of the Free Trade Union Institute at the AFL-CIO. Prior to that, he worked on Capitol Hill as senior legislative assistant for foreign policy to U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY). In addition, Mr. Melia has taught democracy and human rights courses at Georgetown University and the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced

International Studies (SAIS) for more than 10 years. From 2002 to 2005 he was Director of Research at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy. He has published a number of widely read articles on democracy and human rights issues; and is the co-editor of *Today's America: How Free?* (2008).

Mr. Frank La Rue, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression



Frank La Rue is a lawyer and current Director of the Centro-American Institute for Social Democracy Studies (DEMOS) in Guatemala. He holds a degree in law from the University of San Carlos, Guatemala, and a postgraduate degree in U.S. foreign policy from Johns Hopkins University. He was also a professor of human rights at the University of Rafael Lavinder de Guatemala. Mr. La Rue has worked extensively on human rights issues, and as founding member and Director of the Centre for Legal Human Rights Action (CALDH), he was involved in presenting the first Guatemalan human rights case before the Inter-American Court for Human Rights. Mr. La Rue also brought the first case of genocide against the military dictatorship in Guatemala. As a human rights activist, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. Mr. La Rue has previously served as Presidential Commissioner for Human Rights in Guatemala (2004 – 2008), Human Rights Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, President of the Governing Board of the DEMOS, and consultant to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Mr. La Rue has been serving as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression since August 2008.

Ms. Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media



Dunja Mijatović of Bosnia and Herzegovina was appointed OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media on 11 March 2010. She is an expert in media law and regulation. In 1998, as one of the founders of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, she helped to create a legal, regulatory and policy framework for the media in a complex post-war society. She was also involved in setting up a self-regulatory Press Council and the first Free Media Helpline in South East Europe. In 2007 she was elected Chair of the European Platform of Regulatory Agencies. She was the first non-EU Member State representative and the first woman to hold this post. Previously, she chaired the Council of Europe's Group of Specialists on freedom of expression and information in times of crisis. During her Chairmanship, the CoE Committee of Ministers adopted the Declaration by the Committee of Ministers on the protection and promotion of investigative journalism and Guidelines on protecting freedom of expression and information in times of crisis. As an expert on media and communications legislation, she has worked in Armenia, Austria, Iraq, Jordan, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Morocco and the United Kingdom.

Mr Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights



Nils Muižnieks was elected Commissioner for Human Rights on 24 January 2012 by the Parliamentary Assembly and took up his position on 1 April 2012. Born in 1964, Mr. Muižnieks is a Latvian national educated in the United States of America, where he obtained a Ph.D. in political science at the University of California at Berkeley. He has been working in the field of human rights for the past two decades and has acquired extensive knowledge in the field of international human rights monitoring, training and education. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner for Human Rights, he held prominent posts such as Director of the Advanced Social and Political Research Institute at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Latvia in Riga (2005-2012); Chairman of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (2010-2012);

Latvian minister responsible for social integration, anti-discrimination, minority rights, and civil society development (2002-2004); and Director of the Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies - now Latvian Human Rights Centre (1994-2002). He has also published extensively on human rights issues, in particular on racism, discrimination and minority rights. Latvian and English are his mother tongues, and he is also fluent in French and Russian.

Mr. Lionel Veer, Human Rights Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands



Lionel Veer became the Dutch human rights ambassador in August 2010. This position was created in late 1999 to strengthen the human rights component in foreign policy and make it more coherent. The mission of the human rights ambassador has a threefold purpose: To integrate human rights into all areas of foreign and development cooperation policy, and across all issues in which human rights play a role; To conduct missions, to discuss human rights questions, explore the scope for dialogue and,

occasionally, form part of the delegation of foreign and development ministers; And to maintain and develop contacts with Dutch society (in particular parliament, universities, human rights organisations, the media, businesses) in order to propagate human rights policy and acquire new ideas. Lionel Veer has worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1984, in such policy fields as European affairs, asylum and migration, and international cultural policy. In recent years he has held the posts of Dutch ambassador in Zagreb and consul-general in Munich.

Working Session One

Moderator: Ms. Kirsty Hughes, Chief Executive, Index on Censorship



Kirsty Hughes was appointed Chief Executive of Index on Censorship, Britain's leading free expression organisation and leads a team of 20 in Index's London office and 12 staff around the world. Prior to joining Index in April 2012, Kirsty covered international politics and public policy over the last two decades including for think-tanks (Chatham House, Friends of Europe and others), the European Commission, and Oxfam, where she was head of Global Public Policy and Advocacy at Oxfam. Prior to taking on her current appointment, Kirsty was Senior Associate Fellow, at the Centre for International Studies, University of Oxford. Kirsty is also an experienced writer, policy analyst and journalist who has written extensively on European and international politics.

Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission; Vice-chair, UN Human Rights Committee; Professor of Applied Human Rights and Co-chair, University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre



Professor Michael O'Flaherty is Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. He came to the Commission from the University of Nottingham where he held the positions of Professor of Applied Human Rights and Co-Director of its Human Rights Law Centre. Since 2004 he has been a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee and is currently a Vice-Chairperson. He is also a member of the UN Expert Group on Human Rights Indicators. Michael O'Flaherty was the Rapporteur for development of a new General Comment of the Human Rights Committee on the topic of Article 19 of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Freedoms of Opinion and Expression). He has been an advisor to many international and regional inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations. Until

December 2003, Michael served in a number of senior positions with the United Nations. He established the UN human rights field missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1994) and Sierra Leone (1998) and subsequently guided UN headquarters support to its human rights programmes across the Asia-Pacific region. He has served as Secretary of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and UN human rights advisor for implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement. From 2000 to 2002 he chaired the UN reference group on human rights and humanitarian action.

Mr. Cory Doctorow, Science Fiction author, activist, journalist and blogger; Co-editor of Boing Boing (boingboing.net) and author of “Little Brother”



Cory Doctorow (craphound.com) is a science fiction novelist, blogger and technology activist. He is the co-editor of the popular weblog Boing Boing (boingboing.net), and a contributor to The Guardian, the New York Times, Publishers Weekly, Wired, and many other newspapers, magazines and websites. He was formerly Director of European Affairs for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit civil liberties group that defends freedom in technology law, policy, standards and treaties. He is a Visiting Senior Lecturer at Open University (UK); in 2007, he served as the Fulbright Chair at the Annenberg Center for Public Diplomacy at the University of Southern California. His novels have been translated into dozens of languages and are published by Tor Books and HarperCollins UK and simultaneously released on the Internet under

Creative Commons licenses that encourage their re-use and sharing. He has won the Locus and Sunburst Awards, and been nominated for the Hugo, Nebula and British Science Fiction Awards. He co-founded the open source peer-to-peer software company OpenCola, sold to OpenText, Inc in 2003, and presently serves on the boards and advisory boards of the Participatory Culture Foundation, the Clarion Foundation and The Glenn Gould Foundation. In 2007, Entertainment Weekly called him, "The William Gibson of his generation." He was also named one of Forbes Magazine's 2007/8/9/10 Web Celebrities, and one of the World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders for 2007.

Dr. Agnès Callamard, Executive Director, Article 19



Dr. Agnès Callamard is the current executive director of ARTICLE 19, the international human rights organisation promoting and defending freedom of expression and access to information globally. Agnès Callamard has evolved a distinguished career in human rights and humanitarian work. She has founded and led *HAP International* (the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership) where she oversaw field trials in Afghanistan, Cambodia and

Sierra Leone and created the first international self-regulatory body for humanitarian agencies committed to strengthening accountability to disaster-affected populations. She is a former Chef de Cabinet for the Secretary General of *Amnesty International*, and as the organisation's Research Policy Coordinator, she led *Amnesty's* work on women's human rights. Agnès has conducted human rights investigations in a large number of countries in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Agnès has worked extensively in the field of international refugee movements with the Center for Refugee Studies in Toronto. She has published broadly in the field of human rights, women's rights, refugee movements and accountability and holds a PhD in Political Science from the New School for Social Research in New York.

Mr. Emin Milli, Blogger from Azerbaijan



Emin Milli is a blogger and dissident living in Azerbaijan. He worked as a coordinator of the International Republican Institute in Azerbaijan (1999-2000) and as a director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (2002-2004). As a consultant and legal expert, he advised the Council of Europe about more than 40 cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan (2002-2004), many of whom have been released following pressure from the Council of Europe. As a blogger, he has used online networking tools, including YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, to spread information about the socio-political situation in Azerbaijan. In

2009, he was beaten and sentenced to prison for two and a half years on charges of hooliganism. Amnesty International considered that he was a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression, and association, and campaigned for his release. He was conditionally released in November 2010, after serving 16 months of his sentence. Milli is studying now at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies) at the University of London and is finishing his master thesis on "New Media and Arab Revolutions".

Ms. Helen Sheehy, Solicitor and head of legal affairs for the Irish Recorded Music Industry



Helen Sheehy BCL, LL.M is a solicitor in private practice and a partner in the firm of Sheehy Donnelly. She acts as head of Legal Affairs for the Irish Recorded Music Association (IRMA). She is a founding member of the Copyright Association of Ireland and has acted for the Irish record industry in their legal actions, seeking ISP co-operation, against eircom and UPC. She also acted for Phonographic Performance Ireland in its recent ECJ case against the Irish State regarding background music in hotel bedrooms. She is a past president of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association.

Working Session Two

Moderator: Dr. Johnny Ryan, Chief Innovation Officer, The Irish Times Newspaper; Associate on the emerging digital environment in the strategy & marketing group at the Judge Business School of the University of Cambridge; Author of “A History of the Internet and the Digital Future”.



Johnny Ryan is Chief Innovation Officer of The Irish Times. He is also an associate on the emerging digital environment in the strategy & marketing group at the Judge Business School of the University of Cambridge. His second book *A History of the Internet and the Digital Future* was recommended by Marc Benioff and Cory Doctorow, and examines the trends that are shaping the emerging digital environment for business, politics, and media. His writing has appeared in *Fortune*, *BusinessWeek*, *Wired*, *The Huffington Post*, and *Ars Technica*. His PhD at the University of Cambridge examined how terrorist memes proliferate online - part of the subject of his first book.

He was an O'Reilly Foundation Scholar at Magdalene College, Cambridge. Previously he was a senior researcher at the IIEA, where his work was the most cited source in the European Commission's official impact assessment that decided against pursuing an EU-wide system of Internet censorship.

Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)



Ambassador Janez Lenarčič of Slovenia leads the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. Ambassador Lenarčič took over as Director in July 2008, bringing with him many years of experience in international affairs. He was the Slovenian Ambassador to the OSCE from 2003 to 2006. In 2005, when Slovenia held the OSCE's rotating Chairmanship, he chaired the Permanent Council in Vienna, the Organization's regular political decision-making body. After his Vienna assignment,

he was appointed State Secretary for European Affairs in 2006, heading the working group for the preparation of the Slovenian Presidency of the EU (January to June 2008) and, subsequently, assuming responsibility for co-operation between the Presidency and the European Parliament. He also served as Diplomatic Adviser in the office of the Slovenian Prime Minister and in the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations in New York. Ambassador Lenarčič was born in Ljubljana in 1967 and holds a degree in international law from Ljubljana University.

Dr. Jamie Shea, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)



Jamie Shea is NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges. He has been working with NATO since 1980. Positions included Director of Policy Planning in the Private Office of the Secretary General, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for External Relations, Public Diplomacy Division, Director of Information and Press, Spokesman of NATO and Deputy Director of Information and Press, Deputy Head and Senior Planning Officer at the Policy Planning and Multilateral Affairs Section of the Political Directorate as well as Assistant to the Secretary General of NATO for Special Projects. Jamie

Shea is involved with several prominent academic institutions and acts amongst others as professor of the Collège d'Europe, Bruges, Visiting Lecturer in the Practice of Diplomacy, University of Sussex, Associate Professor of International Relations at the American University, Washington DC, where he also holds the position of Director of the Brussels Overseas Study Programme, and lectures at the Brussels School of International Studies at the University of Kent. He also is a regular lecturer and conference speaker on NATO and European security affairs and on public diplomacy and political communication and lobbying. He holds a D.Phil. in Modern History from Oxford University (Lincoln College), 1981. Amongst his many associations and memberships, Jamie Shea is Member of the Advisory Board, Security and Defence Programmes at Chatham House, Member of the Policy Council at the World Economic Forum in Geneva and Founder and Member of the Board, Security and Defence Agenda Brussels.

Dr. Daniel Calingaert, Vice-President of Policy and External Affairs, Freedom House



Dr. Daniel Calingaert is vice president of policy and external affairs at Freedom House. In this role, he oversees Freedom House's contributions to policy debate on democracy and human rights issues and outreach to the U.S. Congress, foreign governments, media, and Freedom House supporters. He previously supervised Freedom House's civil society and media programs worldwide. He contributes frequently to policy and media discussions on democracy issues, including internet freedom, elections, authoritarian regimes, and democracy assistance. He also has taught at Georgetown University's Master of Arts (M.A.)

Program in Democracy and Governance, Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and American University's School of Public Affairs. Prior to joining Freedom House, Dr. Calingaert was Associate Director of American University's Center for Democracy and Election Management and Associate Director of the Commission on Federal Election Reform, which was co-chaired by Jimmy Carter and James A. Baker, III. He served as Director for Asia and as Deputy Director for Eastern Europe at the International Republican Institute (IRI), where he designed and managed a wide range of democracy promotion programs. These programs strengthened civil society, parliaments, governance, political parties, and elections in more than a dozen countries. Dr. Calingaert began his career as a researcher at the RAND Corporation and later directed programs for the Civic Education Project to reform social science education at universities across Eastern Europe and Eurasia. He graduated with highest honors in International Relations from Tufts University and earned his Master in Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.) from Oxford University.

Mr. Andrew Anderson, Deputy Director of Front Line Defenders



Andrew Anderson has been the Deputy Director of [Front Line: The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders](http://www.frontlinedefenders.org), since March 2003. Previously he worked for thirteen years at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International where he was Director of the Campaigning and Crisis Response Program and then Director of the Africa Program. He holds an MA (Hons) in Politics and Modern History from the University of Edinburgh and a Postgraduate Diploma in Voluntary Sector Management from the City University Business School (London). Andrew is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Tactical Technology Collective (www.TacticalTech.org).

Ms. Natallia Radzina, Editor-in-Chief, charter97.org



Natallia Radzina was born in 1979 into a military family in Belarus. She graduated from the journalism faculty of Belarusian State University in 2001. From 1997 to 2001, she worked for the Belarusian independent newspapers: 'Imia', 'Nasha Svaboda', 'Narodnaya Volia', 'Naviny'. Since 2001, she has worked for the most popular Belarusian independent website: charter97.org. She is currently the editor-in-chief of the charter97.org website and is an active democratic activist in Belarus. Three criminal cases for articles on the website were inspired against her in 2010. Police and security forces conducted five raids on the office of the website, during one of which she was beaten. After the December 2010 presidential election, Radzina was jailed and beaten by security services and tortured in KGB prison. She was released on January 28th 2011, pending her trial on charges of organizing or participating in mass disturbances. Although no

longer detained, Radzina was continually harassed, and threatened with further imprisonment if she continued her journalistic activities. In late March 2011, Radzina fled Belarus, first to Russia, where she spent several months in hiding, before reaching Lithuania in early August. Belarus formally dropped charges against her on August 23 2011. She was granted political asylum in Lithuania in September 2011 and continues her work from there. Radzina was awarded the 2011 International Press Freedom Award by the Committee to Protect Journalists, and received the award on November 22 in New York City.

Working Session Three

Moderator: Mr. John Kampfner, Adviser to Google on freedom of expression and culture; author, broadcaster and commentator specialising in UK politics, international affairs, media and human rights issues. Former CEO of the Index on Censorship and former editor of The New Statesman



John Kampfner is Adviser to Google on freedom of expression and culture. He is an author, broadcaster and commentator specialising in UK politics, international affairs, media and human rights issues. He is also Chair of the board of Turner Contemporary, one of the UK's highest profile art galleries. From Sept 2008 until March 2012 he was Chief Executive of Index on Censorship, one of the world's leading free expression organisations. He began his career as a foreign correspondent with the *Daily Telegraph*, first in East Berlin where he reported on the fall of the Wall and the unification of Germany, and then in Moscow at the time of the collapse of Soviet Communism. He went on to become Chief Political Correspondent at the *FT* and political commentator for the BBC's *Today* programme. As Editor of the *New Statesman* from 2005-2008, he took the magazine to 30 year circulation highs. He was the British Society of Magazine Editors Current Affairs Editor of the Year in 2006. He is the author of a number of books. His most recent book, *Freedom For Sale*, was launched in the UK in September 2009 and his previous books include the critically acclaimed and best selling *Blair's Wars*. John has presented several documentaries for BBC television and radio. In 2002 he won the Foreign Press Association award for Film of the Year and Journalist of the Year for his two-parter on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, called 'The Ugly War'. His film 'War Spin' received considerable publicity in the US and UK. John is a regular media pundit on politics and foreign affairs.

Ms. Birgitta Jónsdóttir, Icelandic MP for The Movement. Chief sponsor of the Icelandic Modern Media Initiative and Chair of the Board of IMMI



Birgitta is a member of parliament of Althing, the Icelandic parliament, representing The Movement. She was elected to the Icelandic parliament in April 2009 on behalf of a movement aiming for democratic reform beyond party politics of left and right. Birgitta has been an activist and a spokesperson for various groups, such as Wikileaks, Saving Iceland and Friends of Tibet in Iceland. She acts as a spokeswoman for the Icelandic Modern Media Initiative and is the chair of the board of the International Modern Media Institute. She is also a poet, writer, artist, editor, publisher and internet pioneer.

Ms Sonia Flynn, Director of Online Operations, Facebook



Sonia joined Facebook as Director for User Operations in EMEA in November 2009 and more recently, has been appointed as Facebook Ireland's Head of Office. Sonia has strong international management experience with multi-national technology companies including Google, where she held several senior roles including Head of Site, Google Wroclaw and Director of User Operations. She was on the team that established Google's EMEA headquarters in Dublin. Previously, Sonia worked at ModusLink (global leader in supply chain manufacturing) and Taxback.com (multi-

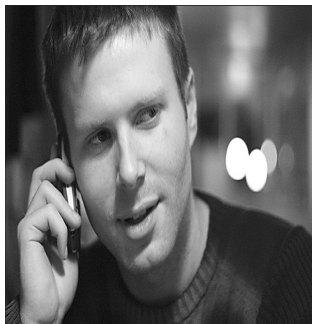
national corporation providing specialist tax return services to private and corporate clients across 100 countries). Sonia is a graduate of University of Ulster at Coleraine in Applied Languages and holds an MA in German Studies from Queen's University Belfast.

Dr. Ian Brown, Associate Director, Oxford University Cyber Security Centre



Dr Ian Brown is associate director of Oxford University's Cyber Security Centre, where he leads several large research projects. His work is focused on Internet regulation and the protection of online privacy and freedom of expression. He has written on Internet-related human rights issues for the OSCE, Council of Europe, European Commission, Global Network Initiative and UK Information Commissioner's Office. Dr Brown has also consulted for the US Department of Homeland Security, JP Morgan, Credit Suisse, Allianz, McAfee, BT, the BBC, the Cabinet Office, Ofcom and the National Audit Office. He is a visiting fellow at the

International University of Japan and the University of New South Wales. His book "Regulating Code: Good Governance and Better Regulation in the Information Age" (with Christopher T. Marsden) will be published next spring by MIT Press.



Mr Gavin Sheridan, Innovation Director, Storyful

Gavin Sheridan is a data journalist and right to information advocate from Ireland. He is Innovation Director at social news agency Storyful, based in Dublin. Storyful monitors, notifies, and checks the veracity of social content for organisations internationally, including YouTube/Google, ABC, France24, Channel 4, and The New York Times. He also is co-founder of thestory.ie, a website dedicated to the systematic procuring and publishing of Irish government documents and data. The website was launched in 2009 and has thus far published

hundreds of millions of euro of previously unavailable government spending data. He has trained journalists from several eastern European countries on access to information strategies and data journalism techniques. He helped found KildareStreet.com, the Irish parliamentary informatics website, built using MySociety software.

Mr. Gary Davis, Deputy Data Protection Commissioner, Ireland



Gary Davis joined the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (Irish DPA) in Ireland as Deputy Data Protection Commissioner in April 2006. Previously he worked in the Department of the Taoiseach, specialising in turn in Economic and Social policy matters, the Information Society, European Affairs and, subsequently, as Head of the Government Secretariat. In the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, he is responsible for all operational matters including dealing with complaints and ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Data Protection Acts, organising audits and

promoting better understanding of the requirements of the Acts.

Ms. Afef Abrougui, Journalist from Tunisia



Afef Abrougui is a recent graduate from the High Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis. She is the Tunisia reporter for Index on Censorship. She was the editor-in-chief of Tunisia Live, a Tunisian news website in English language, and a local coordinator for the Institute for War and Peace Reporting. Afef also contributes to Global Voices Online, writes and translates posts for the award-winning Tunisian collective blog Nawaat.

Closing Session

Mr. Robert Guerra, Special Advisor, Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto; Co-founder Privatterra



Robert Guerra is an expert in issues of Internet freedom, cybersecurity, social networking, multi-stakeholder participation, Internet governance and man rights. He is a special adviser to the Citizen Lab at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. Robert co-founded Privatterra, a Canadian-based initiative that works with NGOs to assist them with issues of data privacy, secure communications, information security and human rights. Robert has attended and actively participated at all the meetings of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF) as well as the 2003 & 2005 UN World Summits on the Information Society (WSIS). His role at the

latter involved being a member of the civil society bureau, the Internet governance caucus, and the NGO adviser to the Canadian government's delegation. Robert also advises numerous non-profits, foundations, governments and international organizations, including The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC), Taking IT Global and Diplo Foundation's Internet Governance and Policy Capacity Building Program.