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Speaker Biographies¹

Agron Bajrami

Agron Bajrami, born 1967 in Prishtina, is Editor-in-Chief of Koha Ditore since 2004, after 10 years of journalistic and editorial work with the Koha Media Company.

Bajrami is also known for his weekly columns that appear in Koha Ditore. He has also written commentaries for American, German and French newspapers (The American Editor, Deseret News, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Tageszeitung, Neue Züricher Zeitung, Courier Internationalle) and regional press, as well (Slovenia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Serbia).

Since 1999, he has been active in establishing a media community and advocating high journalistic standards and practices. Since 2003, he is a member of the Commission on Radio and Television Policy, chaired by Erhard Busek and Ellen Mickiewicz. Bajrami is also board member of Kosovo Foundation for Civil Society, a board member of Kosovo Press Council and elected member of the Board of South East European media Organization (SEEMO).

Andreas Ernst

Andreas Ernst is a correspondent for NZZ am Sonntag - Neue Zuercher Zeitung in the Balkans since 2002. Currently based in Belgrade, Serbia, Ernst was born in Zürich, Switzerland, in 1960. He has university degrees in social and economic history, media sociology and constitutional law, and a Ph.D. in comparative European history. He holds a journalism award of the Southeast Europe Association in Munich.

Previously, he worked as a research assistant at the Institute for Social and Economic History at the University of Zürich and as fellow at the Institute for Comparative European Social History at the Humboldt-University in Berlin, Germany (1990-1995); he was lecturer at the Institute for Sociology at the University of Zürich and at the Media Education Center in Lucerne (MAZ); and deputy head of the Center for Research on Public Sphere and Society at the University of Zurich (1995-1999).

From 1999 he worked as a free-lance journalist in Skopje and as Policy Advisor to the Swiss Federal Ministry of Defence (VBS). In 2007, he worked on a research project on institution building in post-war Kosovo, at University of Zurich. Since 2012, he is a visiting fellow at the Center for South-Eastern European Studies, University of Graz.

Andrey Rikhter

Andrey Rikhter (Andrei Richter) is the Director of the OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, and a professor at the School of Journalism, Moscow State University, where he teaches on mass media law. Born in Kharkov, Ukraine, in 1959, he has university degrees in law, foreign languages, and a doctorate in journalism. Richter is a commissioner of the International

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Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and former co-chair of the Law Section of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR).

Richter sits on editorial boards of a number of international journals on communications and the media. He has authored numerous publications on media law in Russian, English, Armenian, Azeri, Tajik, Ukrainian, Serbian, Slovak, German and French, including the only standard media law textbook for journalism students of Russian colleges and universities (2002, 2009), a textbook on international standards of media regulation (2011), and a book on censorship and freedom of the media in post-Soviet countries published by UNESCO in English (2007).

Blaž Zgaga

Blaž Zgaga is a Slovenian investigative journalist and co-author of the best-selling trilogy “In the Name of the State,” which explores arms smuggling in the Balkans during the conflicts of the 1990s. He has a university degree in sociology, and has worked for Slovenia’s main daily newspapers Delo and Večer. His articles have appeared also in The Guardian, The Observer, USA Today, The Globe and Mail, Jane’s Defence Weekly and Jane’s Intelligence Review.

In 2000 he was prosecuted by the authorities for revealing military secrets, but was cleared of any wrong doing in court. He initiated the Petition against censorship and political pressure on journalists in Slovenia which was signed by 571 Slovene journalists in autumn 2007.

He received the CEI/SEEMO Special Diploma for Investigative Journalism in 2011 and the CEI/SEEMO Award for Outstanding Merits in Investigative Journalism in 2012. He is member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), a co-founder and director of the CPNS - Center for Investigative Journalism in Slovenia.

Boro Kontić

Boro Kontić is Director of the Media Center in Sarajevo since 1995. Kontić is author of “Years eaten by lions”, a well-known documentary about journalism and hate speech in ex-Yugoslavia between 1991 and 2010. The film was screened at Sarajevo, Göteborg, Florence, Belgrade, Zurich and Zagreb film festivals. Additionally, he has produced several other documentaries including “Untitled” (2011), “Exhibition” (2012), among others that were screened at documentary film festivals in Sarajevo, Amsterdam, Göteborg, New York, Prague, Trieste, Zagreb among others.

Kontić started journalism at Radio Sarajevo in the late 70ties, as a reporter and editor. During the Bosnian war (1992 – 1995) he was a reporter for BH Radio and Voice of America in Sarajevo. He continues to write regularly for Bosnian Internet portals and newspapers. Kontić holds a “Jug Grizelj” award for investigative journalism, as well as the Prix Futura and Prix Italia awards.

Brankica Petković

Brankica Petković is a researcher and project manager at the Peace Institute Ljubljana – Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies. She holds a master’s degree in sociology of culture. She is also editor of the Media Watch book series and Media Watch journal. Her work is focused on research, advocacy and publishing activities in the field of media accountability, communication rights of citizens and minority groups, media ownership and media pluralism. She has written numerous articles and reports, co-authored books, and has been a project leader for research and advocacy projects on the media and communication rights of citizens, including the 2004 projects

Media Ownership and Its Impact on Media Independence and Pluralism in 18 countries across Europe, and current regional project “South East European Media Observatory – Building Capacities and Coalitions for Monitoring Media Integrity and Advancing Media Reforms” (2012-2014).

She has been member of expert bodies working on development of media and freedom of information legislation in Slovenia.

Petković has also been a member of research teams developing European studies on various media policy issues (2005/2006: co-regulation measures in the media sector, 2008/2009: media pluralism indicators; 2010/2011: indicators of independence of AVMS regulators, 2012/2013: women and the media in the EU), among others.

David Goldberg

David Goldberg has worked as a volunteer for the Campaign for Freedom of Information since 1984, being a co-convenor in Scotland for many years. He directs deeJgee Research/Consultancy, is a Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute of Computer and Communications Law in the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London and an adjunct Associate Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School (LA). In 2011, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts et (FRSA) and gained a ‘PhD by Prior Publication’ (Glasgow Caledonian University, 2011).

Diana Kalaja

Diana Kalaja is lector of journalism and broadcasting media expert in Albania. She has been Deputy Director General of the Albanian Radio Television in 2006-2010. During her professional experience she has worked with many foreign international organizations in media assisting programs and is member of different European media networks. She holds a Master Degree from the University of Miami, Florida, USA and it is working on her PhD studies.

Dieter Loraine

Dieter Loraine is co-founder and Managing Director of Albany Associates - an international comprehensive communications and media development company, established in 2004. He has over 20 years experience in strategic communications, institution building and media and regulatory development.

Prior to forming Albany he was Senior Consultant for Media Regulation with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office’s Media Development and Regulation Advisory Team in Iraq which, in 2004, set up the converged broadcast and telecommunications regulatory authority. Between 2001 and 2003 he was Acting Deputy Director General and Director of Communications for the Communications Regulatory Agency (CRA) in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dieter devised and created the self-regulatory system for the press in Bosnia and Herzegovina including setting up the country's inaugural Press Council. Between 1998 and 2001 he held two senior positions as Director of Broadcast Licensing and Director of Public Affairs in the Independent Media Commission in Sarajevo. Dieter has worked with communications and media regulatory authorities in Kosovo, UAE, Jordan, Rwanda, Bulgaria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and Romania advising on media and communications policy and regulation. Dieter has also served as a Special Adviser to the UK Press Complaints Commission.

Ditmir Bushati

Ditmir Bushati is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania. He was previously chair of the parliamentary committee for European Union affairs. Since 28 June 2009, Ditmir Bushati, is a Member of the Albanian Parliament, representing the constituency of Tirana . Before joining politics, Bushati has served as Executive Director of the European Movement in Albania (EMA).

Bushati holds a law degree awarded with distinction from University of Tirana and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Public International Law from Leiden University, The Netherlands. Bushati has been a Research Fellow in Public International Law at TMC Asser Institute, Hague, the Netherlands.

Bushati has received diploma from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Academy of American and International Law, Dallas; Abo Academy University, Finland.

Dorđe Krivokapić

Dorđe Krivokapić is an associate lecturer at the Faculty of Organizational Sciences at the University of Belgrade where he teaches courses on Business Law and IT Law. Previously, Krivokapić was employed as a legal associate at the law office of Karanovic & Nikolic. He graduated with a degree in law from the University of Belgrade and received an LL.M. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is currently enrolled in and working on Ph.D. studies at the University of Belgrade School of Law.

Krivokapić's primary fields of interest are the intersection of law and technology and the impact of emerging information technologies on society. During the summers of 2010 and 2012, he was a visiting researcher at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at the University of Harvard Law School. There he principally worked on his Ph.D. thesis which focused on Internet governance, digital values and the private international law aspects of violations of privacy and personality rights, particularly the implications of reputation breach performed via Internet on jurisdiction, the choice of law, and recognition and enforcement issues. Krivokapić is presently the Legal and Policy Director of Share Foundation and the leader of its Share Defense project. Additionally, he frequently serves as an expert consultant on policy and business development.

Douglas Griffin

Douglas Griffin is a Director of Albany Associates, a UK-based company providing full-spectrum comprehensive communications services around the world. He is a lawyer and an expert in communications and media strategy, law and policy, particularly in conflict, post-conflict and transitional environments. Examples of projects include drafting a media development strategy for Somalia with input from ministries, other stakeholders, the United Nations and UN agencies and donors; drafting key legislation and regulations concerning media and telecommunications in Iraq; training senior management of national regulators of broadcasting and communications and government officials; and providing comprehensive broadcast and other regulatory advice to communications regulators and government ministries in Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Dragoljub Duško Vuković

Dragoljub Duško Vuković was born in Podgorica in 1953. Vuković is a media analyst, works as a journalist, and as a PR trainer. He has more than 30 years of journalistic experience working with various print, broadcast and online media outlets.

Dunja Mijatović

Dunja Mijatović of Bosnia and Herzegovina was appointed OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media on 11 March 2010, and reappointed for a second three-year term on 7 March 2013. 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.

Gjergj Erebara

Gjergj Erebara is deputy Editor-in-Chief of Shqip newspaper. He holds a degree in journalism from the University of Tirana, and in economic history from University of Lund.

Erebara specializes in economic reporting, and has worked in different media outlets, including as Editor-in-Chief for Shekulli Newspaper, Biznesi Newspaper, ABC Newspaper. He also worked as a journalist for Koha Jone Newspaper, Balkaninsight, Energetica.net, and albanianeconomy.com.

In 2008 he participated in the Balkan Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence program. Over the last two years, he has conducted several investigations ranging from corruption in state institutions, large corporations and on privatization of publicly owned assets. During the last three years, he has also been engaged in translating books in Albanian. He has also worked on *truth-o-meter Albania* and *Open Data Albania*.

Helena Mandić

Helena Mandić is Director of Broadcasting, Communications Regulatory Agency (CRA), Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A graduate from the Sarajevo Faculty of Law, Helena Mandić has worked in the CRA since its inception in 1998 where she was successively Head of Legal Department and Head of Division of Programme Standards, Complaints and Broadcasting Regulation. Helena participated in the work of expert groups drafting the BiH Press Code as well as laws on defamation, freedom of information and communications. She has also been a member of the team representing BiH in cases before the Human Rights Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina. She represented BiH in the work of the Standing Committee for Transfrontier Television and chaired the meetings of the Executive Council of the European Audiovisual Observatory during the BiH Presidency. Helena is a co-author of *Media Law in BiH*, a comprehensive overview of the media law framework in BiH.

In May 2013, Helena Mandić was elected Vice-Chairperson of European Platform of Regulatory Authorities.

Ilda Londo

Ilda Londo works as a research coordinator at the Albanian Media Institute (AMI) since 2001. She has been dealing with various research projects where AMI has been involved, such as study of trends that affect media freedom and independence, research on media ownership and concentration, monitoring performance of regulatory authorities and independent institutions on media development, ethnic minorities coverage, media landscape surveys, broadcasting development trends, self-regulation and ethical issues, etc. Some of the main research works include “Main trends in media development in post-Communist Albania,” “Mapping Digital Media in Albania,” “Media and Information Society in Albania,” “Monitoring access to public institutions,” “Role of regulator in digital switchover,” “Reform of PBS in digital era,” “TV Across Europe: Regulation, Policy and Independence: Albania,” “Media ownership, Independence, and Pluralism,” etc.

Ilva Tare

Ilva Tare is Director and Presenter of Tonight Ilva Tare, two hour long current affairs and in depth analysis TV talk show, at Ora News. She graduated in MSc in Media and Communications from London School of Economics in 2008. She was also financial Journalist for Mergermarket, Director and Producer of News Morning Programme ORA 7 and Media Trainer for OSCE.

Jadranka Vojvodić

Jadranka Vojvodic is the Deputy Director and Head of the Legal and Finance Department at the Agency for Electronic Media of Montenegro. She has extensive experience in the development and implementation of the media legal framework, including public service broadcasting. She has been member of the Standing Committee on Transfrontier Television and a member of the Executive Council of the European Audiovisual Observatory. She is also a sub-coordinator for the audiovisual policy within the Working Group for Chapter 10 – Information Society and Media responsible for the preparation of Montenegro for the EU accession negotiations in this field.

Katrin Nyman-Metcalf

Dr. Katrin Nyman-Metcalf is Professor of Law and Technology and Head of the Chair of Law and Technology at Tallinn Law School, Tallinn University of Technology, lecturing in public international, EU and comparative law with a special emphasis on communications law. Apart from her academic work, Professor Nyman-Metcalf is active as an international consultant primarily in the area information and communication technology law including e-governance. Projects include regular legal analysis of media and communications legislation for the OSCE, EU legislative projects, support to the judicial sector in Palestine on media and data protection issues, work on setting up regulatory systems and professional training especially for post-conflict societies, support to e-governance in Myanmar and Albania; as well as a number of legislative analyses covering communications legislation of e.g. Armenia, Georgia and Macedonia.

Lejla Turčilo

Lejla Turčilo, Ph.D. is an associate professor at the Department of Journalism Faculty of Political Sciences University of Sarajevo, where she teaches courses: Theory of Mass Media, New Media and Media and Politics. She is an author of books “Media-Politics - Business in Contemporary World and in B&H” (2011) and „On-line Communication and Off-line Politics in B&H“(2006) and co-author of

books “Media and Elections in 2010” (with Davor Marko, Radenko Udovičić and Tatjana Ljubić) (2011) „Minorities and the Media in Bosnia-Herzegovina“ (with Jelenka Vočkić-Avdagić, Asad Nuhanović and Valida Repovac-Pašić) (2010). Her articles were published in scientific magazines in B&H, Croatia, Serbia, Belgium, France, USA and Colombia. Lejla Turčilo participates in one COST Initiative, one Tempus project and two RRPP projects at the moment.

Ljiljana Zurovac

Ljiljana Zurovac is Executive Director of the Press Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She holds degrees in theatrology and comparative literature. As an expert for media self-regulation and ethics of media, Zurovac established the Press Council as a unique body for all print media in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She also established educational programs for media ethics and media freedoms, within the Press Council, as well as media literacy programs for Students of journalism, High-school students, Citizens, Political structures and Judiciary.

Previously, Zurovac was Program Director at the High College of Journalism as well as radio journalist. She also worked as a radio and TV journalist, as editor and host of live RTV programs at the public service broadcaster and Radio FERN. She also works regularly as lecturer for media ethics and self-regulation, conflict resolution, and PR.

Zurovac is founder and producer of the radio program on media ethics and media self-regulation named “Your Voice in Media”, that she runs with a team of ten students of journalism. She is member of IFJ and BHN Journalists’ Association; member of Consulting Group of TACSO program; and a member of the Article 10 ECHR Working Group at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder.

Lutfi Dervishi

Lutfi Dervishi is an independent journalist and media expert, has an experienced of 20 years in journalism (print, broadcast, on line, social media) and is political commentator for TV stations in Albania, contributing editor to the Tirana Times newspaper, and has its own column in newspaper online.

Lutfi Dervishi is lecture at the University of Tirana, teaching the “investigative journalism” to the students of Journalism Department and Lecture of “master of science in communication”, trainer at the Albania Media Institute in Tirana. Dervishi is compiler of the Ethics Code for Albanian Journalists, 1996, 2006.

Mark Thompson

Dr Mark Thompson works on policy research for the Open Society Media Program. He has been a political officer, a media analyst, and a spokesman for international missions to south-eastern Europe. His books include Forging War: the Media in Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (1999) and Birth Certificate, the Story of Danilo Kiš (2013).

Mehmed Halilović

Mehmed Halilović is Legal Advisor for the Internews SIM project. He has contributed to the development of the media sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina for over three decades as a journalist and over one decade as an ombudsman for media in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was editor-in-chief of the Bosnian daily Oslobođenje from 1994 to 1999.

Prior to that, he worked as a commentator for the same newspaper (1986-1994) and as editor of the international news section (1983-1988). He was full-time Middle East correspondent, based in Cairo, from 1978 to 1983. He also published articles in leading international newspapers from Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Mr. Halilović was the president of the Independent Union of Professional Journalists from the time it was established in 1994 until 1997. From 1996 to 1998 he was Chairman of the Board of the Soros Foundation in Sarajevo. Mr. Halilović has been a trainer in numerous courses and workshops for journalists and public officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. He is also an active participant in many local and international conferences on the media, ethics in journalism and professional education.

Mirela Oktrova

Dr. Mirela Oktrova currently holds the position of the Director of TVSH (Albanian public TV broadcaster). She holds degrees in language and literature (University of Tirana), media psychology and media management (University of Cologne), history of south-east Europe (University of Bonn), theory of theater and aesthetics (Academy of Arts, Tirana), and a PhD in comparative media and theater aesthetics.

Oktrova worked as a journalist for the German public radio station Deutsche Welle in Cologne, and was a war reporter for German and Albanian media outlets during the war in Kosovo. She also worked for several media projects of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, and at the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations in Germany, as well as the Deutsche Presse-Agentur. After returning to Albania, she worked with several Albanian print and electronic media. Apart from her current position Dr. Oktrova writes for various print and electronic media, hosted her own TV program and lectures at different universities in the field of public relations and media management. Her research work and interests deal with theory of media and media relationships with society, history and politics.

Olaf Steenfadt

Olaf Steenfadt, born 1968, is a broadcast journalist and correspondent, media management executive, strategy consultant and lecturer. Steenfadt launched his career as news-reporter, investigative journalist and correspondent for national German networks (ARD, ZDF), later also hosted TV-programs and worked as a writer/director of documentaries.

His international assignments included Europe, the U.S. and South-east Asia, where he was based as a foreign correspondent. After many years in front of the camera, he traded the microphone for a desk and took on several leading managerial roles in media marketing, first within a broadcaster's corporate communication division (ZDF), later as Managing Director of an outsourced agency-type subsidiary, specialized in brand management and promotion for electronic media.

Currently, Olaf works as an independent management consultant, primarily focussing on strategy, regulation and governance of European public service media in the digital age. His main expertise lies in the field of post-conflict media development and transition, including assignments with major international organizations and NGOs.

Oliver Vujović

Oliver Vujović, (born in October 1969), is the Secretary General of the South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), and a former journalist.

He graduated economics (public relations). Today he works on his PhD in Vienna, Austria. Editor, co-editor, author or co-author in books, publications, research articles, research papers and magazines. Some of publications: Guide for Investigative Reporters, Investigative Reporting in SEE etc. Also editor and publisher of SEEMO Media Handbook (annual), of the book Media and Minorities in South East Europe (2006), and publisher of the De Scripto magazine.

Petrit Saracini

Petrit Saracini is project manager at the Macedonian Institute for Media (MIM). He graduated Journalism at the Faculty of Law, Skopje, and currently is a postgraduate student at the School of Journalism and Public Relations.

He has more than 15 years of experience in the media, both as a professional journalist, editor, producer, program manager and columnist. He is specialized in diversity and cultural journalism, and civil journalism production. Also worked and cooperated as a media expert in different media oriented non-government organizations. He has over 4 years experience in delivering trainings and consultancy on communication and public relations to media and public relations professionals in public and civil society sectors, as well as experience in PR/communication strategy development and implementation for various organizations.

Remzi Lani

Remzi Lani is Executive Director of the Albanian Media Institute. Lani is first President of the South East Network of Media Centers and Media Institutes, which brings together 17 Media Institutes / Media Centers from SEE. He is also member of the Steering Committee of GFMD (Global Forum for Media Development); member of the Board of WAN-IFRA; Representative of Albania at the Bureau of IPDC-UNESCO; and member of the Board of Balkan Trust for Democracy.

Lani has written many articles on Balkan affairs for numerous papers and magazines, including ELMundo, Madrid; the Guardian, London; Quimera, Barcelona; the International Spectator, Rome; Futuribili, Trieste; Fokus, Skopje; Vreme, Belgrade; Oslobogjenie, Sarajevo; Monitor, Podgorica; War Report, London; Transition, Prague; Transition, Brussels.

He has also worked as a consultant on media projects in several countries including Yemen, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, South Africa, Zwaziland, Bostwana, Bosnia, and Armenia among others.

Robert Wilton

Robert Wilton, Deputy Head of Presence in Albania (currently acting Head of Presence). Wilton is a British secondee, joined the OSCE Presence in May 2013. He was Advisor to the Prime Minister of Kosovo from 2006 to 2008, and from 2010 to 2012 the Head of Policy for the international mission supervising Kosovo's implementation of its independence package. He has held a variety of posts in different departments of the British Government, including a period as Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Defence. He is co-founder of The Ideas Partnership, a volunteer-based non-governmental organization stimulating and supporting projects in minority inclusion, education, the

environment and cultural heritage. He has published analytical writing on south-eastern Europe and the history of international intervention in the region. He is also the author of a series of historical novels, and occasionally a translator of Albanian poetry.

Samra Lučkin

Samra Lučkin is Director of BORAM communications agency. She has 25 years of experience in media development, public relations, journalism, media training and development, advertising, and media monitoring, and more than 15 years of professional experience in drafting, coordinating and implementing communications strategies across Southeast Europe. She lectured on legislation and self-regulation of print media. She supported and worked on various programs that foster media professionalism and journalists' rights throughout the region.

Lučkin obtained degrees from Sarajevo University Faculties of Political Sciences and Journalism; BBC Consultancy School, London; PR School London, PR School of the Centre for Communication Strategy London Professional Development Program, US Department of State/WBUR, USAID-Diploma, Radio stations as business, IAA certificate. She has also worked for Yomiuri Shimbun, CNN, ARD and El Periodico; and was a journalist at Omladinski radio and Oslobodenje daily.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, she is also currently president of the International Advertising/Media Association; national representative of SEEMO; former Chairperson of the Stability Pact Media Working Group; and advisor to UMI-Association of Media Industry. She is also member of the Board of Directors at ABC; and member of the Board of Directors at the Balkan Youth Foundation.

Sandra Bašić Hrvatin

Sandra Bašić Hrvatin (Ph.D., Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, 1997) is a Professor at the University of Primorska and a Senior Research at the Science and Research Centre of Koper, University of Primorska. She is a member of editorial board of Media Watch critically monitoring the media in South-Eastern Europe, where she regularly publishes her contribution, available on the Media Watch website. Her scientific and research work focuses on the issues of media policy, political communication, communication law and practice and international communication. She regularly published the results of her research work in national and international scientific magazines. Prof. Bašić Hrvatin served, inter alia, as the chairperson of the Slovene Broadcasting Council, member of Independent Media Commission in Kosovo and member of Slovene Advertising Ethics Commission. Since 2000, prof. Bašić Hrvatin works as independent expert for the Council of Europe, OSCE and the European Commission in the field of media regulation. Prof. Bašić Hrvatin is also a media and human rights activist and columnist for several newspapers.

Saša Leković

Saša Leković is a Croatian journalist. He has extensive experience working with local and national print media, from being local correspondent to Executive Editor and assistant of Editor-in-Chief. Leković is one of the founders of "Jutarnji list" daily. He also has experience in radio, TV and web media. In 2003, Lekovic became director of the Investigative Journalism Center, a regional NGO based in Zagreb.

As a reporter, editor, mentor, and licensed investigative reporting trainer and lecturer he has worked with hundreds of journalists and journalism students, mostly in South East Europe, as well as in Armenia and Nigeria. He lectures investigative journalism at the faculty for Media and

Communications, Singidunum University in Belgrade, Serbia, and at VERN, University of Applied Sciences in Zagreb, Croatia. He is currently also national coordinator for the regional “SEE Media Observatory” project mostly funded by EC IPA program.

Snježana Milivojević

Snježana Milivojević is Professor of Public Opinion and Media Studies at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, founding Chair of the Center for Media Research and an Academic Board member at the Center for Women’s Studies. She co-authored the first media and election study in Serbia Televised Elections (Beograd, 1993), contributed to Serbian Road to War (Budapest, 1998), authored Media Monitoring Manual (London, 2003), Television across Europe- Serbia (Budapest, 2005) and participated in numerous international research projects in media studies. Her main academic interest is in political communication, media policy and regulation, cultural and gender studies and media and public memory.

Milivojević was fired from the University after the repressive University law (1999) and has continued her University career in Serbia (2003) only after democratic changes in the country. She was a Cheving Scholar at St.Antony’s College, Oxford University (2001), visiting lecturer for several European and American universities and a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Columbia School of Journalism (2012/13).

Tamara Čausidis

Tamara Čausidis is a freelance journalist and an activist for professional rights and press freedom. She is a president of SSNM, the Independent Union of Journalists and Media Workers in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In 1998, she began her journalistic career as a reporter for the Macedonian National Radio. She was a news anchor and editor when in May 2001 she joined the South Slavic department of Radio Free Europe. There she worked as a correspondent during the ethnically motivated conflict in her country and became a permanent member of the Macedonian department of Radio Free Europe when it was established in September 2001. She also worked as editor in the Macedonian office of the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network and as producer and editor for ALSAT-M TV, the only bilingual media outlet in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. During her career, Čausidis has become involved and active in promoting professional standards, human rights and press freedom issues in her country. She was elected President of the Council of Honour of the Macedonian Journalists Association from 2006-2009. She is a co-author of the Journalism Ethics Manual. As a president of the Independent Union of Journalist and Media Workers Čausidis is involved in promoting professional right as a precondition of press freedom.

Željko Raljić

Željko Raljić, born 1969, is a journalist, TV presenter, editor and author of several media projects. He is Editor-in-Chief and owner of the portal Istinito and political weekly magazine Respekt, as well as the Bureau Chief of TV BN in Banja Luka.

Previously, he worked freelance as a journalist, researcher, and correspondent for several regional media outlets. During his professional career he also worked at PBS RTRS, Sarajevo's TV1, as well as several daily and weekly newspapers, such as Nezavisne novine, Dnevni Avaz, and Extra magazine. He is currently a columnist and author of several documentaries.

Zoran Sekulić

Zoran Sekulić was born 1958 in Belgrade, Serbia. He is founder, director and Editor-in-Chief of the FoNet News Agency since January 1994. He is also president of the Serbian Association of Media; as well as member to the Independent Journalistic Association of Serbia (IJAS), International Federation of Journalists, SEEMO (South East Europe Media Organization) and member of the board on APNA (Association of Private News Agencies - Skopje).

Sekulić graduated Law school in Belgrade (International relations section) in 1981. He briefly worked as a reporter for Radio 202 Belgrade; before working for Tanjug News Agency for 10 years. He held various positions at Tanjug, including Senior Reporter, Home Affairs News/Duty Editor, Special Correspondent on ex-Yugoslav crisis / Hague, and Political Affairs Editor.

As a reporter and senior editor he covered numerous political event in South East Europe, for the region and worldwide. In 2012, Sekulić was awarded OSCE Person of the year for his contribution to the media reforms in Serbia.