David Kaye

David Kaye has been appointed UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression in August 2014.

He is clinical professor of law at the University of California, Irvine, School of Law. He teaches international human rights law and international humanitarian law and directs a clinic in international justice. His research and writing focus on accountability for serious human rights abuses and the law governing use of force. He has collaborated with local and national governments, major international NGOs as well as those at the grassroots, international organizations, and academic institutions around the world. He has also published numerous research essays and opinion pieces on international human rights law related issues in a wide range of specialised reviews and mainstream publications

In addition to his teaching and research, he has lectured around the world, including at the United Nations and the International Criminal Court. He co-founded the International Human Rights Program of the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, and founded its International Justice Clinic, working on projects dealing with accountability for international crimes around the world. Mr Kaye began his legal career as a lawyer with the U.S. Department of State.

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Before Google, Bill served for three decades as a foreign correspondent in Europe for a series of US publications including the Christian Science Monitor, Wall Street Journal, Fortune, and BusinessWeek. From 2001 until 2007, he managed the Brussels bureau for Dow Jones as bureau chief.

Bill also has written, directed and produced for television documentaries for BBC and America's Public Broadcasting Service. He has published four books of narrative non-fiction, including works on the collapse of communism in Central Europe and the history of the Bordeaux wine region.

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His list of published works include Internet Child Pornography and the Law: National and International Responses (London: Ashgate, 2008); and Racism on the Internet (Council of Europe Publishing, 2010) as well as a number of reports for international organizations on freedom of expression- and media pluralism- related issues.

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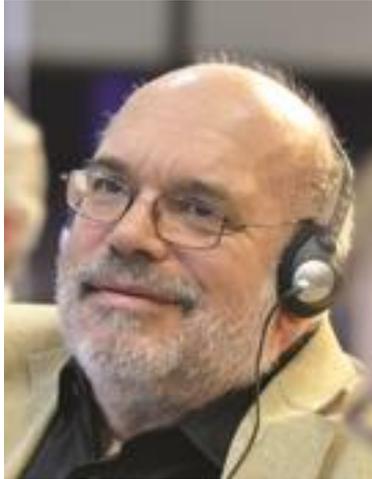
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