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BIOGRAPHIES OF INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



Nadezhda Azhgikhina is a journalist, literary critic and the Vice President of the European Federation of Journalists. She's a member of the Union of Russian Writers, Russian PEN, and of the Gender Council of International Federation of Journalists. She writes a personal column in the national weekly *Delovoy Vtornik* and teaches at Moscow State University in the faculty of journalism.

Ms. Azhgikhina graduated from the Faculty of Journalism at Moscow State University in 1982 and began her career in the same year as a reporter for the national daily *Komsomolskaya Pravda*. In 1989, she received an advanced degree in literature from Moscow University and began to work for the magazine *Ogonyek*, the leading intellectual journal of that time. In 1992, she co-founded the Association of Russian Women Journalists.

Between 1995 and 2001, Ms. Azhgikhina was a staff journalist on the daily *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, where she inaugurated the first women's page in a Russian newspaper. She has written and edited 18 books on journalism, culture, human rights and gender equality.



Yury Kazakov is Deputy Chair of the chamber of media audience at the Public Collegium on Press Complaints, a media self-regulation body in Russia.

A prominent expert and author on journalistic and media ethics with over 25 years of experience as a journalist, Mr. Kazakov has been member of the Public Collegium on Press Complaints since 2005 and its co-chair and chair of the Chamber of Media Audience from 2010-2015. He has also served as a member of the Grand Jury of the Russian Union of Journalists since 1998.

He has contributed his expertise to the Glasnost Defence Foundation, Russia's oldest media freedom NGO. In the early 1990s he briefly served as head of State Inspection for the Protection of Freedom of Press and Mass Information, overseeing the introduction of the Russian Law on Mass Media.



Dainius Radzevičius has been the Chairman of Lithuanian Journalists Union since 2003 and Chairman of the Council of Lithuanian National Radio and Television since 2010.

Holding a master's degree from the Institute of Journalism of the faculty of Communication, Vilnius University, Mr. Radzevičius has work experience from most of the different formats of media and journalism; journalist at weekly law-newspaper "Sargyba", author and manager/editor for programs at Regional TV Channel 5 and 11 channel, and author for news radio "Ziniu rarijas", to name a few.

Apart from the journalistic deeds, Mr. Radzevičius has also worked as a public servant in his capacity as Spokesman of the Department of Courts and Director of the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania.