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# WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY 2015 Conference & Guillermo Cano Award Ceremony

## Let Journalism Thrive! Towards Better Reporting, Gender Equality, & Media Safety in the Digital Age

2-4 May, 2015

Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga, Latvia

**Side event on 2 May:** Stockholm School of Economics

Media participation in all panels and sessions is welcomed. All panels will be livestreamed on [eu2015.lv](http://eu2015.lv).

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More detailed information about conference available <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/world-press-freedom-day-2015/agenda/>

### MEDIA PROGRAMME

May 2, Stockholm School of Economics

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| 9:00 – 10:00  | Registration  |
| 10:00 – 17:00 | Side Event: Special Session Related to Russian-Speaking Media.  |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | <b>Panel 1: “Cooperation beyond the Conflict: Dialogue between Russian and Ukrainian Professional Journalist’ Organisations in 2014- 2015 under IFJ/EFJ Umbrella”</b><br>Ms Nadezhda Azhgikhina, Executive Secretary, Russian Union of Journalists  |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee Break  |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | <b>Panel 2: Media laws, restrictions on civil society, &amp; internet freedoms</b><br>Moderator: Mr David McCraw, Vice President & Assistant General Counsel, The New York Times Company<br>Ms Galina Arapova, Director, Mass Media Defence Center, Russia (MMDC), Russia<br>Mr Taras Shevchenko, Director, Media Law Institute (MLI), Ukraine<br>Ms Arzu Geybullayeva, Political Analyst for the Caucasus Region & Human Rights & Press Freedom Expert in Azerbaijan<br>Mr Jauhien Valoshyn (Euroradio), Belarus |
| 12:15-13:55   | Lunch Break   |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | <b>Panel 3: Media Ownership</b><br>Moderator: Mr Drew Sullivan<br>Ms Pavla Holove (OCCRP)<br>Mr Paul Radu (OCCRP)   |
| 14:45 – 15:00 | Coffee Break  |
| 15:00 – 15:45 | <b>Panel 4: Journalism in Russia</b>  |



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	Moderator: Mr Drew Sullivan Journalists from Russia
15:45 -16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:45	<b>Panel 4: Meduza project. Why do launch a Russia-focused publication in English</b> Moderator: Mr Drew Sullivan Ms Galina Timchenko Mr Ivan Kolpakov
16:45-17:00	Closing Session
<b>May 3, National Library of Latvia</b>	
8:30	Media Centre opens
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <i>Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1st floor</i>  Introduction by Ms Baiba Braže, Chair, Steering Committee on the Preparation of WPF 2015 Welcome Remarks by: Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO H.E. Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia Ms Dace Melbārde, Minister for Culture of the Republic of Latvia Ms Flavia Pansieri, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR Mr David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion & Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion & Expression  Special Presentation: Commemorative World Press Freedom Day Stamp to Ms Irina Bokova <i>Venue: Atrium</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Family photo
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Plenary 1: Independent and Quality Media</b> <i>Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1st floor</i>  Ms Cilla Benko, Director-General, Swedish Radio, Sweden Ms Yuli Ismartono, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Tempo, Indonesia Mr Musikilu Mojeed, Managing Editor, Premium Times, Nigeria Ms Maria Teresa Ronderos, Director, Programme on Independent Journalism, Open Society Foundation Ms Inga Springe, Founder and Journalist, Re:Baltica, the Baltic Center for Investigative Journalism, Latvia Mr Paul Steiger, Founding Editor-in-Chief & CEO, ProPublica, USA
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Mr Peter Greste meeting with media representatives</b> <i>Venue: Hall Baltija, 1st floor</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Parallel Sessions  <b>Parallel Session 1: Challenges for Freedom of Expression in the Digital Age</b> <i>Venue: Hall Riga</i>  Ms Galina Arapova, Director, Mass Media Defence Center, Russian Federation Ms Marta Cerava, Chief Editor, Ism.lv, Latvia Mr Edison Lanza, OAS Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression



Mr Larry Kilman, Secretary General, WAN-IFRA  
Mr Edet Ojo, Executive Director, Media Rights Agenda, Nigeria

### **Parallel Session 2: Regulation, Sustainable Self-regulation and Professional Standards**

Venue: Hall Vidzeme

Mr Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, President of the European Federation of Journalists and Danish Union of Journalists, Denmark  
Mr Ahmed Ghazali, former President of the HACA  
Mr Younes Mjahed, President, Moroccan Syndicate of Journalists, Morocco  
Mr Jamal Eddine Naji, General Director, HACA, Morocco  
Mr Ninok Leksono, Representative of Press Council of Indonesia  
Ms Anthonia Ifeyinwa Omowole, President, Nigerian Association of Women Journalists, Nigeria ...  
Ms Dominique Pradalié, Deputy General Secretary of the Syndicat national des journalistes français, France  
Ms Anda Rožukalne, Chair of the Latvian Association of Journalists & Head of Communication Studies Department, Riga Stradins University, Latvia  
Mr Yahia Shukkeir, Journalist & Consultant, Blanquerna, Jordan

### **Parallel Session 3: Women at the Forefront in the Digital News Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities?**

Venue: Hall Zemgale

Ms Marie-Catherine Beuth, Founder of News on Demand, France  
Ms Inga Gorbunova, CEO & Editor-in Chief, Dienas Zurnali, Latvia  
Ms Juanita Leon, Founder & Director, La Silla Vacía, Colombia  
Ms Maria Ressa, Founder & CEO, Rappler, Philippines  
Ms Wadia Samadi, Policy Administration Manager, Wadsam.com, Afghanistan

16:00 – 17:30

Parallel Sessions

### **Parallel Session 4: What Can Journalists Do About Hate Speech?**

Venue: Hall Rīga

Mr Chris Elliott, The Guardian's Readers' Editor, UK  
Mr Artūrs Kučs, Docent at University of Latvia  
Mr Hamid Mir, Senior Journalist, GEO TV, Pakistan  
Mr Juan Barata Mir, Principal Adviser, OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media  
Ms Rachel Nakitare, the President of the International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT)

### **Parallel Session 5: Media and Information Literacy – What Solutions Can It Offer?**

Venue: Hall Vidzeme

Mr Abdulrahman Nasser Al Obaidan, Acting General Director, Doha Centre for Media Freedom  
Ms Ulla Carlsson, Professor and Chair of NORDICOM, University of Gothenburg, Sweden  
Mr Keval J Kumar, Adjunct Professor, Mudra Institute of Communications Ahmedabad (MICA), India (tbc)  
Mr Guillermo Orozco, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico  
Ms Vita Zelče, Latvia, Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia  
Ms Mihaela Banek Zorica, Professor, Information Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia



## **Parallel Session 6: Internet Intermediaries' Roles in Fostering Freedom of Expression**

*Venue: Hall Zemgale*

Mr Jānis Kārklīņš, UN Secretary General's designated Chair of Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)

Mr Jeremy Malcolm, Global Senior Policy Analysts, Electronic Frontier Foundation

Ms Karmen Turk, Lawyer on Intellectual Property, Estonia

18:00 – 19:00

## **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize Ceremony**

*Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

19:00

Media Centre closes

May 4

8:30

Media Centre opens

09:00 – 10:00

## **Joint Session of Special Rapporteurs**

Mr David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion & Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion & Expression

Mr Edison Lanza, OAS Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression

Mr Juan Barata Mir, Principal Adviser, OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media (representing Ms Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media)

Ms Pansy Tlakula, Special Rapporteur African Commission on Human & People's Rights (remotely)

10:30 – 12:00

## **Plenary 2: Gender and Media**

*Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

Ms Jeanne Bourgault, President and CEO of Internews

Ms Nanette Braun, Chief of Communications and Advocacy, UN Women

Mr Alton Grizzle, Programme Specialist, UNESCO

Ms Corletha Ollivierre, Member of Board of Directors, Caribbean Broadcasting Union and General Manager for National Broadcasting Corporation, St Vincent and the Grenadines

14:00 – 15:30

Parallel Sessions

## **Parallel Session 7: Under Fire: Challenges for Journalists and Editors in the World's Hotspots**

*Venue: Hall Rīga*

Mr Ahmad Khader Abu Tawahina, Psychologist, Gaza Community Mental Health Programme, Palestine

Mr Owais Aslam Ali, Secretary General, Pakistan Press Foundation (PPF), Pakistan

Mr Dlovan Barwari, Coordinator, Network of Lawyers for Freedom of Expression, Iraq

Ms Eva Flomo, Radio Producer, United Nations Mission in Liberia-UNMIL, Liberia

Mr Doug Frantz, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs, US Department of State, USA

Mr Peter Greste, Journalist, Al Jazeera Media Network, Australia (tbc)

Mr Sandijs Semjonovs Journalist, Latvia

Mr Najib Sharifi, Director of Afghan Journalist Safety Committee, Afghanistan

Parallel Session 8: Women's Portrayal in the Media, making more progress

*Venue: Vidzeme Hall*

Mr Samir Barhoum, Editor-in-Chief, Jordan Times; Beijing+20 Media Compact Partner, Jordan



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Ms Iluta Lāce, Director of MARTA Resource Centre for Women, Latvia  
Ms Torrey Clark, Chief, Moscow Bureau for Bloomberg, Russia  
Ms Hannah Storm, International News Safety Institute, currently undertaking research for UN Women, UK

### **Parallel Session 9: Innovative Business Models and Commercial Influence**

*Venue: Hall Zemgale*

Mr Eric Chinje, CEO of the African Media Initiative  
Mr Ides Debruyne, Managing Director, Journalismfund.eu, Belgium  
Ms Fatemah Farag, Director, Welad El Balad, Egypt  
Ms Nellija Ločmele, Editor-in-Chief, Weekly Magazine IR, Latvia  
Mr Matt McAlister, Manager of Contributoria, UK  
Mr Mark Nelson, Senior Director, Center for International Media Assistance, National Endowment for Democracy, USA  
Ms Laura Schneider, Project Manager Research and Evaluation, DW Akademie, Germany

16:00 – 17:30

### **Plenary 3: Digital Safety for Journalists**

*Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1st floor*

Ms Maryam Al-Khawaja, Co-Director, Gulf Center for Human Rights  
Mr Peter Noorlander, Media Legal Defence, UK  
Ms Courtney Radsch, Advocacy Director, Committee to Protect Journalists  
Ms Anatasia Stanko, Journalist & Co-founder, Hromadske.TV, Ukraine  
Mr Wairagala Wakabi, Journalist & Researcher, CIPESA, Uganda

17:30 – 18:00

### **Closing Session: Adoption of the Riga Declaration and Handover to WPFD 2016 Host**

*Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

18:30 – 19:00

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*Venue: Monument of Freedom*

18:15

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