

Exile Media Forum 2022

Speakers

Keynote

Ivan Kolpakov, Meduza.io

Ivan Kolpakov (born in 1983) is the cofounder and editor-in-chief of Meduza — the largest independent Russian publication. It is the media in exile that operates from Riga, Latvia. In April 2021, Russian authorities labeled Meduza as a ‘foreign agent,’ and in March 2022 blocked the website. Both actions were made to destroy the newsroom. However, Meduza keeps resisting. Also, it managed to save the majority of its audience due to its diverse and technologically advanced infrastructure. Kolpakov was one of four Russian journalists who interviewed Zelenskyy in March 2022.



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Panel I

Presentation of Körper-Stiftung’s new report “Exile Journalism in Europe. Current challenges and support programmes”



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Zamira Abassanova, ICORN

Zamira Abassanova is a journalist podcaster from Azerbaijan with a long-standing background in political activism and peacebuilding. She turned to journalistic practice when both activities became too difficult and started training young people to start their own activist radio stations in Azerbaijan. Abassanova created the first peace-radio in the South Caucasus region along with other peacebuilding women colleagues.

She is the ICORN resident in Leiden, Netherlands and the ICORN residents’ representative to ICORN’s board.

Dr Lutz Kinkel, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom

Lutz Kinkel heads the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF), based in Leipzig. Before that, he spent more than 20 years in journalism, writing about politics and the media - as an editor at Spiegel Online, tagesschau.de and stern, where he was most recently deputy head of the Berlin bureau. He earned his master's degree in history, politics and economics at the University of Hamburg, and wrote his doctoral thesis on the Nazi director Leni Riefenstahl.

Lutz Kinkel teaches journalism at the Academy of Journalism in Hamburg.



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Lailuma Sadid, En-GAJE

Lailuma Sadid is an Afghan journalist and diplomat. Sadid is on the board of Belgian NGO En-GAJE. She graduated from the University of Journalism in Kabul in 2002 and in 2018 obtained a master's degree from Free University of Brussels. She is a founder and president of the Network of Afghan Diaspora Organizations in Europe and now works as a political reporter based in Brussels.

Chair: Dr Sonja Wimschulte, Körber-Stiftung

Sonja Wimschulte is programme director in the department of Democracy, Engagement, Cohesion of Körber-Stiftung. She is responsible for the foundation's programme of exile. Sonja studied history, history of art and economics and wrote her doctoral thesis on a British royal court in exile.



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Panel II

Europe – a safe haven for exiled journalists?



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Antoine Bernard, Reporters Sans Frontières

Antoine Bernard is Director of Advocacy & Assistance of Reporters Without Borders (RSF). A lawyer, Bernard is also a faculty member of the Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) and co-Scientific Director of the PSIA Master on Human Rights and Human Affairs. Before joining RSF, Bernard was the CEO of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and served as a member of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights from 2005 to 2017.

Hakan Tanriverdi, Bayerischer Rundfunk

Hakan Tanriverdi works as a reporter for Bayerischer Rundfunk. He is responsible for IT and cyber security and deals with hackers who spy on companies, governments and dissidents. Together with colleagues from DIE ZEIT, he uncovered in October 2020 that a hacker group suspected of acting on behalf of the state of Vietnam had targeted opposition figures living in Germany.



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Irene Plank, Auswärtiges Amt

Since July 2020, Irene Plank is the Director for Strategic Communication at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. Before that she worked as the Head of Division “Business and Human Rights” at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. The division coordinates the implementation of the new German National Action Plan “Business and Human Rights” across the government and connects the German efforts in this field with the international agenda. Before that, Irene has mainly worked in security related areas and was Deputy Director of Cabinet of the NATO Secretary General in Brussels between 2012 and 2016. Between 2006 and 2009, she was Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy in Beirut. Previous posts include Congo/Kinshasa, Kabul and Seattle. She has also been Deputy Head of the Federal Foreign Offices division for Humanitarian Help between 2016 and 2017.

Chair: Bettina Schmieding, Deutschlandfunk

Bettina Schmieding studied English, history and political science in Tübingen, Münster and the USA. After a traineeship at Deutschlandfunk, she worked as a freelance journalist. She was CvD at Deutschlandfunk and now heads its media editorial department



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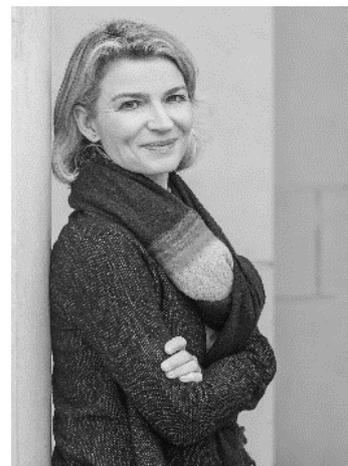
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Roksana Panashchuk, KATAPULT Ukraine

Roksana Panashchuk is editor-in-chief of the German news platform Katapult Ukraine. Born in Kiev, she later moved to Odessa and worked for more than 15 years for printed newspapers and online sources. In March 2022 she left Ukraine for Greifswald where she started working for Katapult Ukraine. In Greifswald, Roksana found a new hobby: speeding on her bicycle that had been donated to the Katapult Ukraine by a kind-hearted local (and she always think about it with love).

Antje Allroggen, Freelance Journalist

Antje Allroggen is a freelance journalist. Among other things, she is a member of the editorial staff of the mediasres programme at Deutschlandfunk and the media service of the KNA.



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Panel III

Excursus: Persecution in times of digital freedom – Exile Journalism in Africa (Cooperation with the Media Programme Subsahara Africa of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e. V.)



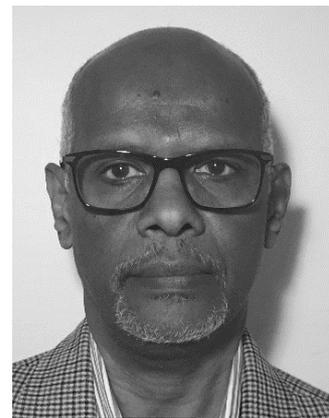
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Abdalle Ahmed Mumin, Journalist from Somalia

Abdalle Ahmed Mumin is an award-winning journalist and the secretary general of the Somali Journalists Syndicate, a press freedom organization. He is co-author of the book *Hounded: African Journalists in Exile*. Mr. Mumin has worked for a local Somali media outlet before starting to report for the Wall Street Journal and The Guardian as a Mogadishu-based news reporter. In November 2013, he received the prestigious German Media Development Award The People's Choice Award.

Fathi Osman, Journalist from Eritrea

Fathi Osman Ahmed was born in 1966 in Khartoum, Sudan. He then began working as a reporter for Eritrea Al-Haditha in the 1990s. He wrote about his work experience, along with its challenges and pains, in *Hounded: African Journalists in Exile*, published by KAS publications in 2021. After settling in Paris in 2012, Osman joined Radio Erena, the free Broadcasting Radio of Eritrea in exile in 2014. That same year, he published his account of Eritrean politics in his book *Eritrea from the Dream the of Liberation to the Nightmare of Dictatorship*.



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Chair: Christoph Plate, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Christoph Plate worked as Africa correspondent for German and Swiss media based in Nairobi in the 1990s, covering major events like the US-intervention in Somalia, the Rwandan genocide, the wars in the then Zaire, in Liberia and Sierra Leone. From 2002 he served for ten years as Middle East Editor for the Sunday edition of Neue Zürcher Zeitung. Plate is now based in Johannesburg, South Africa as the director of the Subsahara Media Programme of the German Konrad Adenauer Foundation. He has written extensively on war-reporting, the perception of Africa and the changes in the media industry.

Reflection of the day

Sven Tetzlaff, Körber-Stiftung

Sven Tetzlaff, born in 1965, is a social and economic historian. He heads the department Democracy, Engagement and Cohesion of Körber-Stiftung with programmes for citizen participation, community engagement strengthening and exile. In addition, he is managing director of the Herbert and Elsbeth Weichmann Foundation, which promotes research into historical exile.



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Belma Bağdat, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit

Belma Bağdat is coordinator of the International Journalists and Media Dialogue Programme at Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom. She worked as a program director in the project country Turkey for more than 15 years.

Belma Bağdat specializes in the development and improvement of projects, advocacy and capacity building of civil society organizations. She led, developed and supervised many projects on human rights, especially freedom of expression. She has been living with her family in Berlin since 2017.

Christoph Plate, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

See Panel III