

## **Exile Media Forum 2023**

### **Speakers**

## Aliaksandr Atroshchankau

Aliaksandr Atroshchankau is a Belarusian journalist, democratic activist, and former political prisoner (2010-2011). He has been cooperating with Belarusian and European independent media since 1999. For the moment, he is author and co-founder of the independent media Reform.by.



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## Maziar Bahari

Maziar Bahari is the founder and publisher of iranwire.com, a news site run by Iranian journalists in the diaspora and citizen journalists inside Iran. The Iranian-Canadian journalist and documentary filmmaker was a reporter for Newsweek from 1998 to 2011. He was incarcerated by the Iranian government in 2009 for his reporting. His best-selling memoir Rosewater was turned into a movie by Jon Stewart.



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## Janik Besendorf

Janik Besendorf is an IT security and forensic expert who works at the Digital Security Lab of Reporters Without Borders. There he conducts forensic analysis of digital attacks on journalists and looks for state malware in laptops and smartphones.



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## Jan Eggers

Jan Eggers is a journalist at Hessischer Rundfunk, a regional division of the public broadcasting network ARD, based in Frankfurt am Main. He has been working as a data journalist before taking over the role of an AI coordinator. As a trainer, he teaches AI for journalists, and Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) research on social media.



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## Vafa Fati-Zade

Vafa Fati-Zade is an international human rights lawyer and program manager in charge of grants and partnerships with the Justice for Journalists Foundation. There she was able to gain experience in monitoring and reporting on human rights violations, conducting trial monitoring and election observation.



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## Klaas Glenewinkel

Klaas Glenewinkel co-founded MiCT– Media in Cooperation and Transition with Anja Wollenberg and has been the director since 2004. MiCT is a non-profit organisation delivering expert media services in complex and challenging contexts. The interdisciplinary team consists of journalists, artists, scientists, and managers from 24 countries implements media development activities in the Middle East, Asia and in Africa.



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## Ekaterina Glikman

Ekaterina Glikman is one of the founders and the first deputy editor-in-chief of Russian media in exile Novaya Gazeta Europe (launched in April 2022). She currently lives in Switzerland. Previously, she has worked for the independent Russian newspaper “Novaya Gazeta” for over 20 years.



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## Andreas Görden

Andreas Görden is the secretary-general of the Federal Ministry for Culture and the Media and head of the department for culture and media in the Federal Chancellery. Among others, he previously worked for Siemens AG, the European policy department at the Federal Chancellery, and he headed the department for culture and communication at the Federal Foreign Office.



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## Kevin Hanschke

Kevin Hanschke is a cultural manager and freelance writer in the fields of art, the art market, media and theatre for the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Collectors Agenda and Die Welt, among others. He also focuses on Eastern Germany and Central Eastern Europe.



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## Zahra Joya

The award-winning Afghan journalist Zahra Joya founded Rukhshana Media in 2020 to address women's issues in Afghanistan, aiming to rectify patriarchal news media. Named after a young woman Rukhshana, who was stoned to death by the Taliban, the women-led organization publishes in Persian and English, covering Afghan women's issues both inside and outside of Afghanistan.



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## Matt Kasper

Matt Kasper is the co-director of Vereinigung für die Demokratie e.V. (engl. Association for Democracy). The Berlin-based NGO manages Meydan TV, Azerbaijan's largest online and independent news outlet, and ROMB, an independent Russian video media outlet. Meydan TV is also a founding member of NEMO, the Network of Exiled Media Outlets. It was constituted with the goal of creating a safe and creative space for the empowerment of the exiled media sector.



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## Solmaz Khorsand

Solmaz Khorsand is a journalist and author. She has worked as an editor for Der Standard, Die Zeit, Wiener Zeitung, among others. Her work ranges from essays on Austrian domestic politics to election reporting from Iran. Awarded the Vienna Prize for Women Journalists, among others. Her book "Pathos" was published in 2021.



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## Elizaveta Kucherova

Elizaveta Kucherova is a Senior Project Manager at the Berlin based media NGO n-ost. Since 2016, she has been involved in various projects that foster collaboration and provide support to journalists. She leads n-ost's Exile & Decolonizing Focus, as well as the Spheres of Influence Uncovered project.



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## Tamina Kutscher

Tamina Kutscher is a freelance journalist with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe. The Slavacist and historian (M.A.) was editor-in-chief of dekode.org for seven years. She is a member of the board of the journalists' network n-ost, the advisory board of the Federal Foundation for Reappraisal and various expert juries.



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## Anton Lysenkov

Anton Lysenkov is the founder and editor-in-chief of SPEKTR.PRESS, a Russian language web-magazine operating from Latvia. He is a media start-up manager with background in journalism and over 20 years' experience in the news and reporting. Mentor of the journalism skill-building programmes by Thomson Reuters and Baltic Centre for Media Excellence (BCME).



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## Waar Machuor Both Duop

Waar Machuor Both Duop is the editor-in-chief of Radio Tamazuj, an exiled daily news service and current affairs broadcaster covering South Sudan. As an exiled South Sudanese journalist, he has reported extensively on human rights, corruption, politics, governance, peacebuilding, and economy.



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## Sergey Medvedev

Sergey Medvedev is the managing director of Journalists in Need Network (jinn gGmbH). The Berlin based NGO emerged in the first weeks of the Russian invasion on Ukraine and is advancing exile media in Germany and media workers in Eastern Europe.



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## Lotfullah Najafizada

Lotfullah Najafizada is an award-winning Afghan journalist with Amu TV, an international media outlet for Afghanistan that he and his colleagues founded after the fall of Kabul in August 2021. Najafizada's nearly two decades of journalism experience includes leading TOLONews TV (2009-2021).



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## Hamid Obaidi

Hamid Obaidi, a media figure from Afghanistan, now works at Leipzig University. He founded the Afghanistan Journalists Support Organization (AJSO) in Germany to help Afghan journalists in exile and those still in Afghanistan. Obaidi is the organisation's board chair.



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## Maria Ordzhonikidze

Maria Ordzhonikidze, director of the Justice for Journalists Foundation, is a sociologist and security specialist. She authors research and articles, speaks, and teaches on subjects including sociological and political trends, freedom of speech, international relations and security. Her topical focus is designed and managed public awareness, advocacy, human rights, and crisis management campaigns.



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## Radka Pudilová

Radka Pudilová is a fellow at Media for Peace, Media Lab Bayern, where she works to support journalists in (post-)conflict regions. She has worked in international development in the Balkans and the MENA region, with a focus on Tech for Good and innovation.



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## Omid Rezaee

Omid Rezaee, a freelance journalist, studied digital journalism and worked for more than ten years for Iranian media in exile and for German media. He also works at Neue deutsche Medienmacher e.V. on a project on disinformation and handling.



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## Maryia Sadouskaya-Komlach

Maryia Sadouskaya-Komlach is the director of Free Press for Eastern Europe and Non-resident Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA). She is a media development specialist, editor, and journalist with more than 20 years of professional experience.



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## Katrin Schatz

Katrin Schatz is project manager at the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF), working with journalists in exile in Germany to facilitate their professional activities through professional counselling and training. ECPMF is a non-profit organisation, based in Leipzig.



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## Farzad Seifikaran

Farzad Seifikaran is an investigative journalist and the director of the human rights section in Radio Zamaneh. The Iranian-Dutch author and journalist has studied Persian Literature in Iran and Investigative Journalism in the Netherlands.



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## Valeriia Semeniuk

Valeriia Semeniuk is a journalist and editor from Ukraine with many years of experience on television. She moved to Berlin in 2022 due to the war and started from scratch as a freelancer and writes mainly for Tagesspiegel. There she covers the topics of the war in Ukraine, Ukrainian politics and Ukrainian refugees in Germany.



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## Sven Tetzlaff

Sven Tetzlaff 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 Herbert und Elsbeth Weichmann-Stiftung, which promotes research into historical exile.



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## Annkathrin Weis

Annkathrin Weis works as a multimedia journalist, primarily for the investigative department of SWR (Southwest German Broadcasting Service). As a trainer, together with Daniel Moßbrucker, she trains professionals in development organisations, editorial offices, and journalists in the field of digital security and source protection.



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## Sonja Wimschulte

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 including the Exile Media Forum, the Tage des Exils (engl. Days of Exile) and the Exile Visual Arts Award.



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## Penelope Winterhager

Penelope Winterhager is the Managing Director of the JX Fund, the European fund for journalism in exile. The JX Fund offers media quick and unbureaucratic help to continue their work after fleeing exile from war and crisis zones. Last year, it supported more than 50 media outlets with more than 1,200 journalists.



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## Host of the Day:

### **Johanna Eisenhardt**

Johanna Eisenhardt is a Social and Political scientist. She is Programme Manager at the Department of Democracy, Engagement, Cohesion at Körber-Stiftung. In the field of Exile Journalism, she is involved with the conference Exile Media Forum as well as with the organisation of various events.



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