

ENHANCING THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS IN EUROPE

14 October 2020

13.00 – 14.30 CET

On-line

Launch of the Book:

A Mission to Inform: Journalists at Risk Speak Out

by Marilyn Clark and William Horsley

*Book dedicated to Daphne Caruana Galizia and all journalists
who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession*

13.00 – 13:10 Opening Remarks



Hendrik (Rik) DAEMS is the current President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). He was a member of the Flemish Parliament and was delegated to the Belgian Senate as a Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Chairperson of the Committee on Alternative Financing of Public Investment. Earlier he was a member and chairperson of the Belgian delegation to PACE.

Mr Daems has also served as Belgian Minister of Telecommunications, Public Enterprises and Public Holdings,

responsible for all State-owned companies and assets (portfolio enlarged with SME policy between 2001 and 2003); member of the 'Core Government' (with a status equivalent to Vice-Prime Minister). Along with politics he dedicates himself to winemaking.



Christos GIAKOUMOPOULOS was appointed Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe on 1 August 2017.

He was previously Director of Human Rights from 2011 – 2017 and Director of Monitoring in the same Directorate General between 2006 - 2011.

Before joining the Directorate General of Human Rights, he was General Counsel and General Director for Legal and Administrative Affairs of the Council of Europe Development Bank (Paris).

Since joining the Council of Europe, he held posts in the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, the Venice Commission and Director in the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, A. Gil Robles.

13:10-14:30 Book Discussion

Moderator:



Ricardo GUTIÉRREZ is General Secretary of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), the largest journalists' organisation in Europe, representing over 320,000 journalists in 45 countries. Former journalist for the Belgian daily newspaper "Le Soir", he is senior lecturer at Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). He is a member of the Belgian Press Council (CDJ), of the Executive Committee of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and of the EU High Level Expert Group on Disinformation. He has conducted training

for journalists on hate speech, ethical journalism and reporting on ethnicity and religion. You can catch a bigger glimpse into his interests (i.e. journalism and media) by following him on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/Moleneews1>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/RicardoGutierrezVe>).

Speakers:



Marilyn CLARK is associate professor with the Department of Psychology in the Faculty for Social Wellbeing at the University of Malta. Her main research interests include addiction, forensic psychology, victimisation and safety of journalists. Professor Clark has published widely in various international journals as well as edited texts. She was key researcher in the Council of Europe 2017 study on unwarranted interference, fear and self-censorship, a milestone study shedding new light on the extent of intimidation of journalists in Europe. She is the current President of the Malta Chamber of Psychologists and sits on numerous boards, committees and working groups related to her areas of expertise.



William HORSLEY is the international director of the Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM) at the University of Sheffield. After a career of more than 20 years as a BBC foreign correspondent reporting from Asia, Europe and elsewhere, he now leads CFOM's projects to strengthen protections for journalists' safety, in cooperation with organisations including the Council of Europe and UNESCO. He is concurrently the Media Freedom Representative of the Association of European Journalists, an independent European network of professional journalists. He served as an independent member of the expert Council of Europe Committee which drew up the seminal 2016 Committee of Ministers Recommendation on the protection of journalism

and the safety of journalists. In 2015 the AEJ became a founding member of the Council of Europe's Platform for the Safety of Journalists, which is the first ever continent-wide online early warning "alert" system for threats to media freedom. The Platform continuously registers alerts about attacks on journalists and threats to media freedom and promotes and pursues effective remedies. William researches, writes and broadcasts on issues related to media and democracy for CFOM and international media including the BBC, Al Jazeera, Open Democracy and The Conversation. He is the author of the Safety of Journalists Guidebook published by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Enhancing the Safety of Journalists in Europe

Council of Europe Symposium

15:00 – 17:45 CET
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15.00 – 15:10 Opening Remarks



Dunja MIJATOVIĆ was elected Commissioner for Human Rights on 25 January 2018 by the Parliamentary Assembly and took up her position on 1 April 2018. She is the fourth Commissioner, succeeding Nils Muižnieks (2012-2018), Thomas Hammarberg (2006-2012) and Alvaro Gil-Robles (1999-2006). National of Bosnia and Herzegovina, she has been working to promote and protect human rights for the past two decades, thus acquiring extensive knowledge in the field of international monitoring, in particular as regards freedom of expression. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner for Human Rights, she has served as OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (2010-2017), Director of Broadcast of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2001-2010), Chair of the European Platform of Regulatory Agencies (2007–2010) and of the Council of Europe's Group of Specialists on Freedom of Expression and Information in Times of Crisis (2005-2007). Dunja Mijatović has regularly given lectures in national and international fora and has been awarded several human rights prizes. She has also been active in supporting NGO activities in the field of human rights education and asylum.

15:10 – 16:10 Session I

Stemming Violence and Impunity: How to Protect Effectively

Moderator:



Patrick PENNINCKX has spent the last 30 years of his career with the Council of Europe, contributing to the transformation processes of the Organisation and developing partnerships with international and national institutions. Currently heading the Information Society Department under the Directorate General Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Patrick coordinates standard setting and cooperation activities in the fields of media, internet governance, data protection, cybercrime and artificial intelligence. He is also responsible for projects related to

public-private partnerships and cooperation with business partners. His professional focus encompasses areas such as freedom of expression, safety of journalists, sound internet governance, international standards in the data protection, action against cybercrime and the impact of AI on human rights. An outspoken public speaker promoting the Council of Europe values and achievements, he holds Political Science and Educational degrees from the University of Leuven. Previously, Patrick oversaw Human Resources policy development, transforming the administrative management of personnel into a competency based human resource policy.

Speakers:



Matthew CARUANA GALIZIA is the director of the Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation. He worked at the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), developing the technology that enabled major investigations such as ‘Panama Papers’ and ‘Paradise Papers’. In 2018, Matthew left ICIJ to continue working on the case around the killing of his mother, Daphne Caruana Galizia, who was assassinated in 2017 following her investigations into corruption in Malta. Since then, Matthew Caruana Galizia and his family have worked tirelessly to tackle impunity and to unveil the truth about Daphne’s death.



Silvia CHOCARRO is a journalist and freedom of expression advocate. She is the Head of Protection at ARTICLE 19. She sits on the Council of IFEX and is a member of research centres at the University of Sheffield and the Central European University.

For the last 20 years, she has worked for news outlets, civil society groups and intergovernmental organizations, such as UNESCO where she worked on the development of the UN Plan of Action on The Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity. She has authored several publications on the protection of journalists.



Stefan SCHENNACH is a Member of the Federal Chamber in the Austrian Parliament and a Member of the Council of Europe. He is the Chair of the Committee for future, innovation and science, and Vice-chair of the Committee for EU affairs. He is also General rapporteur for freedom of media and safety of journalists at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Schennach is former Chairperson from the PACE-Committee for social, health and sustainable development and Co-Rapporteur for Azerbaijan. He is an author, professor, and Director of Austrian Baroque Academy.



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16:30 – 17:30 Session II

On-line Harassment of Journalists

Moderator:



Urška UMEK is Secretary of the Committee of experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF) and works on standard setting within the area of freedom of expression and media freedom, one of core areas of activities of the Council of Europe. Since having joined the CoE's Information Society Department in 2016, Urška has contributed to the elaboration and implementation of several instruments covering media pluralism and transparency of ownership in the digital media environment, financial sustainability of journalism, gender equality in media, etc. Urška has a strong human rights background, having previously worked as a legal advisor for the Slovenian Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights. She also contributed to the Commentary of the Slovenian Constitution (2011) and other works on constitutional justice.

Speakers:



Jessikka ARO is an awarded investigative reporter with the Finnish Broadcasting Company. Aro specialises in Russia, extremism and information warfare. In 2014 she started to investigate the pro-Kremlin social media trolls' techniques and influence on public debates outside Russia's borders, and nowadays her reports are widely quoted and used in troll investigations internationally. Due to her investigations, she became the target of a severe and still ongoing international propaganda and hate speech campaign. In 2019 Aro published a best-selling investigative book about the Kremlin's information warfare in Finnish, and the book is translated into several languages. She trains reporters and the general public to recognise and counter online disinformation. Aro is also lobbying for better legislation to counter hybrid threats and protect citizens from state-sponsored online security threats, and she has testified in the US Congress. In 2019 the US State Department awarded her the International Women of Courage Award, but the award was rescinded by President Donald Trump's administration allegedly due to her social media criticism of President Trump.



Sara De VUYST is a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Languages and Cultures at Ghent University in Belgium. Her research interests are feminist media studies, gender issues in journalism, and intersectional aspects of online harassment of journalists. Currently, she is working on a research project on the relationship between media, gender, sexuality and ageing funded by the European Research Council. Sara De Vuyst is vice-chair of the ECREA Gender and Communication section and author of the book 'Hacking Gender and Technology in Journalism' published in 2020 in the Routledge Disruptions: Studies in Digital Journalism series.



Jonathan PRICE is a highly regarded junior, and a ranked libel and privacy law specialist. He is instructed in several cases of very significant current interest, including *Lachaux v IPL* and *Stocker v Stocker* (both in the UK Supreme Court), *ABC v Telegraph*, and on behalf of the family of the Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia.

In addition to Jonathan's core practice in media law, he has experience and accepts instructions in the fields of public and employment law. Jonathan is currently instructed in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, on its Westminster Strand in which hearings will be held for three weeks in 2019.



Barbara TRIONFI is Executive Director at the Vienna-based International Press Institute (IPI), a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists dedicated to safeguarding and fostering media freedom and promoting quality, independent journalism. Barbara joined IPI in 2000, as a press freedom adviser for the Asia-Pacific region, where she had previously studied and worked for over four years, carrying out research in the field of human rights and freedom of expression. Later, as press freedom manager, she oversaw IPI's global press freedom monitoring and coordinated IPI's global advocacy. With an academic background in international relations and human rights, Barbara has

taught courses at Webster University, Vienna in Media Ethics, Media Literacy and Cultural Diversity and the Media. Her field of expertise covers different areas related to press freedom and freedom of expression, including self-regulatory media accountability systems, safety of journalists, and international mechanisms to protect press freedom.