SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

YOUTH FACING DISINFORMATION - WHY JOURNALISTS MATTER

9 November 2026, Strasbourg, France

09.30-10.00 OPENING SESSION



Beatrice Borromeo Casiraghi

Journalist and documentary filmmaker

Beatrice Borromeo Casiraghi is an Italian journalist, documentary filmmaker and producer. She graduated in Law and Economics from Bocconi University in Milan and holds a Master's degree in International Politics from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in New York.

She began her career in television, notably working on the programme Annozero on Rai 2, as well as in radio and print journalism. She was among the co-founders of the Italian daily newspaper Il Fatto Quotidiano.

She subsequently turned her attention to documentary filmmaking. Her work includes Mamma Mafia, co-produced by Newsweek and later adapted into a television series for Amazon Prime Video, and The King Who Never Was, a documentary series for Netflix.

She is the founder of the production company Astrea Films.



Daniel Vodă

Moderator; foreign policy and strategic communications expert

Daniel Vodă is a foreign policy and strategic communications expert, former Spokesperson for the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a career diplomat.

He currently serves as an Associate Expert at the Institute for European Policies and Reforms (IPRE), focusing on European integration, democratic resilience and strategic communication. He is also a university lecturer at Moldova State University, where he teaches international relations and public communication.

Daniel is the co-host of Briefing, Moldova's first podcast on geopolitics hosted by TVR Moldova airing in Moldova and Romania, and a regular contributor to Radio France Internationale (RFI). He is actively involved in international policy dialogues, public debates and initiatives supporting media literacy, democratic values and youth engagement.



Tanja Gonggrijp

Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe

Tanja Gonggrijp took office as Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe on 1 September 2026. A career diplomat with extensive experience in international relations and senior management, she previously served as Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe and as Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Her career with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs has also included senior positions in sustainable trade, international cooperation and HR strategy. She holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Public Administration from the University of Twente.



Isabelle Berro-Amadeï

Government Counsellor-Minister of External Relations and Cooperation, Monaco

Isabelle Berro-Amadeï is a Monegasque magistrate, diplomat and stateswoman. Since January 2022, she has served as Government Counsellor-Minister of External Relations and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco. In this capacity, she holds the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe from May to November 2026.

After training at the École Nationale de la Magistrature (ENM) in Paris, she served from 1990 to 2006 as a judge and then as First Judge at the Court of First Instance of Monaco. From 2006 to 2015, she was the judge elected in respect of Monaco at the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in Strasbourg, where she also served as Section President. From 2015 to 2022, she was Monaco's ambassador to several European countries, including Germany, Austria and Poland, and later Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. She also served as Head of Monaco's Mission to the European Union.

She has received several major distinctions: • Commander of the Order of Saint-Charles (Monaco); • Commander of the National Order of the Legion of Honour (France); • Grand Officer of the Order of the Star of Italy; • Cross of the Order Pro Merito Melitensi with plaque (Sovereign Military Order of Malta).



Mattias Guyomar

President of the European Court of Human Rights

Mattias Guyomar is the judge elected in respect of France at the European Court of Human Rights. Appointed in 2020 and having served as President of the Fifth Section since May 2024, he was elected President of the Court and began his 3-year mandate on 30 May 2025. He was previously President of the 10th Chamber of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the French Council of State, which he joined in 1996 after graduating from the École nationale d'administration (ENA). Mattias Guyomar was an associate professor of public law at the University of Paris-Sud, Jean Monnet Faculty, and then at the University of Panthéon-Assas. He was also Secretary General of the French Institute of Administrative Sciences (IFSA) (2013-2020), Secretary General of the Commission des sondages (1998-2020), General Rapporteur of the Commission supérieure de codification (2012-2020).

10.00-10.30 SPECIAL GUEST



Caolan Robertson

Journalist and digital content creator

Caolan Robertson is an Irish journalist, documentary filmmaker and digital content creator, currently based in Ukraine, where he reports independently on the war. A co-founder of Byline TV, he has produced documentaries including Under Deadly Skies: Ukraine's Eastern Front. Having previously worked within far-right media networks, he later turned to exposing extremist propaganda and online disinformation. In June 2026, he was awarded Ukraine's Order of Merit, Third Class, by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in recognition of his journalistic work covering Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

11.45-13.00 PANEL 1

When virality beats truth: how disinformation targets young minds



Roberto Olla

Head of the Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Council of Europe

Roberto Olla was recently appointed Head of the Department of Democratic Institutions and Freedoms at the Council of Europe, focusing on democracy, civil society, freedom of expression, and culture and heritage for democracy. He previously headed the Human Dignity and Gender Equality Department, overseeing intergovernmental activities, monitoring, and cooperation on topics including gender equality, violence against women and children, and anti-trafficking. Prior to this, he led the Culture and Heritage Department of the Council of Europe, including the Eurimages Fund. Roberto began his career as a legal advisor at the European Commission in Brussels. He holds a PhD in law from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.



Robbie Sutton

Professor of Social Psychology, University of Kent

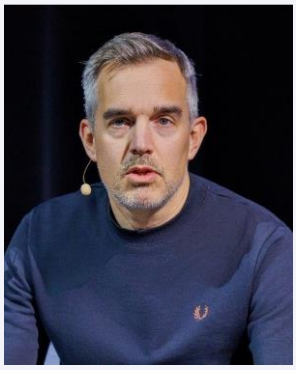
Professor Robbie Sutton is Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Kent, United Kingdom. His research examines the psychology of myths (popular but incorrect beliefs), pseudo- and anti-scientific beliefs, and conspiracy theories . He is interested in why these beliefs appeal to people, how they develop and spread, and their social consequences, such as those for contemporary relationships between men and women.



Benedict Townsend

Creator and presenter, Scroll Deep

Benedict Townsend is a writer and creator from London. He is known for creating and hosting the Global show Scroll Deep, which covers internet culture and has millions of followers across multiple platforms. He also hosts the video podcast Talk Of The Townsends along with his wife Hannah, which is one of the highest charting film & TV podcasts in the UK. As part of Talk Of The Townsends he has interviewed many of the world's biggest stars including Anne Hathaway, Zendaya and Matt Damon. In October, along with Hannah, he won TikTok Creator Of The Year at the bCreator Awards.



Ben Steward

Senior Communications Manager, European Broadcasting Union

Ben Steward leads communications for the European Broadcasting Union's News Services, covering public affairs, media relations, and advocacy campaigns on behalf of public service media. Having started out as a newspaper journalist in the UK, he has more than 20 years' experience in international organizations and business, including as Director of Communications at the International Publishers Association, Head of Communications for a Swiss think tank in the state security sector, and Executive Communications Lead at the Mediterranean Shipping Company. Based in Geneva, Ben is British and Swiss, and speaks English, French, and Italian.



Aude Favre

Investigative journalist and video creator

Aude Favre is a French investigative journalist and video creator who has been fighting disinformation for several years. She first came to prominence with her YouTube channel Aude WTFake, where she investigates fake news, conspiracy theories and the ways information is manipulated. She is also co-founder of the Fake Off association, which helps young people develop media literacy and critical thinking skills. Through projects such as Citizen Facts, she aims to bring journalists and citizens closer together to produce information that is more reliable and better understood.

14.15-15.30 PANEL 2

Why Journalists Matter - Journalism in a changing information ecosystem



Rodica Ciochina

Policy Adviser and Manager of the Journalists Matter Campaign, Council of Europe

Rodica Ciochina is a Policy Adviser at the Council of Europe and Manager of its Journalists Matter Campaign for the Safety of Journalists. She coordinates international efforts to strengthen journalists' safety, promote media freedom and foster cooperation between governments, media organisations and civil society. Previously, she worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova. Her work focuses on freedom of expression, democratic resilience and the role of independent journalism in democratic societies.



Charles Villa

Journalist and documentary filmmaker

Charles Villa is a French investigative journalist, documentary filmmaker and former senior reporter for Brut, with over a decade of experience covering conflicts, humanitarian crises and organised crime. His reporting has taken him to Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Mexico and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Through his documentaries and widely followed YouTube channel, he brings immersive, on-the-ground journalism to younger audiences. His work includes Fixers, a documentary highlighting the essential and often dangerous role of local collaborators supporting international journalists.



Mykola Chernotytskyi

Chairman of the Management Board, Suspilne Ukraine

Mykola Chernotytskyi is a Ukrainian media manager and Head of the Managing Board of Suspilne, Ukraine's public broadcaster, a position he has held since 2021. He has also served on the Executive Board of the European Broadcasting Union since 2022. Previously, he held senior leadership roles in regional and national public broadcasting and worked as a newspaper editor-in-chief. He holds an MBA from the Kyiv School of Economics.



Anne-Catherine Nanopoulos

France Télévisions; Member, EBU TV Committee

AC. Nanopoulos is a Marketing & Communications expert for public television. She has been steering strategical changes as well as innovations in content and audience relations for France Télévisions. Her current position leads her to represent the french public broadcaster in numerous international organizations such as: CIRCOM Regional, Prix Europa, Deutsch-Franz. Journalisten Preis and the European Broadcasting Union.

"Democracy, Integrity, and Diversity are probably the core values that best define what I stand for in my daily professional engagements."



Laurence Pécaut-Rivolier

Member of the College, Arcom

Holding a doctorate in law and a degree from the National School for the Judiciary, Laurence Pécaut-Rivolier is a judge in the Social Chamber of the Court of Cassation. After a career as a magistrate, including at the General Inspectorate of Judicial Services, she joined Arcom in 2022. There, she chairs the "Protection of the Public and Diversity in French Society" working group and is vice-chair of the "Online Platforms" group. The author or co-author of several books, she has also chaired the National Association of District Court Judges and served as deputy chair of the Commission for the Professional Journalists' Press Card.

15.30-16.45 PANEL 3

Building critical minds for democratic resilience



Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca

Head of the Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division, Council of Europe

Artemiza Chisca - Head of the Media and Internet Division and Secretary of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) of the Council of Europe.

During her career of 30 years at the Council of Europe, Ms Chisca has worked in the framework of conventional and non-conventional monitoring mechanisms, notably on issues of local democracy and the protection of national minorities as well as for the Council of Europe's European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), on the promotion of democracy and fundamental freedoms.

Ms. Chisca is a graduate in law as well as in French language and literature and studied, among other places, at the Institute of Political Studies in Strasbourg and at the College of Europe in Bruges (master's degree in Community law). Before joining the Council of Europe, she worked at the Constitutional Court of Romania and at the University of Bucharest, Romania.



Saara Salomaa

Head of Unit, Finnish Arts and Culture Agency

Dr. Saara Salomaa is a Finnish media education expert and the Head of the Media Education Unit at the Finnish Arts and Culture Agency. Her team is responsible for enhancing media education and media literacy in Finland, including the implementation of the media literacy education policy of the Ministry of Education and Culture.



Cléo Collomb

Associate Professor, Université Paris-Saclay; creator of Cognitive Wargame

Cléo Collomb is an Associate Professor in Information and Com
munication Sciences at Paris-
Saclay University. She coordinates the SPREADS research proje
ct on cognitive warfare, funded by the French Defence Innovati
on Agency, and developed Cognitive Wargame.



Juliane von Reppert-Bismarck

Founder and Executive Director, Lie Detectors

Juliane created Lie Detectors in 2017, designing its concept, training approach and policy positions. Today, she leads the organisation's strategic development. Juliane advises governments, policymakers and the EU on countering disinformation and polarization. She co-authored EU recommendations of the 2025 and 2022 Digital Literacy Expert Groups and the 2018 High-Level Expert Group on Fake News and Online Disinformation. To found Lie Detectors, Juliane set aside a 20-year journalism career, writing and editing for outlets including The Wall Street Journal Europe, Newsweek, Reuters, MLex and Spiegel Online, specialising in international economy and winning, among several awards, an Business Journalist of the Year Award for her investigative and feature reporting.



Hatice Kahraman

Editor-in-Chief, Salon5, CORRECTIV

Hatice Kahraman is Editor-in-Chief of CORRECTIV's youth editorial team, Salon5, and is in close contact with Generation Z on a daily basis. She is an expert in the field of youth journalism and media education.

17.00-17.45 CLOSING SESSION



Gabriel Revel

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Monaco to the Council of Europe

H.E. Mr Gabriel REVEL has been Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Principality of Monaco to the Council of Europe since 2 May 2023.

A graduate of Sciences Po Grenoble and the National School of Administration, he began his diplomatic career at Monaco's Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe. After spending several years at the International Law Department of Monaco's Directorate of Legal Affairs, he returned to the Permanent Representation in Strasbourg in 2021. H.E. Mr REVEL has chaired the Rapporteur Group on Legal Questions since October 2024. He also chairs the Statutory Committee of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS).



Constance Bodin

Youth rapporteur

Constance Bodin is pursuing a double Master's degree in International Relations and European Studies at Sciences Po Strasbourg and UCLouvain, alongside a Master's in Business Law at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. She previously worked at the Consulate General of France in New York, contributing to public diplomacy and institutional communication. Having studied at Caucasus University in Tbilisi, her research focuses on women's participation in Georgian civil society and democratic mobilisation. She is the Founder and President of Diplomacy and Her Voice, an initiative developed through the Women@Dior and UNESCO programme, dedicated to advancing women's inclusion in diplomacy, with a particular focus on Georgia.



Pauline Rieger

Youth rapporteur, Sciences Po Strasbourg

Pauline Rieger is a fourth-year student at Sciences Po Strasbourg, specialising in International and Global Relations. She also works as a cultural mediator for the University Cultural Service. Following a year of living and studying in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, she decided to pursue an academic and professional path combining two fields of particular interest to her: international relations and culture.



Stephanie Pozniak

Youth rapporteur, Sciences Po Strasbourg

Stephanie Pozniak is a master's student in International Relations at Sciences Po Strasbourg, specialising in Geopolitics, Borders and Territorial Diplomacy. Austrian and raised between Brussels and Vienna, her interests centre on Central and Eastern Europe, democratic resilience, and the protection of media freedom and access to information. Alongside her studies, she monitors Austrian media and writes news bulletins for Valise Diplomatique's European desk. She joins the Council of Europe's "Youth Facing Disinformation - Why Journalists Matter" conference as a youth rapporteur.