

World Press Freedom Day – May 1-3, 2011



21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers

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Schedule of CO.NX Virtual Events

Friday, April 29

10:30 – 11:30

Spanish Webchat: Violence Against Journalists and Freedom of Expression

*How does the threat and reality of violence against journalists affect freedom of information in Latin America, and what can citizens do to address it? **This will be in Spanish.*

- Luis Manuel Botello, Senior Program Director of Special Projects at the International Center For Journalists (ICFJ)
- Luis Costa Ribas, Managing Editor of the African Division at Voice of America
- Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Diplomacy Fabiola Rodriguez-Ciampoli

Monday, May 2

The Newseum

9:45 – 10:45

Plenary Session 1: Press Freedom: How Far Have We Come and Where are We Going?

Two decades ago, the Windhoek Declaration proclaimed a free media essential to democracy and economic development. Reflecting on Freedom House's latest mapping of media freedom, where does the world stand on media freedom in 2011? How are digital media, social networks, and mobile platforms expanding information access? And where are they being blocked?

Welcome | Janis Karklins, Assistant General Director, Communication and Information, UNESCO, Latvia

Moderator | To Be Announced

- Karin Karlekar, Freedom House, Senior Editor, Freedom of the Press 2011, United States

- Frank LaRue, Rapporteur for Freedom of Opinion and Expression, United Nations, Guatemala
- Gwen Lister, Founder, the *Namibian*; Media Institute of Southern Africa, Namibia
- Eric Newton, Senior Adviser to the President, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, United States

11:15 – 12:45

Breakout Session: Social Media: The New News Network?

Social media have given the gathering and sharing of news a very different dynamic. How do information consumers use social networking sites to get their news, and how do mainstream news organizations use these sites to do their journalism? Do social media platforms give citizens new ways to monitor and engage their governments? Has media literacy kept pace with the dramatic expansion of information?

Moderator | Steve Buttry, Director of Community Engagement, *TBD.com*; Faculty, Georgetown University, United States

- Oscar Morales Guevara, Creator, Facebook group, One Million Voices against FARC, Colombia
- Andrew Carvin, Senior Strategist, Social Media Desk, National Public Radio, United States
- Quan Nguyen, Director, Rallyingfordemocracy.org, Vietnam
- Lauren Indvik, Associate Editor, Marketing and Media, Mashable, United States

14:15 – 15:45

Plenary Session 2: New Barriers: Censorship in the Digital Age

Twenty years after the Windhoek Declaration, digital media provide new opportunities for expression but the technology that makes these new information channels possible also offers repressive regimes new means of censorship and the silencing of voices. A town hall-format discussion in the Knight Studio at the Newseum will feature four journalists from challenging media environments who face cyber-surveillance, digital harassment and other censorship threats. The event will be moderated by the AP's Kimberly Dozier, a veteran foreign correspondent and specialist on international security issues.

Welcome | W. Robert Pearson, President, Internal Research & Exchanges Board, United States

Moderator | Kimberly Dozier, Correspondent, the Associated Press, United States

- Wael Abbas, Founder and Blogger, Misr Digital, Egypt
- Nazila Fathi, Correspondent, *New York Times*, Iran

- Xiao Qiang, Director, China Internet Project, UC-Berkeley; Founder and Editor, *China Digital Times*, China
- Chiranuch Premchaiporn, Executive Director, *Prachatai*, Thailand

16:15 – 17:45

Breakout Session: Media Law and Regulation 2.0

The Internet and mobile platforms are creating new legal and regulatory territory. What best practices should be updated to protect free expression and foster media freedom? How should Internet regulation be addressed? What about criminal defamation and insult laws, licensing of journalists and privacy rights in the new media environment?

Moderator | Kurt Wimmer, Partner, Covington & Burling, United States

- Leslie Harris, President and CEO, Center for Democracy and Technology, United States
- Peter Nadori, Founder and Chair, Association of Hungarian Content Providers; Editor-in-Chief, *Origo*, Hungary
- Peter Mwesige, Executive Director, African Center for Media Excellence, Uganda
- Agnès Callamard, Executive Director, Article 19, Canada

Tuesday, May 3

The National Press Club

9:00 – 10:30

Plenary Session 3: New Frontiers: Transforming Media in the 21st Century

New methods for gathering and sharing news are transforming the media landscape. What role do traditional and non-traditional media play in creating an informed citizenry for the 21st century? How are new channels of information expanding media freedom?

Welcome | Donald Steinberg, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, United States

Moderator | Stephen King, Investment Partner, Omidyar Network, United Kingdom

- David Kobia, Co-Founder and Director of Technology Development, Ushahidi, United States
- Gregory Shvedov, Editor-in-Chief, *Caucasian Knot*,

Russia

- Sami Ben Gharbia, Director, Global Voices Advocacy; Founder, Nawaat, Tunisia
- Katrin Verclas, Co-Founder, MobileActive, Germany

11:00 – 12:30

Breakout Session: Journalistic Standards Reframed

Expanding media platforms are challenging long-held common ground on journalistic standards and ethics. Should bloggers and citizen reporters uphold the same “rules” of as professional journalists? How is the concept of the “fifth estate” changing expectations of news consumers?

Moderator | Miklos Haraszti, Representative on Freedom of the Media, 2004-2010, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Adjunct Professor, School of International & Public Affairs, Columbia Law School, Hungary

- Emily Bell, Director, Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, United Kingdom
- Ioana Avadani, Executive Director, Center for Independent Journalism, Romania
- Andrés Cañizalez, Coordinator, Program for Advances Studies in Freedom of Expression and the Right to Information, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Venezuela
- Kavi Chongkittavorn, Assistant Group Editor, National Media Group; Publisher, *The Nation*, Thailand

Thursday, May 5

07:00 – 08:00

Arabic Webchat with Wael Abbas

*Join Egyptian blogger Wael Abbas to talk about the role of social media in fomenting change in the Arab world. **This will be a video webchat in Arabic.*