

AGENDA

**GAINING
A DIGITAL
EDGE**

**JOURNALISTS,
WATCHDOGS
AND FREEDOM OF
EXPRESSION (2.0)**

BUDAPEST, 21-23 NOVEMBER, 2014

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TIMETABLE

Day 0 - 20.11.2014 (Thursday)

20:00 Castro Bisztro - Madách Imre tér 3, Budapest Hungary 1075 / -----

/ Social

Pre-conference social gathering at Castro Bisztro

Day 1 - 21.11.2014 (Friday)

9:00 Hotel Regency Suites -Madách Square 2, Budapest Hungary 1075 / -----

/ Social

Registration & Meeting in front of the Hotel in order to head to the Opening session

9:30 Open Society Archives /H-1051 Budapest, Arany J. u. 32./-----

/ Opening session

Welcome speeches

> John Shattuck (CEU), Amy Brouillette (Center for Media, Data and Society / CMDS); Gordana Janković (OSCE Mission to Serbia), Vladan Joler (Share Foundation)

10:00 Open Society Archives /H-1051 Budapest, Arany J. u. 32./-----

/ Panel Discussion

Open Journalism/Open Data: Opportunities and Challenges of Doing Journalism in the Digital Age

> Dunja Mijatovic (OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media), Gill Phillips (Guardian); Sejal Parmar (CMDS); Lenart J. Kucic (Delo)

> Moderator: Ellen Hume (Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media, CMDS)

This panel explores the benefits and challenges of 'open journalism,' the term used to describe the new, participatory model of news production based on the open exchange of information, content, and ideas between media outlets and audiences. Open journalism has no doubt revolutionized the capacities of new organizations to cover breaking news at home and abroad, to investigate and report public interest stories, and to perform their watchdog roles. Yet relying on crowd sourced content and information also raises a myriad of challenges and questions: how can media organizations control quality, verify information, and ensure professional journalistic standards and ethics are maintained? What are the legal and regulatory issues regarding if and how to extend freedom expression rights to all content-producers, including bloggers and citizens, as categories of traditional journalism become increasingly obsolete? And what are the impacts of open journalism for journalists and media outlets in countries in the region, where journalists struggle with lower levels of independence and media freedoms

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Intro to Open Society Archives

	Ivan Szekely, Senior Research Fellow, Counsellor, OSA Archivum		
12:00	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Bud apest, Hungary/-----		
	/ Social		
	Lunch & Group Photo with Drone		
13:30	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Bud apest, Hungary/-----		
	/ Talk		
	Digital Security & Risks: Protecting Data and Com munications		
	> Collin Anderson (IPO)		
	This session will seek to provide a high-level overview of the types of threats that civil society and media organizations face from a diversity of actors when communicating on line, with examples where possible. These will range from questions of compliance of hosts to how dependencies on infrastruc ture can expose private communications.		
14:00	School of Public Policy at Central European University-----	School of Public Policy at Central European University-----	School of Public Policy at Central European University-----
	/ Workshop	/ Workshop	/ Workshop
	Digital Security Fundamentals	Data Vizualization Tools	Communication with High Risk Sources
	> Andrej Petrovski (SHARE Foundation)	> Olivia Solis Villaverde and Vladan Joler (SHARE Foundation)	> Stevan Dojcinovic (Center for investigative reporting in Serbia)
	The Digital Security Fundamentals workshop focuses on different aspects of digital security on a basic level. The focus being that not all factors influencing internet privacy are technological. The concept of privacy is quite understandable in the non-digital environment, but many of us are not really aware how their behavior influences their privacy online. The goal of this workshop is to provide the participants with some basic ideas and tools that will help them protect themselves online. It is intended for people of different professional profiles, so the participants don't need to be advanced users of internet or technology to actively participate in the workshop.	On this session, we will go through a series of advice and common misconceptions that will help us better analyze and understand any given data. We will explore different types of graphic representations and discuss various software and web-based applications to ease visual output, present information in a more understandable manner and get the most out of data you collected. From best practices to pie charts and art graphs, we will go through a series of tips to make visual presentations informative, easy to understand and fun. Bring your laptop so we can work together.	Stevan Dojcinovic will hold a workshop on methods how to communicate with your sources on safe way in online and offline world. Nowadays there are many tools which "bad guys" can use to track down journalists and NGO activist. One of most important skills for reporters and NGO activities who investigate corruption and organized crime is to take care for their sources and to keep their investigation not to be discovered by other side.
15:30	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Bud apest, Hungary/-----		
	Social		
	Coffee break		
16:00	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Bud apest, Hungary/-----		
	Panel Discussion		
	Cyber Threats to Free Speech		
	> Yaman Akdeniz (İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi); Andrei Soldatov (edit or-in-Chief of agentura.ru); Charlotte Gill (ARTICLE 19), Collin Anderson (IPO)		
	> Moderator: Shawn Powers (CMDS)		

	<p>The Internet's centrality to our daily social, political and economic lives makes securing cyberspace and protecting the integrity of its users' communications crucial. Digital technologies and platforms are driving free speech, especially in transitioning and non-democratic contexts, yet digital activists, journalists and their organizations remain vulnerable to attack from state and political actors. This panel will discuss developments in cyberspace endangering media dissemination and freedom of expression. Specifically, panelists will highlight how the transition to digital communications, with increasing dependence on connectivity, presents new challenges to digital journalists. Expertise from Russia, Turkey, international civil society and the technology sector will offer comparative perspectives on how digital technologies and platforms are used to suppress journalism. Panelists will also discuss strategies for staying ahead of actors aiming to stifle freedom of expression in cyberspace.</p>	
17:30	Free Time-----	
	Afternoon break	
20:00	Social event - Brody Studios (Vörösmarty utca 38, Budapest)-----	
	/ Dinner & Talk	
	Internet Privacy Atlas	
	> Vladan Joler (Share Foundation)	
	<p>Internet Privacy Atlas is a research of invisible Internet infrastructure conducted with the aim to create a monitoring methodology that uses data journalism, network topology research, visualization and tech analysis methods to examine different aspects of Internet privacy. With the use of the different public open source tools and custom made solutions created for this research, we are examining the flow of private data, national infrastructure of routers and data centers, most used Internet access points across the globe and mechanisms how our data and metadata is flowing, where is it stored and how is it distributed.</p>	
Day 2 - 22.11.2014 (Saturday)		
10:00	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary/-----	
	/ Talk	
	Legal clinic on defamation: International standards	
	> Nani Jansen (Media Legal Defence Initiative), Sejal Parmar (CMDS)	
	<p>The European Court of Human Rights has set clear standards on freedom of expression and defamation, but how should these be applied in national legal systems? This session will outline what the norms are that should be applied by national courts: can you repeat defamatory statements made by others? Which statements do and do not require proof? Should you be extra careful when criticising a head of state? Participants will get an overview of the norms and will then apply these in a case study taken from real life.</p>	
11:30	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary/-----	
	/ Social	
	Coffee break	
11:45	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary/-----	
	/ Workshop	/ Open discussion and networking
	Defamation, Ethics and Press Freedom	Legal networks in Europe: Professional networks, resources and knowledge sharing
	> Scott Griffen (International Press Institute)	> Discussion facilitated by Amy Brouillette (CMDS), Miroslav Janković (OSCE Mission to Serbia)
	<p>This workshop will begin with a brief overview of research into defamation laws in Europe, conducted by IPI, CMDS and the Share Foundation, highlighting discrepancies with international standards. From there, the presentation will discuss, from a press freedom perspective, the ethical legitimacy of defamation laws and review</p>	<p>An open discussion focusing on the professional networking opportunities and needs for European media and human rights lawyers. In this session, we will discuss what networking resources are available for media lawyers, including a new Directory of Legal Support Services launched by CMDS, as well as what on and offline resources are needed in order to help lawyers better defend journalists and civil society in Europe</p>

	the practical standards for reporting sensitive accusations in the public interest that will help keep journalists out of legal trouble.		
12:45	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary/-----		
	/ Social		
	Lunch		
13:30	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary/-----		
	/ Panel Discussion		
	Digital partnerships in the public interest: Online media and CSOs		
	> Tamas Bodoky (atlatszo.hu), Besa Luci (Kosovo 2.0), Kate Coyer (CMDS), Alexander Kashumov (Access to Information Programme)		
	> Moderator: Gordana Janković (OSCE Mission to Serbia)		
	The starting point of this panel is a widely held opinion that media outlets and civil society organizations (CSO) in the region are in a state of serious crisis, and that, as a result , they need to critically reflect on the reasons for their existence and in doing so define their new roles in society. CSOs from the region are finding it difficult to promote their agenda through traditional media since governments and other centres of power are to a large degree controlling editorial policies. This panel should shed some light on the possibilities of online media and other digital platforms to improve CSO visibility in public discourse. Participants can expect responses to questions such as: in which areas could the partnership between online media and CSOs give best results, where is it possible, where is it most necessary, how the public interest could be improved through this cooperation, etc. Through the discussion participants will also learn about successful projects on digital partnership between online media and CSO from the entire region.		
15:00	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary/-----		
	/ Talk & Open Discussion		
	Comparative Research on Requirement to Register Online Media		
	> Đorđe Krivokapić (Share Foundation)		
	During this session, an overview of the research on registration of online and citizen media in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe carried out by SHARE Foundation will be presented. In August, new media laws were adopted in Serbia, excluding digital media platforms (blogs, social media...) from the definition of media, but leaving them with an option to register if they wish to achieve the legal status of media outlets. The research aims to give a comparison of regulatory frameworks concerning the registration provisions and practices for digital platforms across the mentioned regions. Some of the participants attending the conference also contributed to the research by verifying and providing necessary information.		
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	/ Social		
	Coffee break		
16:00	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary/-----		
	/ Open Discussion		
	Drones for Good		
	> Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Tautvydas Jauskas, Aron Halasz		
	> Moderator: Bojana Barlovac (Balkan Investigative Reporting Network - BIRN)		

	Drone use is still a mostly unregulated affair, although we do not expect it to stay this way in the future. While initial concerns around drone usage have primarily focused on issues of privacy and government surveillance, drones can also be used to help civil society and journalists perform their watchdog roles. In time, we'll likely see even smarter drones, capable of interacting and performing various innovative tasks. At the moment it's hard to know what is allowed, if what is not allowed is not clearly defined. Where is the line ?
17:00	Free Time-----
	Afternoon break
19:30	Social event - Polish Institute -----
	/ Dinner & Open Discussion
	Open Mic Night: "Watchdogs"
	> Moderator: Mina Lazarević (Share Foundation)
	What is the role of watchdogs in digital age? Should they just "inform public of potential abuse of power" and "warn citizens about those that are doing them harm" or actively engage in civil movements and publicly advocate solutions? Is there a straight line between journalists, activists and those who watch their back? Share your thoughts and experiences at this relaxed Open Mic session which will be mixed with food and drinks.
Day 3 - 23.11.2014 (Sunday)	
10:00	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary//-----
	/ Panel Discussion
	Taxing the Internet: State Pressures on Online Media and watchdog CSOs in Hungary
	> Balazs Gulyás, Attila Mong (Atlatszo), Sandor Lederer (K-Monitor), Dalma Dojcsak (TASZ)
	> Moderator: Kate Coyer (CMDS)
	A recent move by the Hungarian Government to impose a tax on Internet traffic sparked mass protests and outcry. Opponents said the plan would deter access to the Internet, and to online investigative journalism and watchdog NGOs, and deepen the digital and communication divide between Hungary and Europe. This panel focuses on recent efforts to control access to online information and expression in Hungary and its impacts on investigative reporting and civil society. We will also discuss strategies for outreach and communication among networks across the region.
11:00	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary//-----
	/ Social
	Coffee break
11:15	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary//-----
	/ Open Discussion
	Brainstorming: Next steps and how to make #newmednet network sustainable
	This session will reflect upon how to sustain the #newmednet network, and how conference participants can create an added value for collaborative projects, events, discussions and research. A key focus will be on how to create the opportunities for communicating and sharing resources in order to ensure a strong, well connected network of lawyers, journalists and civil society activists across the region.
12:15	School of Public Policy at Central European University /Október 6 utca 7, Budapest, Hungary//-----
	/ Closing session
	Reflections & Conclusions
	> Amy Brouillette (CMCS), Gordana Janković (OSCE Mission to Serbia), Đorđe Krivokapić (Share Foundation)
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	/ Social		
	Lunch		