UNESCO’s Research Conference on the Safety of Journalists - Knowledge is the Key

PROGRAMME

Venue and Time
3 May, 10:30 - 12:30.
Finlandia Hall, Veranda 1

Organizer
UNESCO, UNESCO Chair at the University of Gothenburg, IAMCR, University of Sheffield, University of Tampere, University of Helsinki

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Opening Session
Opening words:
Ulla Carlsson (Professor, UNESCO Chair, University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
Guy Berger (Director, Division for Freedom of Expression and Media Development, UNESCO)

Keynote speech
Journalist Killings and the Civil Sphere
Simon Cottle, Professor, University of Cardiff, UK

Panel 1: Safety of Journalists - Mapping the field of research

Moderator
• Katharine Sarikakis, Professor, University of Vienna, Austria

Panelists
• Magda Abu-Fadil, Director, Media Unlimited, Lebanon
• Simon Cottle, Professor, University of Cardiff, UK
• Mariateresa Garrido Villareal, Doctoral Candidate, University for Peace, Costa Rica
• Kaarle Nordenstreng, Professor Emeritus, University of Tampere, Finland
• Umaru Pate, Professor, Bayero University, Nigeria
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Paper Session 1 (14:00 - 15:45)
Threats to journalists around the World

Paper Presentations:

Sriram Arulchelvan, Assistant Professor, Anna University, India: Internal threats and safety of journalists: Humiliating stories of news story makers - A Study from India

Syed Irfan Ashraf, Doctoral Candidate, Southern Illinois University, USA, and Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar, Pakistan: Tribal journalists caught under fire: Threats, impunity and decision making in reporting on a militarized conflict in Pakistan

Roy Krøvel, Professor, Oslo and Akershus University College for Applied Sciences, Norway: Violence against indigenous journalists in Colombia

Sallie Hughes, Associate Professor, University of Miami, USA & Mireya Márquez-Ramírez, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico: Changes in journalism practices in a context of risk and threat: Tentative results from a national survey of Mexican journalists

Judith Lohner, Dr., Research Associate & Sandra Banjac, M.A., Research Associate, University of Hamburg, Germany: "There is no story that is bigger than your life": Safety challenges of journalists reporting on democratisation conflicts – Empirical findings from a comparative case study in Egypt, Kenya, Serbia and South Africa

Umaru A. Pate, Professor, Bayero University, Nigeria & Hamza Idris, Assistant Editor, Trust Newspapers, Nigeria: Professionalism and risk management in the reporting of terror groups and violent extremism in North East Nigeria, 2009-2015: How journalists survived to report

Paper Session 2 (16:15 - 17:45)
Threats related to specific journalistic beats and contexts

Paper Presentations:


Omar Al-Ghazzi, Dr., Lecturer, University of Sheffield, UK: Digital media & journalism practices: Lessons from Syria

Anthony Feinstein, Professor, University of Toronto, Canada (work with Feinstein, S., Behari, M. & Pavisian, B.): The psychological wellbeing of Iranian journalists

Fay Anderson, Associate Professor, Monash University, Australia: “Both eyes open”: Australian news photographers, trauma and safety

Rozane De Cock, Assistant Professor, KU Leuven, Belgium: Cartoons and press freedom after a newsroom attack. Journalists’ professional views and public opinion in Flanders (Belgium)

Kirsten Sparre, Assistant Professor, University of Aarhus, Denmark: The dangers of sports journalism
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Paper Session 3 (09:00 - 10:30)
Protection frameworks for the safety of journalists

Chair
• Jacqueline Harrison, Professor, University of Sheffield, UK

Rapporteur
• Sara Torsner, Doctoral Candidate, University of Sheffield

Paper Presentations:

Mariateresa Garrido Villareal, Doctoral Candidate, United Nations mandated University for Peace, Costa Rica: The protection of citizen journalists during armed conflicts

Leire Iturregui Mardaras, Professor, University of Basque Country, Spain (work with Cantalapiedra González M.J. & Moure Peñín, L.): Embedded journalism: Professional imperatives or war reporting on the cheap?

Giovanna Dell'Orto, Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, USA: Foreign correspondents and locals: A key newsgathering partnership, for safety and for the global public good

Stig A. Nohrstedt, Professor Emeritus, University of Örebro, Sweden & Rune Ottosen, Professor, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Norway: Sustainable war journalism and international public law

Silvia Chocarro Marcesse, Dr., Consultant in Media Development, Spain: The United Nations’ Role in Promoting the Safety of Journalists from 1945 to 2015

Poster Session (10:30 - 11:30)

Farid Abudheir, Associate Professor, An-Najah National University, Palestine: Precaution measures taken by Palestinian journalists in the battlefield

Suraj Olunifesi Adekunle, Dr., Lecturer, Lagos State University, Nigeria: Knowledge, attitude and practice of digital safety among Nigerian Journalists

Adriana Arce, Director, Centro Internacional para la Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (CIPDH), Argentina: Freedom of expression in the inter-American jurisprudence system for the human rights protection. Achievements and challenges

Klas Backholm, Dr., Researcher, Åbo Akademi University, Finland & Trond Idås, Researcher, Norwegian Union of Journalists & Åbo Akademi, Finland: Risk and resilience among journalists covering potentially traumatic events

Rachel-Ann Charles, Doctoral Candidate, Birmingham City University, UK: Citizens journalists and freedom of information legislation within the Arab states

Marilyn Clark, Professor, University of Malta, Malta: Journalists at risk: Part of the job? Poster by Council of Europe, ongoing research

Surbhi Dahiya, Associate Professor, IIMC (Ministry of I& B), Government of India, India: Messengers of truth in India: Safe with their mighty sword?

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Senem Guneser, Doctoral Candidate, Vrije Universiteit Brussels-VUB, Belgium: Safety of journalists in Turkey in the 1990s and the 2000s

Sadia Jamil, Dr., The University of Queensland, Australia: Freedom under pressure? An evaluation of threats to journalists’ safety in Pakistan

Salla Nazarenko, Doctoral Candidate, University of Tampere, Finland: Patriotic television - a risk to democracy? Examples from Georgia

Philip Onguny, Assistant Professor, Saint Paul University, Canada: Media coverage of impunity and the safety of investigative journalists: Perspectives on Kenya’s Jicho Pevu programme

Tedla D. Tekle, Dr., The University of Dublin, Ireland: Digital media and its predicaments: The repression of online media contributors and aspirants in Ethiopia

Poster by PEN International: No Man’s Land: Writers on the Frontline (Tamsin Mitchell and Patricia Diaz)

Poster by UNESCO: Safe to Speak – UNESCO’s Work on the Safety of Journalists (Reeta Pöyhtäri)

Closing Session
Reports from the paper and poster sessions and outcomes of the conference (Rapporteurs)
UNESCO’s Research Agenda on the Safety of Journalists
Reeta Pöyhtäri, Expert, Division for Freedom of Expression and Media Development, UNESCO

Panel 2: The outcomes of the conference and the way forward

Moderator
• Elisabeth Eide, Professor, Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway

Panelists
• Silvia Chocarro Marcesse, Dr., Consultant on Media Development, Spain
• Jacqueline Harrison, Professor, University of Sheffield, UK
• Albana Shala, Chair of UNESCO’s International Programme for Development of Communication (IPDC)
• Ramon R. Tuazon, President AIJC, Secretary General AMIC, Philippines
• Reeta Pöyhtäri, Dr., Expert, UNESCO

Conclusions
• Jacqueline Harrison, Professor, University of Sheffield, UK

Closing remarks
• Ulla Carlsson, Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

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