



UNESCO World Press Freedom Day 2023

“Shaping a Future of Rights - Freedom of expression as a driver for all other human rights”

GLOBAL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION (GFoE) Side Events

AGENDA

Registration is Now Open!

MONDAY, MAY 1

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM UNESCO’s World Press Freedom Day 2023 Academic Conference: The Role of Academia in Protecting Freedom of Expression as a Driver for Other Human Rights

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, University of Liverpool, University of Sheffield, and Worlds of Journalism Study

Speakers: Jackie Harrison, University of Sheffield; Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova, University of Liverpool; Gemma Horton, University of Sheffield; Sejal Parmar, Cardiff University; Edward L. Carter, Brigham Young University; Emily Harmer, University of Liverpool; Diana Maynard, University of Sheffield; Benjamin P. Tetteh, Syracuse University; Leire Iturregui Mardaras, University of the Basque Country; Rosalynd Southern, University of Liverpool; Ivor Shapiro, Toronto Metropolitan University; Smitha Khorana, Independent Journalist and Academic; Colette Wahlqvist and Binod Bhattarai, International Media Support and Tribhuvan University

***IN ENGLISH**

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM “Weaponizing the Law: Attacks on Media Freedom.” Findings and Discussion with Guest Experts on Salient Points and Solutions

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Note: Due to space limitations, in-person attendance is invitation only.

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, Thomson Reuters Foundation, and Tow Center for Digital Journalism

Speakers: Hawley Johnson, Columbia GFoE; Antonio Zappulla, Thomson Reuters Foundation; Ona Flores, international human rights lawyer; Joel Simon, Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism; Carlos Lauria, journalist and international press freedom expert

***IN ENGLISH**



4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Shaping a Future of Rights: Latest Initiatives for the Protection of Journalists in Latin America and the Caribbean

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, UNESCO Regional Office in Montevideo, SOCOLAC (Society of Correspondents in Latin America and the Caribbean)

Speakers: Rosa M. González, UNESCO; Nathalie Castillo, Chile Chamber of Deputies; Cristina Zahar, Brazilian Association of Investigative Journalism; Eduardo Bertoni, Inter American Institute of Human Rights; Alejandra Negrete, Expert in gender and freedom of expression; Ginna Morelo, journalist; José María Costa, Bureau for the Safety of Journalists; Mauricio Weibel, SOCOLAC; Ricardo Rivas, SOCOLAC

***IN SPANISH**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

9:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Protecting Freedom of Expression through Comparative Global Case Law: Databases to Advance Rights

Location: Satow Room, Lerner Hall, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE and UNESCO

Speakers: Catalina Botero, Columbia GFoE, Hawley Johnson, Columbia GFoE; Juan Manuel Ospina, Columbia GFoE; Daniel Ospina Celis, Dejusticia; Nelly Chepngetich Rotich, Strathmore University, Natalie Alkiviadou, Future of Free Speech; Alberto Godioli, University of Groningen; Laura Little, Temple University Law School; Raisa Carrillo, Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa; Stephen Townley, Trial Watch, Clooney Foundation for Justice

***IN ENGLISH**

10:45 AM – 11:55 AM

Media Freedom in the face of Blasphemy Laws

Location: Satow Room, Lerner Hall, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, High Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom, and PEN America

Speakers: Catalina Botero, Columbia GFoE; Can Yeginsu, Columbia Law School; Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, IBA Human Rights Institute; Hina Jilani, Supreme Court of Pakistan; Karuna Nundy, Supreme Court of India; Suzanne Nossel, PEN America

***IN ENGLISH**



12:10 PM – 1:30 PM

Content Moderation, Free Speech and the Eternal Search for Truth

Location: Satow Room, Lerner Hall, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, Meta Oversight Board, and PEN America

Speakers: Catalina Botero, Columbia GFoE and Meta Oversight Board; Suzanne Nossel, PEN America and Meta Oversight Board; Alan Rusbridger, Prospect and Meta Oversight Board; Michael Zelenko, Rest of World; Preethi Nallu, Report for the World

***IN ENGLISH**

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

New and Old Challenges to Guaranteeing Freedom of Expression in Latin America

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, UNESCO Regional Office in Montevideo, OBSERVACOM (Latin American Observatory for Regulation, Media and Convergence)

Speakers: Rosa M. González, UNESCO; Gustavo Gómez, OBSERVACOM; Beatriz Solís Leree, Mexican Association of Audience Defenders; Damián Loreti, lawyer; Bia Barbosa, Coalition for Rights on the Web; Agustín Espada, National University of Quilmes

***IN SPANISH**

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Freedom of Expression, a Prerequisite for the Enjoyment of Other Human Rights in Latin America

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE and UNESCO Regional Office in Montevideo

Speakers: Rosa M. González, UNESCO; Pedro Vaca, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; Edison Lanza, UNESCO; Catalina Botero, Columbia GFoE; Agnès Callamard, Amnesty International; Ricardo Pérez Manrique, Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Ricardo Calderón, Caracol Television

***IN SPANISH**



5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Contributing to the Regional Dialogue on Content Moderation

Note: This is a closed event.

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, UNESCO Regional Office in Montevideo, and Social Media 4 Peace Colombia

***IN SPANISH**

THURSDAY, MAY 4

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Press Freedoms in Decline: How Threats Against the Media Have Evolved Over the Past 15 Years

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE and Media Defence

Speakers: Hawley Johnson, Columbia GFoE; Carlos Gaio, Media Defence; Aryeh Neier, Human Rights Campaigner; Khadija Ismayilova, Azerbaijani investigative journalist; Dariia Opryshko, media lawyer and author; Fatu Camara, journalist; Dana Green, The New York Times

***IN ENGLISH**

12:00 PM – 1:20 PM

Book Presentation: “Handbook for the defense of freedom of expression: Inter-American Standards for the defense of Freedom of Expression”

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, UNESCO Chair on Freedom of Expression at Universidad de Los Andes, Asomédios, and Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

Speakers: Catalina Botero, Columbia GFoE; Pedro Vaca, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; Edison Lanza, UNESCO

***IN SPANISH**



2:00 PM – 3:20 PM

Report Launch: How are courts responding to SLAPPs? Analysis of selected court decisions from across the globe

Location: MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

Sponsored by: Columbia GFoE, ARTICLE 19, and UNESCO

Speakers: Catalina Botero, Columbia GFoE, Barbora Bukovska, ARTICLE 19; Mehdi Benchelah, UNESCO; Ginna Anderson, American Bar Association Center for Human Rights and Justice Defenders Program

***IN ENGLISH**

**All times are in Eastern Time (ET)*