



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 EXPRESION (GFoE) Side Events

● **MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023**

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”

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST III MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

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; Rosalyn Southern, University of Liverpool; Ivor Shapiro, Toronto Metropolitan University; Smitha Khorana, Independent Journalist and Academic; Colette Wahlqvist and Binod Bhattarai, International Media Support and Tribhuwan University

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“Weaponizing the Law: Attacks on Media Freedom.” Findings and Discussion with Guest Experts on Salient Points and Solutions

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EST III MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

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

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● **WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023**

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

9:00 AM – 10:20 AM EST III Satow Room, Lerner Hall, Columbia University

SPEAKERS: Catalina Botero, Columbia GFoE and Meta Oversight Board; 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; Jennifer Young, University of Groningen; Raisa Carrillo, Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa; Stephen Townley, Trial Watch, Clooney Foundation for Justice

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Media Freedom in the face of Blasphemy Laws

10:45 AM – 11:55 AM EST III Satow Room, Lerner Hall, Columbia University

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

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

Content Moderation, Free Speech and the Eternal Search for Truth

12:10 PM – 1:30 PM EST III Satow Room, Lerner Hall, Columbia University

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

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● **THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023**

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

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM EST III MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

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

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

2:00 PM – 3:20 PM EST III MLK Conference Room 527, Riverside Church, Columbia University

SPEAKERS: Barbora Bukovska, ARTICLE 19; Mehdi Benchelah, UNESCO; Ginna Anderson, American Bar Association Center for Human Rights and Justice Defenders Program

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