

Exile Media Forum 2020

Agenda

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The Exile Media Forum will be digital this year. The Speech on Exile by the Mexican investigative journalist Anabel Hernández will open the Forum on the evening of 23 November. On November 24, you can follow short presentations, readings and discussions about current trends and challenges in exile journalism via our live-stream. This year's programme will be supplemented by a new series of webinars, which will start after the Forum.

Monday | 23 November | 7 pm

Speech on Exile with Anabel Hernández

Mexico is one of the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists. Time and again, media representatives get caught in the crossfire. "Reporters Without Borders" puts the Central American country in the lower ranks. Anabel Hernández is one of the leading Mexican investigative journalists. The multiple award-winning reporter is best known for her research on drug war, corruption and human trafficking. Because her work repeatedly put her and her family in great danger, she had to leave Mexico and lives in Europe now. In her speech, Hernández talks about her personal experiences and observations and approaches the demands and opportunities of a new beginning in exile.

Tuesday | 24 November

Eva Nemela and **Theresa Schneider**, programme directors from the Körber Stiftung's Democracy, Engagement and Cohesion Department, will moderate the conference day.

10:00 | Opening and welcome

Dr. Lothar Dittmer, Chairman of the Executive Board, Körber-Stiftung

10:10 | Welcoming address

Michelle Müntefering, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office

10:20 | Keynote

Agnieszka Romaszewka-Guzy, Director of Belsat.TV

Belsat.TV is the first and to date the only independent television station in Belarus. The channel coordinates its programme from Warsaw and broadcasts online and via satellite. In her keynote speech, Agnieszka Romaszewka-Guzy will talk about how her team is reporting about the events in Belarus and the challenges they are facing in exile.

10:45 | Panel

What can media learn from exiled journalists in times of crisis?

Exiled journalists are used to working under difficult conditions. They usually have few resources at their disposal and are used to researching from a distance and maintaining contact with their sources via digital channels. During the COVID-19 pandemic, most media outlets need many of their skills as well. Has the opportunity to learn from each other already been used sufficiently?

Nazeeha Saeed, freelance journalist
Nina Gheddar und Firas Abdullah, Guiti News France
Cornelia Fuchs, Editor Foreign Desk, stern

Chair | Theresa Schneider, Körber-Stiftung

Nazeeha Saeed is a journalist from Bahrain. She has been working on the topic of human rights for almost twenty years and had to leave her home country due to this commitment. Nina Gheddar, editor-in-chief of the Parisian news portal “Guiti News” and the Syrian photojournalist Firas Abdullah report on their joint work. At Guiti News, French and exiled journalists work together in tandems. Cornelia Fuchs has been writing for the German news magazine stern since 1999 and has reported from Afghanistan, Egypt and India on human rights and the situation of women.

11:45 | Break

13:30 | Short presentations

What’s new in exile journalism?

A lot has happened since our last Exile Media Forum. What new initiatives are there? Which formats are attracting attention?

Kathrin Schatz, ECPMF and Aso Qader, exiled journalist
Abdol Rahman Omaren and Ahmad Kalaji, Amal, Berlin!
Hussam Al Zaher, Kohero

The European Centre for Press and Media Freedom offers a contact point for individual inquiries from journalists who are threatened or at risk. Abdol Rahman Omaren and Ahmad Kalaji from Amal, Berlin! report on their Instagram format “Schu Al Sira” – “What’s new?”, in which curious news from Germany are presented. The Flüchtling Magazin (“Refugee magazine”) has a new name: Kohero means cohesion in Esperanto. Hussam Al Zaher explains what is behind the rebranding and how the magazine will continue to work in the future.

13:45 | Session

Trends and new forms of exile journalism

The media system has been undergoing a massive change not only since the COVID-19 crisis. On the one hand, social media and new technology offer a great opportunity to facilitate the work of exiled journalists. Digital tools help them to maintain contacts with their home country and to publish their own content themselves. On the other hand, the danger of digital threats to media people is increasing.

Walid al-Saqaf, Södertörn University
Abdulwahab Tahhan, Podcast “Integrate That!”
Meera Selva, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism

Chair | Kathrin Drehkopf, NDR ZAPP Media Magazine

Walid Al-Saqaf is a lecturer at Södertörn University in Stockholm, where he specializes in the use of the internet and media technology for journalism, access to information, and freedom of expression. Abdulwahab Tahhan, founder of the podcast “Integrate That!” gives a voice to refugees and tells of his new life in the UK in a humorous and thoughtful way. Meera Selva is an accomplished senior journalist who has reported out of Europe, Asia and Africa, for the Associated Press, the Daily Telegraph and The Independent among others. At the Reuters Institute of the University of Oxford, she looks at matters related to press freedom and media diversity.

14:45 | Break

15:30 | Reading

by Alexei Bobrovnikov from the novel “Grauzone”

The Ukrainian author and investigative journalist faced death threats after his investigative reporting in his home country. As a writers-in-exile scholar of PEN Germany he lives and works in Munich. In a reading he gives first impressions from his soon to be published novel “Grauzone”.

15:45 | Panel

Does Germany live up to its role as a refuge for exiled journalists?

The number of journalists who have to flee their country is increasing worldwide. Among them are many who seek refuge from persecution in Germany. How can journalists in exile continue their work here? What support do they need? Where are the challenges?

Negin Behkam, Iranian journalist in exile, board member of the German Journalists' Association Berlin

Lisa-Maria Kretschmer, Advocacy Officer at Reporters Without Borders

Irene Plank, Director for Strategic Communication at the German Federal Foreign Office

Chair | Sven Tetzlaff, Head of Department Democracy, Engagement, Cohesion, Körber-Stiftung

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▶ WEBINAR

Exile Media Forum Deep Dives: Series of Webinars

(Separate registration necessary)

In 1.5-hour webinars, we will give practical tips for exiled journalists. The webinars also offer the opportunity for interactive exchange. Experts share their knowledge and are available to answer your questions.

Wednesday | 2 December | 2 pm

Digital security for exile journalists

with **Daniel Moßbrucker**, freelance journalist and trainer for digital security

Tuesday | 8 December | 2 pm

Tips for freelance exiled journalists

with **Yvonne Pöppelbaum**, Managing Director at Freischreiber

Wednesday | 16 December 2 pm

Fundraising for exiled media

with **Georg Layr**, fundraiser at dis:orient

Dates will follow for:

Networking for exiled journalists

with **Erkan Pehlivan**, International Journalists Association