

Press freedom in crisis in Europe and the Arab world?

ACADEMIC PANEL DISCUSSION
27 November 2019, 5.00-7.00 pm

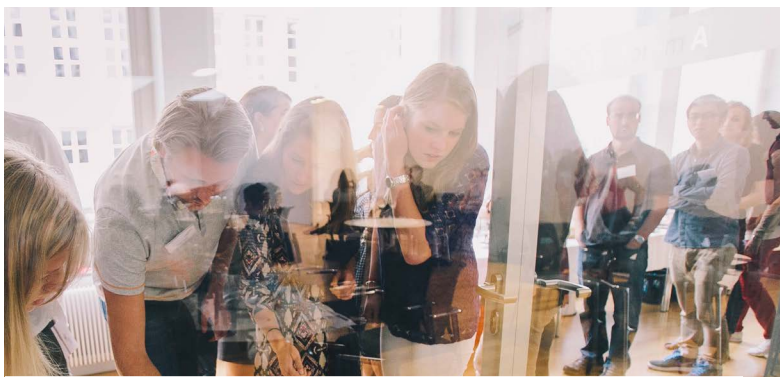
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PROGRAM

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While freedom of speech has traditionally been a strong joint belief in many different cultures, it is increasingly undermined by political and social restraints throughout the world. This is due to political pressure on journalists, insufficiently regulated hate speech in social media, and the inflammatory use of the label ‘fake news’. Is the belief in the freedom of speech as one of the foremost fundamental rights (as the Bundesverfassungsgericht coined it in its famous Lüth judgment) eroding?

List of Participants and their Affiliation



Hanan Badr
Professor, FU Berlin



Hatice Cengiz
Scholar and Author



Frank Plasberg
Journalist, Hart aber fair, ARD



Matthew C. Galizia
Journalist



Lina Al-Hathloul
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Katja Gloger
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ACADEMIC PANEL DISCUSSION

The academic lecture and subsequent panel discussion seek to answer questions such as: Is the freedom of speech and press in European and Arab countries in a current state of crisis? What are the main risks and threats that free speech and free press are facing today? What are the changing political, media-institutional, and societal parameters in European and Arab Countries that determine risks for journalists? Do new challenges and vulnerabilities for the freedom of speech and press emerge as a result of shifting political and media structures? Which political and legal responses can make the freedom of speech and press more resilient?

WEDNESDAY

27 November 2019, 5.00–7.00 pm

17:00 – 17:30 **Welcome & Introduction to Theme from the Perspective of Law and Communication Studies:**
Pierre Thielbörger & Hanan Badr



Hanan Badr studied journalism and mass communication at Cairo University and received her PhD from the University of Erfurt. Since 2019, she is Professor at the Institute for Media and Communication Studies at Freie Universität Berlin. Her research focuses on media discourses, the interdependence of media and democracy and media systems in times of transition in North Africa, the Arab countries and Europe.



Pierre Thielbörger (Moderator) studied law and journalism in Hamburg, Montreal and Berlin and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, before he received his PhD from the European University Institute. He holds a chair for German Public Law and Public International Law at Ruhr-University Bochum (RUB) since 2014 and is the Executive Director of the Institute of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV). He is also an Adjunct at the Hertie School in “Law and Governance”.

17:30 – 18:15 **MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION:**



Hatice Cengiz graduated from Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University in 2017 where she was a student of Islamic studies. In October 2018, her fiancé, the journalist Jamal Khashoggi, was killed in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. His death caused wide international political reactions. After his death, Cengiz wrote a book in memory of her fiancé which is inspired by her diary and personal insights.



Frank Plasberg has been moderating the weekly political talkshow „hart aber fair“ on prime time German television since 2001. He was awarded several prestigious awards for journalists, including the „Deutscher Fernsehpreis“, the “Adolf Grimme Preis” and the “Bambi” in the category ‘Moderation’.



Matthew Caruana Galizia holds degrees in journalism from Aarhus University and City University London. He previously worked for the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, which won the Pulitzer Prize for their investigations into the Panama Papers. Since 2017, he is working on the case surrounding the killing of his mother, Daphne Caruana Galizia, an investigative journalist who was killed by a car bomb in Malta in October 2017.



Lina Al-Hathloul studied law in Brussels and Fribourg. She is known for her relentless advocacy to free her sister Loujain Al-Hathloul, who has been detained in Saudi Arabia since 2018 due to her continuous fight on raising awareness of social issues, inter alia as a participant at the women’s to drive movement.



Katja Gloger studied Eastern European History, Slavistics and Politics at the Universities of Hamburg and Moscow. She covers Russian Affairs and International Security Policy as a freelance journalist and moderator. Being the author of several books on Russia, Katja Gloger is a regular guest on German TV and won several prestigious awards for journalists. She is spokesperson for the German Section of the NGO Reporters without Borders.

18:15 – 19:00 Questions from Audience

19:00 – 20:00 Reception after Event at Venue

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