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# ABOUT THE ASIA-EUROPE MEETING (ASEM)

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The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern.

ASEM brings together 53 members: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, the Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania,

Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Viet Nam plus the ASEAN Secretariat and the European Union.

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October 2014  
Milan, Italy

# MAIN MEDIA DIGITAL AGE

ROUNDTABLE

# OVERVIEW OF THE **10<sup>TH</sup> ASEF JOURNALISTS' COLLOQUIUM**

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The 10<sup>th</sup> ASEF Journalists' Colloquium will focus on crisis reporting and what Asian and European journalists can learn from each other. Whether it is a public health crisis such as the E. coli outbreak (2011) in Germany, or an environmental disaster like the cyclone Haiyan (2013) in the Philippines, or some of the recent terror attacks – both Asian as well as European media face many common challenges.

This Colloquium will enable practicing journalists from ASEM countries to share their experiences and best practices in dealing with challenges during crisis reporting from both Asian and European perspectives.

The Colloquium will be held in conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM12) to be held from 5-6 November 2015 in Luxembourg.





# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)'s objectives for the Colloquium is to enable open and candid discussions on the given subject. We wish to promote mutual understanding among journalists and other media practitioners from Asia and Europe.

The main sessions will be held as closed-door proceedings, where participants may speak their minds freely as individuals, not in any official capacity. We value your views and want you to participate actively.

To facilitate a frank discussion, Chatham House rules will apply to all sessions during the Colloquium.

# ABOUT THE **ASEF JOURNALISTS' COLLOQUIUM SERIES**

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The ASEF Journalists' Colloquium, which was first held in 1998, gathers top practicing and experienced journalists and media experts from Asia and Europe for an informal meeting to discuss important issues of common media interest in the two regions.

The Colloquium offers an opportunity for journalists to come together, share their experiences as media professionals, from national and regional levels in a direct exchange with their regional perspectives. Participants will get to discuss their work on specific thematic issues aligned with the ASEM agenda.

The ASEF Journalists' Colloquium is organised in conjunction with the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meetings, held every two years alternating between Asia and Europe.

Since 2013, the ASEF Journalists' Colloquium programme was merged with the Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar, which broadens the diversity of participants and enriches the existing Colloquium format.

## PREVIOUS EDITIONS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Colloquium for Journalists How Can Europe Help Asia Without Provoking A Backlash?

12 October 1998  
Singapore

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Colloquium for Journalists A Preview of the Indonesian Elections

12-14 May 1999  
Jakarta, Indonesia

### 1<sup>st</sup> Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar

18-24 May 2003  
Brussels, Belgium

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar

25 July 2003  
Bali, Indonesia

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar The Future of ASEM

8 May 2005  
Kyoto, Japan

### 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEF Journalists' Colloquium Building Interfaith Harmony Through the Media

20 July 2005  
Bali, Indonesia

### 4<sup>th</sup> ASEF Journalists' Colloquium Advancing Interfaith Understanding and Cooperation through the Media

1 July 2006  
Larnaca, Cyprus

### 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar Strategic Issues in Asia-Europe Relations: Perspectives from the Media

26-27 May 2007  
Hamburg, Germany

### 5<sup>th</sup> ASEF Journalists' Colloquium Deepening Interfaith Dialogue for Peace and Development through the Media

17-18 June 2007  
Nanjing, China

### 6<sup>th</sup> ASEF Journalists' Colloquium Interfaith Reporting in the Advent of New Media: Exercising Rights and Responsibilities

1-2 June 2008  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

### 5<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar Moving Towards a Post-Crisis World

23-24 May 2009  
Hanoi, Viet Nam

### 7<sup>th</sup> ASEF Journalists' Colloquium Keeping The Faith: Reporting On Religion

21-22 September 2009  
Seoul, Korea

### 8<sup>th</sup> ASEF Journalists' Colloquium Youth, Media and Interfaith: Sharing Knowledge, Building Trust

5-6 April 2010  
Madrid, Spain

### 6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar Climate Change Negotiations: Can the Media Play a Role in Sustaining the Momentum from Cancún?

4-6 June 2011  
Szentendre, Hungary

### 9<sup>th</sup> ASEF Journalists' Colloquium Media and the Green Agenda: Reporting on Sustainable Development in Asia and Europe

9-12 November 2013  
Gurgaon, Delhi-NCR, India

# PROGRAMME

## 4-6 NOVEMBER 2015

### WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

#### ALL DAY

**Participants' Arrival and Check-in**  
Alvisse Parc Hotel

**16:00 Departure for ASEF  
Photo Exhibition**

**16:30 Inauguration of the ASEF  
Photo Exhibition *On the Go***  
Hosted by Ms Lydie POLFER  
City Mayor, Luxembourg

**17:15 Welcome Reception  
for the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEF Journalists'  
Colloquium**  
City Hall of Luxembourg

### THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

**07:00 Breakfast**  
Alvisse Parc Hotel

**08:30 Registration**  
Wiltz Conference Room, Alvisse Parc Hotel

**09:00 Opening Session**  
Welcome Remarks  
**Ambassador ZHANG Yan**  
Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation  
(ASEF)

**09:10 Keynote Speech**  
**H.E. Romain SCHNEIDER**  
Minister for Development Cooperation  
and Humanitarian Action, Luxembourg

**09:20 Q&A with participating  
journalists**

**09:30 Opening Remarks**  
**Mr Torben STEPHAN**  
Director, Asia Media Programme,  
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)

**09:40 Introducing the Moderator**  
**Mr R. Raj Kumar**  
Director, Public Affairs, Asia-Europe  
Foundation (ASEF)

**09:45 Overview of Roundtable  
by the Moderator**  
**Prof. Robert G. PICARD**  
Director of Research, Reuters Institute for  
the Study of Journalism

**09:55 Session 1**  
**Experiencing live crisis reporting:  
During the Himalayan Quake in Nepal**  
**Mr Guna Raj LUITEL**  
Editor-in-Chief, Nagarik National Daily

**10:05 Session 1**  
**On-site challenges during crisis reporting:  
Fukushima case-study from Japan**  
**Mr Toshimitsu SAWAI**  
Former chief of Nuclear Energy News,  
Kyodo News

**10:15 Open Discussion**

**10:45 Coffee Break**

**11:00 Session 2**  
**Reporting for the communities  
affected by crisis**  
**Ms Lisa ROBINSON**  
Senior Advisor, BBC Media Action

**11:15 Session 2**  
**Effective reporting during public health  
emergencies**  
**Ms Amanda MCCLELLAND**  
Senior Officer – Health Emergency Team,  
International Federation of the Red Cross  
(IFRC)

**11:30 Open Discussion**

**12:00 End of the morning session**

**12:30 Group Photo**

**12:40 Lunch**  
Alvisse Parc Hotel

## FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

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**14:00** Session 3  
**Has the social media made crisis reporting easier or tougher?: Charlie-Hebdo experience**

**Mr Phil CHETWYND**  
Global News Editor, AFP

**14:15** Session 3  
**Safety during crisis reporting**

**Mr Umar CHEEMA**  
Senior Correspondent, The News

**14:30** Open Discussion

**15:00** Coffee Break

**15:15** Session 4  
**Workshop and Group Discussion**

**16:15** Presentation of the  
**Group Discussions by each  
Group Leader**

**16:45** Summary of the Group  
**Discussion by the Moderator**

**17:00** End of the afternoon session

**19:00** Reception hosted by  
**the Ministry of Luxembourg**  
Brasserie Guillaume at Place Guillaume

**21:00** End of Day 1

**08:00** Breakfast  
Alvisse Parc Hotel

**09:00** Session 5  
**Long-term coverage:  
Reporting beyond an immediate crisis**

**Ms Belinda GOLDSMITH**  
Editor-in-Chief, Thomson Reuters  
Foundation

**09:10** Open Discussion

**09:40** Closing Session  
Summary of Colloquium  
**Prof. Robert G. PICARD**  
Director of Research, Reuters Institute for  
the Study of Journalism

**10:00** Closing Remarks  
**Mr R. Raj Kumar**  
Director, Public Affairs, Asia-Europe  
Foundation (ASEF)

**10:15** End of Discussion Sessions

**11:30** Departure for the Press  
Conference

**12:30** Press Conference  
**for the 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting  
Foreign Ministers' Meeting  
(ASEM FMM12)**  
European Convention Center Luxembourg,  
4, place de l'Europe, L-1499 Luxembourg

**13:00** Selected Colloquium  
**representatives hand over the  
outcomes of the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEF  
Journalists' Colloquium to  
the Heads of ASEM Delegation  
present**

**13:30** Lunch

**EVENING** Cultural Programme &  
**Farewell Dinner**  
Hosted by the Foreign Ministry of  
Luxembourg

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### H.E. Romain SCHNEIDER

**Minister for Development Cooperation and  
Humanitarian Action, Luxembourg**



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Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Following the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Romain SCHNEIDER entered the coalition government between the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers Party (LSAP) as Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development Sports Minister, Minister for Solidarity Economy dated July 23, 2009.

Following the legislative elections of October 20, 2013, he was appointed as the Minister of Social Security, Minister of Cooperation and Humanitarian Action, Sports Minister dated 4 December 2013 in the coalition government of the Democratic Party (DP), the LSAP and Greens ("déli gréng"). Member of the LSAP since 1981, he was the General Secretary from 2004 to 2009.

Locally, Romain Schneider was initially a member of the 1994 to 1999 Wiltz municipal council and mayor from 2000 to 2009, a position he held until his appointment to the government in July 2009. Elected to the Chamber of Deputies on the list of LSAP in the Northern District in 2004, Romain Schneider was particularly active on issues related to employment, the environment, agriculture, health and Security social. He was re-elected in 2009 and 2013.

Before becoming an MP in July 2004, Romain Schneider was an official with the Employment Administration (ADEM meanwhile called Agency for employment development) from 1980 and an officer of the Agency ADEM Wiltz in 1989.

## OPENING/CLOSING REMARKS



### Yan ZHANG

**Ambassador, Executive Director  
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**



Ambassador ZHANG Yan is the 6th Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). His latest deputation before joining ASEF was as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of India (2007 - October 2012). He is a veteran diplomat, with experience spanning over 30 years, serving in many countries including Liberia, Switzerland, the United States, Singapore, Austria and India.



### Torben STEPHAN

**Director, Media Programme Asia  
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Ltd.**



Torben STEPHAN is Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Media Programme Asia. He studied political science and worked many years as a journalist and editor for different newspapers in Germany. From 2002 to 2013 he held different positions in several election campaigns for Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Party (CDU). After 10 years of campaigning he switched to the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



### Raj Kumar RENGARAJU

**Director of Public Affairs  
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**



Mr RENGARAJU Raj Kumar is the Director of Public Affairs for the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). He took up this post in July 2014. Raj Kumar joined the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1986 and since then has served numerous stints in the Ministry's Headquarters as well as overseas postings including Malaysia, Indonesia, the United States and South Africa.

## MODERATOR

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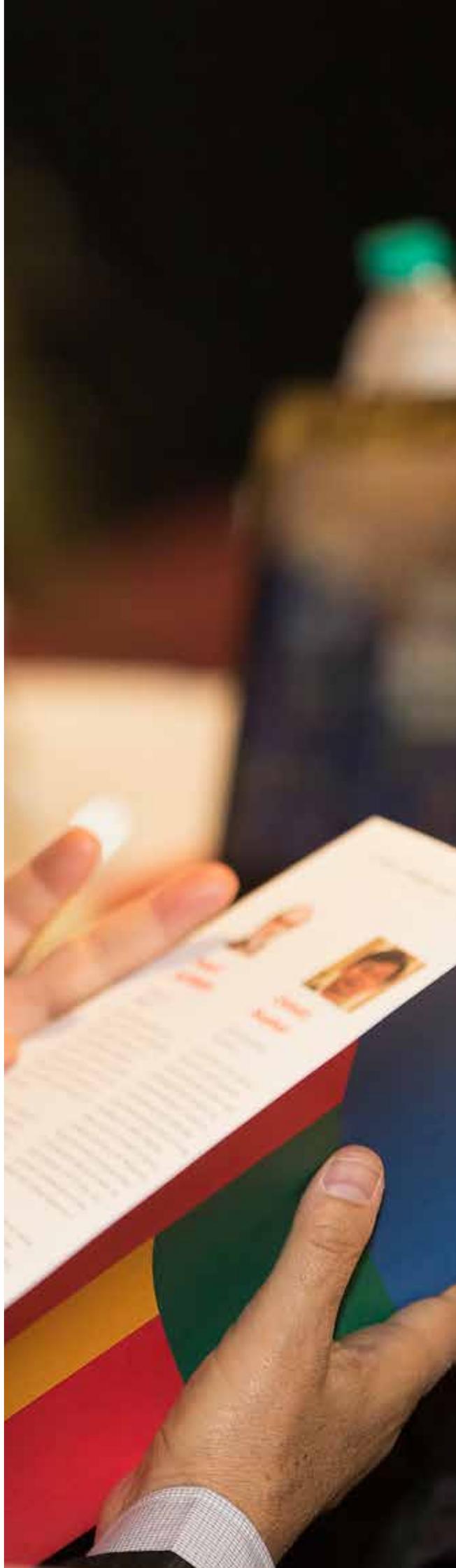
### Robert G. PICARD

Director of Research  
Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism



Prof. Robert G. PICARD is a staff member of the Reuters Institute in the Department of Politics and International Relations at University of Oxford, a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and an affiliated fellow of the Information Society Project at Yale University. Picard received his PhD from the University of Missouri, completed advanced media policy training in the Annenberg Washington Public Policy Program, and has been a fellow at the Shorenstein Center at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He has consulted and carried out assignments for governments, international organizations, and media companies worldwide.

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## SESSION 01

### SPEAKERS



**Experiencing live crisis reporting:** During the Himalayan Quake in Nepal

### Guna Raj LUITEL

Editor-in-Chief  
Nagarik National Daily



Guna Raj LUITEL is Editor-in-Chief of Nagarik, Nepal's leading national daily. Previously, he edited Annapurna Post, another major daily of Nepal. Luitel was also principal writer and commentator on Nepal's most-read online portal, setopati.com. He was also a columnist for the Nepali Times, a Kathmandu-based English weekly. Luitel worked as a news editor at Kantipur national daily. He has been active in Nepal's mainstream journalism for over two decades.

Luitel holds an MA in Journalism from the Asian Centre for Journalism at Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines. He travelled extensively across Nepal during the height of the armed conflict (1996-2006), and was featured in numerous international documentaries. His stories have been published in various international media outlets. He actively covered Nepal's devastating earthquake in April 2015 for national and international news agencies.

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**On-site challenges during crisis reporting:** Fukushima case-study from Japan

### Toshimitsu SAWAI

Former chief of Nuclear Energy News  
Kyodo News



Toshimitsu SAWAI is Senior Editor at Kyodo News Agency in Japan. Prior to that, he was Chief Editor for Nuclear Energy news from 2012-2014.

He began his career with Kyodo News as domestic news correspondent in 1985, his journalistic career spans over 30 years, posted as a correspondent in Islamabad, Bangkok, Nairobi, and Washington. He has over the years covered an extensive range of topics including nuclear energy, international affairs, finance and economics.

Sawai holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Hitotsubashi University in Japan.

## SESSION 02

### SPEAKERS



**Reporting  
for the  
communities  
affected by  
crisis**

**Lisa  
ROBINSON**

**Senior Advisor  
BBC Media Action**



Lisa ROBINSON is a Senior Adviser at BBC Media Action on resilience and humanitarian response. She leads on strategy within these sectors and supports project and policy work. She has been involved in a range of media and communication projects for development and crisis response for over 15 years, including a number of humanitarian responses in conflict areas. Lisa was a co-founder of the Communication with Disaster Affected Communities (CDAC) Network.

She holds two Master's degrees in Global Media and Communication from the London School of Economics and from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School.



**Effective  
reporting  
during  
public health  
emergencies**

**Amanda  
McCLELLAND**

**Senior Emergency Health Officer  
International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent**



Amanda McCLELLAND is an experienced public health professional with more than 12 years field experience in a variety of contexts across Africa and Asia Pacific. Her experience is in community-based health and communicable disease control, supporting Red Cross National Societies response to over 25 epidemics a year. Most recently she was the technical lead for the IFRC Ebola response in Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia.

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## SESSION 03

### SPEAKERS



**Has social media made crisis reporting easier or tougher? Charlie-Hebdo experience**

#### Phil CHETWYND

Global Editor-in-Chief  
AFP



Phil CHETWYND was appointed AFP's Paris-based Global Editor-in-Chief in October 2012. He is responsible for the output of some 1,500 text, photo and video journalists and plays a major role in driving the agency's evolving multimedia strategy around the world.

He joined AFP in 1996 after 3 years in British regional newspapers and has since been posted in the Middle East, Europe and Asia. He reported as a special correspondent from some 20 countries including Afghanistan, Pakistan, North Korea, Israel and the United States in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

Chetwynd was also AFP's Deputy Bureau Chief in China for 2 years. Between 2002 and 2012, he was based in Hong Kong as first News Editor and then Chief Editor for the Asia-Pacific region where he gained widespread experience managing major global stories such as the 2004 and 2011 tsunamis, the conflict in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and the rise of China.

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**Safety during crisis reporting**

#### Umar CHEEMA

Senior Correspondent  
The News



Umar CHEEMA is a co-founder of the Center for Investigative Reporting in Pakistan and an investigative reporter with The News. He has set a high standard for quality journalism in a country where reporters are routinely attacked and murdered.

In 2010, he was kidnapped and tortured for writing critical stories about the government. Since then he has continued to write hard-hitting reports: his series exposing tax evasion by MPs forced the government to make public tax records of lawmakers and other citizens. Pakistan has become fourth country to do so after Norway, Sweden and Finland. His campaign helped expedite the introduction of a right to information law by a provincial government.

Cheema has received numerous awards for his reporting, including the Knight International Journalism Award, the International Press Freedom Award, the Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Services in Journalism, the Tully Free Speech Award and the Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism.

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## SESSION 05

### SPEAKERS

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**Long-term coverage:**  
Reporting beyond an immediate crisis

### Belinda GOLDSMITH

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Thomson Reuters Foundation



Belinda GOLDSMITH is the Editor-in-Chief of the Thomson Reuters Foundation, running a global team of nearly 30 journalists and a network of about 100 stringers covering humanitarian issues, women's rights, human trafficking, climate change and corruption. She joined the Thomson Reuters Foundation in 2014 after 20 years of working as a Reuters correspondent from over 20 countries, reporting on political, financial and general news and leading various news teams. Recruited in Papua New Guinea where she was the first female correspondent for Australian Associated Press, she worked for Reuters in Australia, Sweden, the United States and Britain in a variety of senior roles. She has run courses for journalists in developing countries and is a regular speaker at universities and in the media on careers in journalism.

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**The Daily Star**

Emran HOSSAIN spent 6 months in 2014 investigating human trafficking at sea, which The Daily Star in Bangladesh published in May 2015. The stories also ran in broadsheets in 21 cities in South Asian countries, Thailand, Malaysia, China and Singapore.

He received the Transparency International Bangladesh Investigative Journalism Award in 2010 for revealing how corruption delayed the trial of perpetrators for tainting cough syrups in the 90s. His reporting led to the resumption of trials after 16 years with the perpetrators jailed in 2014.

He also covered the collapse of the Bangladesh garment factory Rana Plaza that killed over 1,100 garment workers.

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### Hakimul-Hayat Shamsul HAYAT

Borneo Bulletin, Brunei Darussalam

**Borneo Bulletin**

Hakimul-Hayat Shamsul HAYAT is a Senior Reporter for Borneo Bulletin in Brunei Darussalam. He joined Borneo Bulletin in 2011, changing careers from the banking sector to journalism. He has had a profound interest in international and local affairs and a long-standing passion for writing since his school days.

He reported on the international events, including reporting on ASEAN, ASEAN-EU, State Visits, and other national events. Talking from Brunei's worst aviation disaster experience in 2012, he thinks crisis reporting, within a short frame of time with little official data available, can be extremely challenging.

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### Spas SPASOV

Dnevnik, Bulgaria

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Spas SPASOV is a journalist for Economedia SA, publisher of the most influential weekly in Bulgaria Capital, the daily newspaper Dnevnik, and Dnevnik.bg. He specialises in investigative reporting and also covers human rights, political and economic issues.

For his investigative reports, Spas was awarded with the Human of the Year Award for Journalistic Courage by the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee in 2012, and at the International Right to Know Day in 2014.

Spas is also a 2013 World Press Institute Fellow.

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### Leng SAKANA

Television of Cambodia, Cambodia



Leng SAKANA is a reporter for Television of Cambodia (TVK) in Phnom Penh. She began her journalistic career in 2013 reporting international news on TV.

Since then, she has reported on several international crises, including on Syria, Iraq and Yemen.

She graduated with a degree in English Literature from the University of Cambodia in 2014.



### Xiaolei ZHU

Global Times Online, China



ZHU Xiaolei is Chief Editor at the Editing and Translation Department at Huanqiu.com (Global Times Online). She has reported on political, economic and international news, and specialises in public health emergency reporting. She has reported on the Fukushima nuclear disaster, and on GMO and food safety issues in China, amongst other things.

She believes that while disasters lead the public to panic, she focuses her reporting on explaining scientific theory in hopes of guiding the public towards clearer thought, and calls on government institutions to do more in times of disaster.

She has begun research on the influence on social media on public crises and looks forward to learning more in this colloquium.



### Miho DOBRAŠIN

Croatian News Agency, Croatia



Miho DOBRAŠIN is a foreign correspondent for Croatian national news agency Hina, based in Madrid. He previously worked as the correspondent for Ukraine, covering the war conflict in that country.

Prior to his post at Hina, he worked for the leading Croatian daily newspaper Večernji List, business daily newspaper Poslovni Dnevnik, Slovenian daily newspaper Delo, and other Croatian media.

In 2011, he won the European Young Journalist Award for his contribution to a better understanding of the European economic crisis.

In the last 13 years he has covered international relations, economy, crisis, politics, culture and sports. He holds degrees in economics and international relations.

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### Sebastien FALLETTI

**Le Figaro**, France

**LE FIGARO**

Sebastien FALLETTI is the Shanghai-based correspondent for French daily newspaper Le Figaro. He covers political and business news extensively in China and Asia. Until 2014, he was based in Seoul for 6 years covering both North and South Korea as well as key crises in the region, including Fukushima and political turmoils in Thailand. He also wrote the book 'A Thousands Miles to Freedom' with North Korean defector Eunsun Kim, which was recently published in the US and won applause from the international press.

Sebastien was based in Brussels from 2004 until 2008, covering EU Foreign affairs and trade issues for Euro politics, to which he still contributes regularly about EU-Asia relations. He holds Master's degrees from both the London School of Economics and Sorbonne University.

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### Alexandra VON NAHMEN

**Deutsche Welle**, Germany



Alexandra VON NAHMEN is one of DW's most experienced war and crisis correspondents. As DW's bureau chief in Moscow she covered the war in Georgia in 2008. She reported from South Kyrgyzstan in 2010 about ethnic clashes in the city of Osh, and was on the scene shortly after the Moscow Metro bomb attacks in the same year. She went to Belarus to report on an alleged terror attack on the Minsk underground, as well as the brutal suppression of protests against President Lukashenko. In 2014 she traveled to Ukraine to cover the uprising against the regime of Viktor Yanukovich. In 1999, she started working for DW as a political correspondent in Berlin. From 2007-2012 she headed DW's Moscow bureau. After 2 years as DW's managing editor in Berlin, she is now the head of DW's TV planning department.



### Zsófia VÉGH

**Budapest Business Journal**, Hungary



Zsófia VÉGH is a Budapest-based journalist with a decade of experience in mainstream Hungarian and English-language media. A business journalist and editor, she has worked for the largest national newspapers, including political and economic dailies Magyar Hírlap and Napi Gazdaság, as well as international outlets such as Bloomberg LP. As the journalist of the Budapest Business Journal, Hungary's leading English-language newspaper, she writes in-depth stories on a number of sectors and current economic and political events. She often travels abroad to cover international conferences, events – for more than three years, she edited and wrote BBJ's EU affairs column. An avid runner and paragliding pilot; she enjoys outdoors activities, language learning and design.

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### Rohini MOHAN

The Economic Times, India

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Rohini MOHAN is an award-winning journalist based in Bangalore, India, writing on politics and human rights in South Asia. Her book, 'The Seasons of Trouble' (2014) is a non-fiction account of 3 people living in post-war Sri Lanka.

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### Purwani DIYAH PRABANDARI

Tempo English, Indonesia

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Purwani DIYAH PRABANDARI is coordinating editor of Tempo English magazine published by Tempo Inti Media Group. She has worked in various desks such politics, foreign affairs, lifestyle, and business in Tempo magazine, Koran Tempo daily, and Tempo English.

During her 18 years working with the group, she covered the referendum in East Timor (1999), Aceh after the tsunami (2005), and the conflict in Palestine and Israel (2001). Her most recent challenging assignment was reporting on the Rohingya people in their isolation area in Sittwe, Rakhine state of Myanmar (2015). She was also a member of Tempo's team that wrote the magazine's standard of operation for disaster reporting.



### Giuseppe SOLINAS

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Giuseppe SOLINAS is a journalist for RaiNews, the 24-hours news channel of Rai, the Italian national public television. He reported from Kurdistan at the onset of the Daesh attack. He also covered the Arab uprising in Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt, and was amongst the first reporters to enter the besieged Tahrir Square and Taksim Square protests in Istanbul, Turkey. He endured scarce food supplies in Tacloban after typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, and traveled to Nepal after the earthquake in 2015. Other assignments include the Charlie Hebdo shootout in Paris, maritime piracy in Yemen and Djibuti, missions abroad of the Italian Foreign Minister, the mid-term elections in the US, and the ebola crisis.

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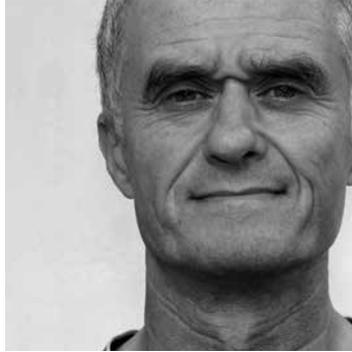
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He retired from the Latvian Armed Forces in 2006. Prior to military service, he worked as an architect and for some time as a firefighter. He used his experience as a firefighter in writing several stories covering a deadly fire in 2007 at Regi, a social care center, where 23 persons with mental problems lost their lives.

He is keen to achieve new experiences and skills, travels a lot but tries to avoid beaten tracks. He is married with three children.

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### Stefan KÖNIG

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Stefan KÖNIG began his career as a journalist in 2001 at the regional state television of German state of Saarland, Saarländischer Rundfunk. Since 2007, he has been an economics journalist at Luxembourgian daily newspaper Tageblatt.

He went to school in Germany and Italy and studied International Relations and Economics at the London School of Economics (LSE) and Political Science at the Institut d'études politiques de Paris (SciencesPo).

## PARTICIPANTS



### Bernard SEE

**Star Publications**, Malaysia



Bernard SEE is Assistant News Editor for The Star in Penang, Malaysia. He began as a trainee reporter in October 1990, and covered the crime beat for almost 20 years before being promoted. During his career as a crime reporter, he covered all sorts of tragedies ranging from sea disasters to the 2004 tsunami in Southeast Asia, where tens of thousands of people died when the high waves hit coastal towns.

He now takes a backseat role, teaching rookie reporters what he has learned in many years covering the crime beat.



### Darrin Zammit LUPI

**Times of Malta**, Malta



Darrin Zammit LUPI was born in Malta in 1968. He joined Times of Malta in 1996 and Reuters on a freelance basis a year later. His work over the past two decades has taken him all over the world, during which time he covered the Bosnian war, the Kosovo refugee crisis, the Southeast Asia tsunami tragedy, the Libyan conflict, development issues in various parts of Africa and several other international assignments. His work has been widely published in the international press, including TIME, Newsweek, The New York Times, The Sunday Times, The Guardian, Paris Match, The Sydney Morning Herald, Der Spiegel, and others. In 2014, he published his own book on migration called Isle Landers.

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### Tsetsegsuren BOLD

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Tsetsegsuren BOLD has been working as a journalist for 5 years. She has written extensively on business and economics, environment, and energy.

In 2010, she began her journalism career at the Today daily newspaper, the largest independent newspaper in Mongolia. She joined The Government News as an Editor in May 2015. She has reported from 10 countries, including Myanmar, Viet Nam, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, and Austria.

She graduated in 2010 from the University of the Humanities in Mongolia with a degree in International Journalism.

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### Wouter VAN CLEEF

Trouw, Netherlands



Wouter VAN CLEEF is a freelance correspondent in Southeast Asia, working mainly for Dutch newspaper Trouw. From 2002-2004 he was based in Tokyo and has since 2004 been based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Wouter studied in Leiden (the Netherlands), Stellenbosch (South Africa) and Tokyo (Japan). He graduated as a Master of Political Science from Leiden University.

As a journalist, he covered several crises and their aftermaths, including typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2013 and the Nepal earthquake in 2015.

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### Lorelei MASON

Television New Zealand, New Zealand



Lorelei MASON has been Television New Zealand's health reporter for 17 years. She is one of the network's most senior correspondents, having worked at TVNZ for the past 22 years. Prior to this, Lorelei presented for Sky Television, co-presented a nightly news show "Newsnight", worked as a reporter for BBC Breakfast News, the BBC World Service in London, and for Radio New Zealand.

She has won several major journalism awards, including the prestigious Qantas Daily Television News Reporter of the Year award twice, in 2002 and 2005, and more than a dozen awards in both New Zealand and Australia.

She has reported on all major health stories in New Zealand and relevant stories in Australia, the Pacific, and the USA. She has also covered general news, and assisted in the coverage of the earthquakes in Christchurch.



### Zulqernain TAHIR

Dawn Media Group, Pakistan



Zulqernain TAHIR has been a Staff reporter for Daily Dawn since 2001 after finishing his post-graduate studies in English Literature and Journalism at the Punjab University Lahore.

During his career, he covered major beats such as politics, crime, environment, health, minorities, aviation, and telecommunication, during the course of which he unearthed a good number of scams.

He is the recipient of two awards for protecting the heritage of Lahore (2004 and 2006) by the Lahore Conservation Society, and of two bronze medals in the first National Health Awards 2009 by the Pakistani government for his extensive coverage of floods in Pakistan.

He contributes to BBC Urdu, Herald, and to the Press Trust of India.

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### Matikas SANTOS

Inquirer.net, Philippines

**INQUIRER.net**

Matikas SANTOS has been with Inquirer.net, the website of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, since September 2011. As a multimedia reporter, he has covered foreign affairs, the Senate, and national defence. He also covered the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban City back in 2013.

As NewsLab lead for the Inquirer, he is in charge of the research and development team that seeks to discover, experiment, and implement new ways of presenting content to the newspaper's predominantly young audience.

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Magdalena BUKACKA has been working in media for 10 years. She has been working for the morning show Good Morning TVN for the last five years, and has also worked for CNN, TV Tokyo, and MTV, as well as for various magazines and newspapers.

She has covered a wide range of crises, including preparing footages in refugee camps in Myanmar, women's issues, and political situations that affect the common people.

She was nominated for the Mediterranean Journalist Award in 2014 for her interviews with bereaved Israeli and Palestinian fathers by the Thomson Reuters Foundation and Anna Lindh Foundation.

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### Bogdan STANCIU

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**Transilvania Reporter**

Bogdan STANCIU is an experienced journalist based in Cluj-Napoca, Romania's second biggest city. He climbed the ranks in the local press, starting as a junior reporter in 1995 to regional deputy Editor-in-Chief for two major national daily newspapers in 2005-2008 and 2008-2011, respectively.

He started his own journalistic project in 2012, won some accolades, failed financially, and returned to mainstream media as the online editor for local weekly Transilvania Reporter and as a feature writer for a respected national monthly magazine Sinteza since 2013.

Bogdan co-authored an award-winning book about the local soccer derby in Cluj-Napoca in 2012, and contributed to a couple of collective volumes in 2013 and 2015.

## PARTICIPANTS



### Maria BALIABINA

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She has covered terror attacks, including a student shooting at a Moscow high school in 2014. She has also covered industrial disasters, major political and economic events in Russia and abroad, both on the field or at the office.

She was born in Siberia, USSR, finished school in Uzbekistan, and studied Russian philology at the Moscow State University.



### Kevin LIM

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Kevin LIM joined The Straits Times as a photojournalist in 2009. He graduated as a journalism major from Nanyang Technological University's School of Communication and Information (Singapore), where he developed an interest in news photography.

He relishes shooting general news and sports for the newspaper. His experience includes coverage of the Malaysian Elections and Typhoon Haiyan's aftermath in Tacloban in 2013, Indonesia's legislative elections in 2014, and the AirAsia QZ8501 disaster in 2015.



### Ida KARLSSON

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Her work covers many fields of expertise including investigative reporting, international perspectives, UN affairs, EU affairs, development and sustainability, international politics, and human rights.

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### Punnee AMORN- VIPUTPANICH

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Between 2004 and 2013, she was Editor of Kom Chad Lued, one of Thailand's biggest mass-circulation Thai-language daily newspapers. From 2013 onwards Punnee is the Editor for Special Reports for The Nation Convergence Newsroom.

Outside of work Punnee frequently facilitates workshops ranging from advocacy writing, investigative news and crisis reporting for Thailand Journalist Association

Her articles have won awards including "Best Child Rights Reporting" UNICEF Thailand, "Best Environmental Reporting" Isara Amantakul Foundation and "Human Right Media Award" Amnesty International Thailand.

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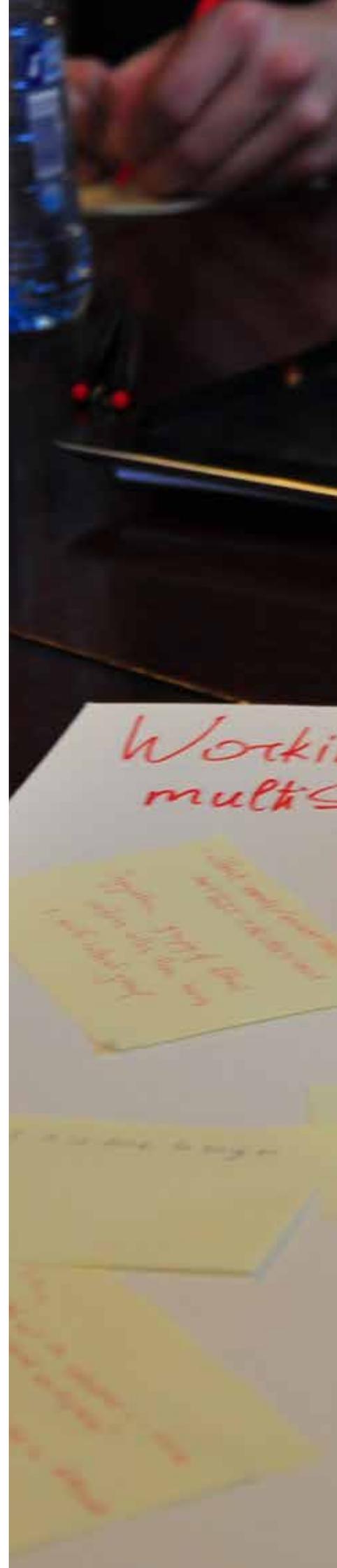
### Phuoc HOANG BUU

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Phuoc HOANG BUU works as a regional reporter for national English daily newspaper Viet Nam News, covering news in the Vietnamese central region. Prior to this, he worked in the newsroom in Ho Chi Minh City from 2009-2013, covering social and environmental issues in southern Viet Nam.

Now in Hue, he assumed full responsibility of all crisis reporting beats, aside from reporting on environmental issues such as climate change and pollution.



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