

The Research Group MEKK's
10th International
Conference

On The Safety Of Journalists

31.10-01.11.2024 // Pilestredet 46, 3rd Floor // OsloMet University

On The Safety of Journalists

The 10th annual conference on the Safety of Journalists – Paper Sessions

We are excited to welcome you to this year's conference and would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has submitted their papers.

This year's sessions will cover a broad range of important themes, including journalism in conflict zones, digital security, disinformation, the rights and resilience of media professionals, gender and safety in journalism, professional perspectives, indexes, interventions, and the specific challenges of reporting on elections.

Additionally, we will host a workshop on the Report for the World project, led by Preethi Nallu and her team, which connects local newsrooms with journalists to cover under-reported issues worldwide.

The paper sessions will be held in Pilestredet 46, 3rd Floor.

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We look forward to two days of productive and engaging sessions. Thank you for joining us and contributing to our conference.

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Paper sessions

13:30 -16:15

Risk, perception and reaction: Considering safety and trauma in multiple reporting contexts

Andreas Ytterstad, chair

Room: 311

Byron Fernando Bustamante Granda

Desiree Hill

Mercedes De Luis Andrés

Anda Rožukalne, Ilva Skulte, Alnis Stakle

BREAK 14:50-15:15

Leire Iturregui Mardaras

Sihle Nyathi, Jeferson Moreira Goncalves & Ken Barton

Osman Osman

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Digital security, disinformation and surveillance

Fabrizio Palumbo, chair

Room: 314

Viviane Schönbächler

Gwavava Wellington, Lizete Barbosa da Nóbrega &

Nkululeko Sibya

Daniela Osvald Ramos

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Rights, resilience and media freedoms

Anne Håskoll-Haugen & Pheladi Sethusa chairs

Room: 318

Athina Simatou & Pantelis Vatikiotis

Maria Theresa Konow-Lund

Gemma Horton

Antonia Skadberg

BREAK 14:50-15:15

Rui Alexandre Novais

Michael Nevradakis

Jesús Arroyave Cabrera

13:30 - 15:35

Journalism and conflict across countries and media cultures

Melike Isleyen, chair

Room: 329 P46

Amir Hamza Marwan

Helge Rønning

Nina Malovana

Shahira S. Fahmy & Mona Alsaba

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Kristina Riegert

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Paper sessions

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Gender, journalism and safety

Fabrizio Palumbo, chair

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Samiksha Koirala

Rita Araújo

Leire Iturregui Mardaras & Rosa Meneses

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Isabella Bergo Crosta, Margaret Grundy,

Naeema Hussein El Kout & Antonia Skadberg

Christine Kabazira, Svea Vikander & Roxane Volclair

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Reporting on elections: local and regional challenges

Melike Isleyen, chair

Room: 314

Peter Tiako Ngangum

Collen Chambwera

Gerald Walulya

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Mbongeni Msimanga

Altaf Khan

Smitha Khorana

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Paper sessions

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Workshop: Report for the World

Ingerid Salvesen & Pheladi Sethusa chair

Room: 329

Preethi Nallu & team

13:30 - 15:25

Professional perspectives - indexes and interventions

Patrick Kollman, chair

Room: 318

Maria Ordzhonikidze
Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova
Daniela Osvald Ramos

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Maria Grisel Salazar
Abit Hoxa

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The quality of contributions this year is exceptional, and we are eager to share them with all participants.

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Day I: 31 October 2024, Oslo Met:

Risk, perception and reaction: Considering safety and trauma in multiple reporting contexts.

Room: 311 P46

Andreas Ytterstad, chair

Time	Name of presenter	Affiliation	Title of paper
13.30-13.50	Byron Fernando Bustamante Granda	Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja	Psychosocial Risk Factors for Journalists in Latin America: A Comparative Analysis of Young and Senior Journalists
13.50-14.10	Desiree Hill	University of Oklahoma	Double Trauma: Ukrainian Journalists Covering War in Their Home Country
14.10-14.30	Mercedes De Luis Andrés	Alpen-Adria University, Austrian Academy of Sciences	Reconstructing Collective Memory Through Journalism Reading Circles
14.30-14.50	Anda Rožukalne, Ilva Skulte, Alnis Stakle	Riga Stradins University	Perception of and Reaction to Safety Risks Among Latvian Journalists in the Context of Conflict and War
BREAK			
15.15-15.35	Leire Iturregui Mardaras (2)	University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU)	Safety conditions of Spanish journalists covering international conflicts
15.35-15.55	Sihle Nyathi, Jeferson Moreira Goncalves & Ken Barton	Safety Matters PhDs	Safety Matters (Trauma)
15.55-16.15	Osman Osman	NYU	Navigating the frontlines, Kenyan journalists and the perils of reporting on the Somali conflict

Digital security, disinformation and surveillance

Room: 314 P46

Fabrizio Palumbo, chair

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13.30-13.50	Viviane Schönbachler	University of Hamburg	Until it gets you? Journalists' exposure to online threats in Germany
13.50-14.10	Gwavava Wellington, Lizete Barbosa da Nóbrega & Nkululeko Sibya	Safety Matters PhD students	Safety Matters (digital group)
14.10-14.30	Daniela Osvald Ramos (1)		Tracking Disinformation in Digital Political Campaigns to Ensure Journalists' Safety
14.30-14.50	Bariş Çoban	Dogus University	Investigative Journalism Under Pressure: The Role of Young Investigative Journalists in Turkey's Democratic Resilience
BREAK			
15.15-15.35	Murtaza Mohiqi	University of Agder	AI and Journalist Safety: Safeguarding Journalists in Conflict Zones Through Predictive Analytics
15.35-15.55	Abit Hoxha, Georgios Terzis & Solomon Kebede Gebremeskel	University of Agder	Surveillance and engagement: how diasporic journalists perceive their digital safety

Rights, resilience and media freedoms

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Anne Håskoll-Haugen and Pheladi Sethusa, chairs

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13.30-13.50	Athina Simatou & Pantelis Vatikiotis.	Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences	How to report on abuses against journalists' rights taking place during war: A rights-based approach
13.50-14.10	Maria Theresa Konow-Lund	OsloMet	Media Resilience in a Norwegian News Desert: Navigating the Chasm between Mainstream Narratives and Local Realities
14.10-14.30	Gemma Horton	Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield	Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation (SLAPPs) present a threat to media freedom
14.30-14.50	Antonia Skadberg (1)	OsloMet	Analysing the 2022 European Media Freedom Act and Its Impact on Independent Journalism in the EU
BREAK			
15.15-15.35	Rui Alexandre Novais	Universidade Católica Portuguesa	Enemy construction of the media as a right-wing populist blame avoidance tactical attack in the 2024 EU Elections
15.35-15.55	Michael Nevradakis	CYA (college year in Athens)	Barriers to the Safety and Independence of Journalists in Greece
15.55-16.15	Jesús Arroyave Cabrera	Universidad del Norte	Journalist Safety in Colombia: An Analysis of Threats and Self-Censorship Among Journalists

Journalism and conflict across countries & media cultures.

Room: 329 P46

Melike Isleyen, chair

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13.30-13.50	Amir Hamza Marwan	Institute of Business Administration Karachi	Examining self- censorship among journalist in Pakistan's 2024 Elections
13.50-14.10	Helge Rønning	University of Oslo	A "New War" in the Media: International Press Covering Cabo Delgado
14.10-14.30	Nina Malovana	Sumy State University	The Role of Journalists During the War in Ukraine: Biased and Unbiased News
14.30-14.50	Shahira S. Fahmy & Mona Alsaba	American University in Cairo	Storytelling through Peril: Palestinian Journalists' Challenges in Reporting on the Israeli-Gaza Conflict
BREAK			
15.15-15.35	Kristina Riegert	Södertörn University	A Comparative Analysis of Norwegian and Swedish Public Service Coverage of the Gaza Conflict

Day II: 1 of November 2024, OsloMet University,

Gender, journalism and safety

Room: 311 P46

Fabrizio Palumbo, chair

Time	Name of presenter	Affiliation	Title of paper
13.30-13.50	Samiksha Koirala	North South University	The Role and Resilience of Women Journalists in Bangladesh: A Case Study of Online and On-Air Harassment During 2024 Uprising
13.50-14.10	Rita Araújo	Communication and Society Research Centre	Violence towards female journalists in Portugal: Online and offline challenges
14.10-14.30	Leire Iturregui Mardaras & Rosa Meneses	University of the Basque Country	The Gender Perspective in Journalist Safety in Spain: Research and Profession
BREAK			
14.45-15.05	Isabella Bergo Crosta, Margaret Grundy, Naeema Hussein El Kout & Antonia Skadberg	PhDs Safety Matters	Safety Matters (gender)
15.05-15.25	Christine Kabazira, Svea Vikander & Roxane Volcair	Independent journalist, Le Monde Diplomatique, University of the Basque Country	The Psychological Impact of Reporting on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Uganda

Reporting on elections: local and regional challenges.

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13.30-13.50	Peter Tiako Ngangum	Université Libre de Bruxelles	Covering Elections and Conflict: Challenges for the Media in Cameroon
13.50-14.10	Collen Chambwera	University of the Witwatersrand	Occupational safety and journalism in Zimbabwe's 2023 elections
14.10-14.30	Gerald Walulya	Makerere University	Covering Elections in an Internet Blackout: Hindrances, Consequences, and Strategies for Navigating Digital Repression
BREAK			
14.45-15.05	Mbongeni Msimanga	Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Johannesburg	Trolling of Journalists During Elections: A Cross-National Study of South Africa, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe
15.05-15.25	Altaf Khan	FCCU Lahore	Covering Pakistani Election: Challenges of Covering Personalities, Processions, and Election Results
15:25 -15:45	Smitha Khorana	Independent Scholar and Journalist	Journalist Safety and Digital Authoritarianism: A Cross-Cultural Examination

Professional perspectives – indexes and interventions:
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Patrick Kollman, chair

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13.30-13.50	Maria Ordzhonikidze	Justice for Journalists Foundation	Monitoring Attacks on Independent Media in Post-Soviet Countries: Findings and Challenges
13.50-14.10	Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova	University of Liverpool	A Global Index on Journalists' Safety: First Results from the Worlds of Journalism Study
14.10-14.30	Daniela Osvald Ramos (2)	University of São Paulo	A War-Like Scenario? A Preliminary Approach to Journalist Safety During the Rio Grande do Sul Floods
BREAK			
14.45-15.05	Maria Grisel Salazar	Ibero American University	Organizational Conditions Matter: Explaining Mexican Journalists' Safety from a Meso Perspective
15.05-15.25	Abit Hoxa & Georgios Terzis	University of Agder	Ethical perspectives and possible impacts of journalism safety interventions: 'value' amid conflict

Workshop: Report for the World
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Ingerid Salvesen og Pheladi Sethusa chairs, chair

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