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(AJKF)

Press Release – International Conference “Press freedoms under conditions of international instability and terrorism”

On February 18th, 2016, the Assoziation Journalisten im Kampf um den Frieden, e.V. (AJKF) will hold an international conference on “Press freedoms under conditions of international instability and terrorism” at Hôtel Westminster, 13 rue de la Paix 75002 Paris, France (tel. +33 142 61 5746).

The conference will bring together a select and unique grouping of analytic journalists and experts. The special work of these journalists and experts has focused on today's pressing subjects of terrorism, war, economic instability, and socio-political repression. These journalists and experts will deliver presentations on the scope of their work and their findings, as well as some of the obstacles from governments, security agencies, and corporations, which they have encountered along the way. We live in a time of great upheaval and uncertainty, and it is critical that civil society stands united in defense of independent journalists, as democratic societies fundamentally rely on citizens' access to objective information and analysis, as well as opinions critical of the status quo.

The following experts and journalists are among the guests of the conference:

Elie Hatem – President of Fondation pour la Francophonie, which aims to counter US hegemony in French-speaking countries;

James George Jatras – Lawyer, political analyst from the US;

Maciej Wiśniowski – Journalist from Poland of the weekly Nie, author of “Freedom against freedom”;

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Avigdor Eskin – Political scientist and political activist from Israel;

Milenko Nedelkovski – TV host and journalist from Macedonia;

Manuel Ochsenreiter – Journalist and editor-in-chief of German monthly newsmagazine ZUERST!;

Monika Płatek – Human rights activist from Poland, professor of criminal law;

Catherine Shakdam - Political analyst and commentator on the Middle East with a special focus on radical movements and Yemen.

The format of the conference will be panel presentations, followed by discussion on key issues.

The panels will cover the following topics:

- The meaning of freedom of speech and the pressures against press freedom;
- Contemporary journalism under the present conditions – the role of media in shaping global information warfare;
- Information security – press freedoms and the sphere of challenges created by global terrorism;
- Regional instability – Migration and Europe's roles and responsibilities;
- Terrorism at home and abroad – regional instability and security, from Syria to Europe;
- Analytic Journalism in a time of global conflict;
- Which way Europe: Sovereignty, Foreign Policy, Terrorism, War and Journalism in the Digital Age;
- The current condition of press freedoms and human rights in Turkey, Syria, as well as in Europe and the U.S.



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Working language - English.

Seating is limited.

If you want to attend the conference as a participant, and would like to secure a seat, send your request and your CV for review, without delay, to:

ceo@ajkf.info

All media representatives wishing to cover the conference need to be accredited. We would like to properly accommodate your seating, space, and technical requirements. Please send your request with relevant credentials to:

press@ajkf.info

Attendance for participants and media representatives is free of charge.

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