

9th ASEF Editors' Roundtable (ASEFERT9)

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**Exploring the Battlefronts of 'Fake News':
A Tripartite Approach to the Fight Against Misinformation**

PARTICIPANT BIOS

Moderators



**Dr Fraser
CAMERON**

Fraser Cameron is Director of the EU-Asia Centre in Brussels, a think tank seeking to promote closer relations between the EU and Asia. He is a former European Commission advisor and well known policy analyst and commentator on EU and international affairs.

He is the author of several books and articles on the EU and external relations. His recent books include An Introduction to European Foreign Policy, The Future of Europe and US Foreign Policy after the Cold War (published by Routledge).



**Ms Victoria
MAIN**

Victoria is a policy communications expert with an international mindset and a far-reaching network in Brussels and beyond.

She launched Cambre's thriving technology practice as well as the award-winning Brussels Calling debates with leading journalists covering the EU.

Victoria began her career as a journalist, most recently with Reuters in London, but also in Brussels, Hong Kong, Milan, Paris and Wellington.

Keynote Speakers



Ms Claire BURY

Ms Claire BURY is Deputy Director-General of DG CONNECT, in charge of digital economy & coordination and media & data, among others.

She has previously served in various DGs in the areas of information society, public international law, corporate governance and the digitalisation of the single market.



**Mr Charles
CHONG**

Charles Chong was first elected into Parliament in 1988 and is currently its Deputy Speaker.

In January 2018, he was appointed by Parliament to chair a Select Committee to study Deliberate On-Line Falsehoods – Causes, Consequences and Countermeasures.

The Select Committee released its report on 20 September 2018.

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**Mr Zaffar
ABBAS**

Zaffar Abbas is the Editor of Dawn, Pakistan's oldest and most prestigious English language newspaper. This is his 37th year in journalism. During this period he has worked for several news organisations, including 16 years for the BBC World as one of its Pakistan correspondents.

As Dawn's editor he has continued to maintain a robust position on the issue of freedom of the press, and the newspaper is recognized by almost everyone in the country as the real champion for the cause.



**Mr Mahfuz
ANAM**

Mr. Mahfuz Anam is the Editor–Publisher of The Daily Star, the highest selling English newspaper in Bangladesh. During his Editorship (1993–till date), The Daily Star has become the most respected, quoted and trusted newspaper of this country. He pursued a vigorous editorial policy of strengthening democracy, freedom of expression, freedom of media and fundamental rights.

Before launching The Daily Star, he worked for 14 years with UNESCO in Paris, New York and Bangkok. He was awarded Jefferson Fellowship in Journalism in 1976 by the Honolulu based East - West Center.



**Mr Paolo
CESARINI**

Paolo Cesarini is Head of the Unit responsible for media convergence and social media within DG Communication Networks, Content and Technology at the European Commission.

He previously held other management positions in the Commission, namely in DG Competition where he was responsible for antitrust enforcement and legislation (in the media, consumer goods, basic industries, agricultural and manufacturing sectors) from 2001 until 2010.



**Mr. Joachim
CIECIERSKI**

Since 2004 Joachim has been a journalist for the public broadcaster Polish Radio. During that time, he was the Head of the English and Hebrew Sections of the External Service. He was also responsible for the Euranet+ European multimedia project spearheaded by the European Commission, covering European news from 16 countries.

Joachim is currently Head of the German Service of Radio Poland. Since 2017 Joachim also teaches radio journalism at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities.

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**Ms Mariia
BALIABINA**

Maria was born in Tomsk, Russia, in 1990. Then moved to Uzbekistan (it was USSR) and, after finishing school, moved back to Russia. Maria graduated from the Moscow State University and started to work on "Voice of Russia" radio. Now it is radio Sputnik.

Maria covers international political subjects and attend global international events as a member of Kremlin and governmental journalist pools.



**Mr David
DIEUDONNÉ**

David Dieudonné started his journalism career at "Reporters Without Borders", supporting journalists in jail.

Previously, he was Agence France-Presse Deputy bureau chief in Marseilles. Previously, he was a reporter engaged in international temporary crises assignments, such as piracy in the Indian Ocean, the 2010 earthquake in Haïti, and the war in Afghanistan.

David Dieudonné is Google News Lab Lead in France, since March 2016.



**Ms Shaili
CHOPRA**

Shaili Chopra is an Indian business journalist, author and entrepreneur. As a business journalist, she is known for working at NDTV-profit and ETNOW and has won the 2012 Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Business Journalism. She was named one of India's 50 most influential women in media, marketing and advertising by Impact Magazine.

In 2014, she released a book on politics in the age of social media. In 2015, she started a digital website called 'SheThePeople', which focuses on women journalism.



**Mr Christophe
LECLERCQ**

Since January 2018, Christophe Leclercq is one of the experts on the High-Level Expert Group (HLEG) on disinformation. He leads the new projects #Media4EU and Stars4Media (Erasmus4Media). He also teaches notably at Institut d'Etudes Européennes/ULB (Brussels).

Previously, Mr. Leclercq was EU Commission official with DG Competition (coordinator for Information Society), and management consultant with McKinsey.

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**Mr Zakir
HUSSAIN**

Zakir Hussain is Foreign Editor at The Straits Times, Singapore's main English-language daily. He joined the newspaper in 2005 and has reported on politics, security and foreign policy, and held various roles including political editor and Indonesia bureau chief.

He has a bachelor's degree in history and politics from Oxford University, and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University.



**Ms Raegan
MACDONALD**

Raegan is Head of EU Public Policy at Mozilla. Originally from Canada, she is based in Brussels, and covers a range of tech-policy issues including privacy, data protection, copyright, and disinformation. Prior to joining Mozilla, Raegan founded and led Access Now's Brussels office; and prior to that, she worked at European Digital Rights (EDRI). She is also a member of the European Commission appointed High Level Expert Group on "Fake News" and the Multistakeholder Forum on Disinformation.



**Ms Micky
JONGYOTYING**

Thanchanok Jongyotyng is currently the International News Editor at Spring News Network. She has been in broadcasting media for over 12 years, both as presenter as well as news producer and editor.

Recently, she focuses more on the changing of media scenario; the rise and effects of digital media. As international news editor, she has been assigned to oversee online content, in parallel with broadcasting platform.

Currently, she also hosts a TV show on international and ASEAN News on Thailand's Channel 19.



Mr Iain MARTIN

Iain Martin has been the Asia Editor for Storyful since 2014. Storyful has a team of seven people in its Hong Kong bureau working to discover and verify the best stories and content emerging from social media in Asia. Iain joined Storyful in 2012 after working as a financial journalist in London since 2007.

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Mr LI Yang

Li Yang has been working as a reporter of China Daily since 2010, when he graduated from the Communication University of China with a doctoral degree in communication studies.

He has worked in China Daily's opinion and business news departments and bureaus in Guangxi, Shanghai and Sichuan over the past eight years.



Ms Jacque MANABAT

Jacque Manabat started as a journalist in 2006. She is assigned to cover the business beat since 2014. She reports on the transportation, energy/power sectors, and, from a consumer perspective, does stories on trade and commerce.

Today, she ranks among ABS-CBN News' outstanding reporters, both in mastery of her subject and commitment to her craft.



Ms Giselle NATH

Giselle is a foreign reporter at the Flemish daily De Standaard. She is concurrently a doctoral researcher in history at Ghent University, with research interests in socio-economic policies, consumerism as a movement.



Mr Giles PORTMAN

Giles Portman is head of the East Stratcom Task Force in the European External Action Service in Brussels. The Task Force was established by the European Council in 2015 to promote EU policies in the Eastern Neighborhood, strengthen media in the region, and improve capacity to anticipate and respond to disinformation. He is a member of the Council of Experts of the Democratic Progress Institute, a London based NGO.

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**Mr Cod
SATRUSAYANG**

Cod Satrusayang is the managing editor at Asia News Network. Before that he was a correspondent for Reuters and the German Press Agency. His works have appeared in the New York Times, the Atlantic, the Guardian and a myriad of other publications.



**Mr Antonio
SCALA**

Antonio Scala is Master degree in Physics and Computer Science (Napoli "Federico II"), PhD in condensed matter Physics (Boston University) and specialist in Operational Research and Decision Strategies (Roma "La Sapienza").

He works as research scientist in the CNR Institute for Complex Systems. He is consultant for the topic of fake news on the web, member of the National Research Council (CNR) and author of several publications on the topic. With prof. Quattrociochi, he has demonstrated quantitatively the existence of echo-chambers in online social media.



**Ms Assel
SATUBALDINA**

Assel is a reporter at the Astana Times, the leading English-language newspaper in Kazakhstan. She has previously been with the Kazakh Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as a translator for the European Union in Kazakhstan.



**Ms Renate
SCHROEDER**

Renate Schroeder is the director of the EFJ and has worked for the organisation for more than 20 years. The EFJ focuses its work on social and professional issues relating to the enormous changes affecting the media industry. It supports member unions in both North, South, East and Western Europe to foster trade unions and to maintain or create environments in which quality and journalistic independence can be, become or return to be a reality.

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Mr Astik SINHA

Mr Sinha advises on matters relating to Information Communication Technology in India concerning citizens, industry and government. He has advised the Chair on issues relating to 'Net Neutrality', Citizens Data Privacy & Security, 'Fake News', 'Internet Governance', 'Norms & Guidelines for Media Coverage' amongst others. Prior to 2012, he worked with a New Delhi based think tank, spent a year in news media and helped set up YouthKiAwaaz.Com, India's largest youth led news website.



Mr Jochen SPANGENBERG

Jochen works for Germany's international broadcaster Deutsche Welle in the Research and Cooperation Projects unit. Besides overall coordination, his topical focus is on social newsgathering, verification of user-generated content and the use of eyewitness media for news reporting. This includes participation in the EC co-funded research projects REVEAL (completed) and InVID (running until 12/2018) both dealing with algorithm-supported verification of social media content, and the development of Truly Media, a platform for collaborative verification, launched in late 2017.



**Ms TRAN
Thi Thu Van**

Van Tran is currently the Deputy Head of Social and Political News Desk at Viet Nam News, Viet Nam's national daily English language newspaper. She joined the newspaper in 2007 after graduating from the Diplomacy Academy of Viet Nam with a major in International Relations. In 2010, Van got the Fulbright Student Scholarship and pursued her master degree in journalism at Hofstra University, New York.

Her journalism focus is on issues of social, economic and environmental justice, including gender parity, children's rights and all forms of inequality.



Dr. Marius TIȚA

Dr. Marius TIȚA has been with Radio Romania International since 1990, serving as correspondent in London, Brussels and Chisinau over the years. In 2006, he became Editor-in-Chief. His interest areas have included defence and security policy, European and international affairs, and public policy, having gained a PhD in Economics in 2003.

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**Mr Martin
VENGADESAN**

Martin Vengadesan is news editor with the Star Media Group. He has been with the organisation since 1996.

He began as an entertainment journalist but since 2010 has been in the digital department, initially overseeing the company's iPad app and subsequently handling breaking online news.



**Ms Juliane VON
REPERT-
BISMARCK**

Juliane is the founder of Lie Detectors, an independent journalist-led news-literacy campaign raising awareness of disinformation and media bias among European schoolchildren and their teachers. She directs Lie Detectors' development and strategy.

Juliane represents Lie Detectors within the European Commission's High Level Expert Group on Digital Disinformation and Fake News and has advised politicians and lawmakers on anti-radicalisation in an age of media pluralism. An award-winning journalist, Juliane previously wrote for MLex, The Wall Street Journal, Reuters, Newsweek, Spiegel Online, the Toronto Globe and Mail and others.



**Mr. Eric
WISHART**

Eric Wishart is a former editor-in-chief of the international news agency AFP and is currently a member of its global news management with responsibility for special editorial projects.

Since 2012 he has worked on special editorial projects for the AFP global news management, drawing up a new AFP charter, code of ethics and sourcing guidelines. He is a regular speaker at conferences and in the media on the challenges of fake news and disinformation, focusing on how AFP is dealing with them as a news agency.



**Mr Aidan
WHITE**

Aidan White is the Ethical Journalism Network's president, an honorary position created by the charity's board after he stepped down as director in 2018. White founded the EJM in 2012 after serving as the general secretary of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) for 25 years.

White has written extensively on human rights, ethics and journalism issues and played a leading role in establishing International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX), a global network of free expression campaigners.



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