

SPEAKERS' biographies

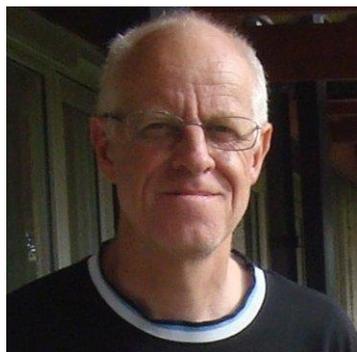


Wolfgang Katzian

GPA-djp – President – Austria

Wolfgang Katzian, since 2004 President of the GPA-djp, is board member of Presidents of the UNI Global Union.

Since 2006 he is a member of the Austrian Parliament and chair of the Social democratic Group in the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB).



Mogens Blicher Bjerregård

European Federation of Journalists – President – Denmark

Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, since May 2013 President of the European Federation of Journalists, is President of the Danish Union of Journalists since 1999. He manages a staff of 70 full-time employees and is active on the international scene. 2003-2013: Board member of INSI; 2007-2010: Member of the Executive Committee of IFJ, at the end of that term as Honorary Treasurer; 2001-: Board member of International Media Support, vice-chair since 2011; 2006-: Member of the communication expert group of the Danish UNESCO organisation.



Renate Schroeder

European Federation of Journalists – Director – Belgium

Renate Schroeder is the Director of the European Federation of Journalists. She is in charge of European affairs: relations with EU Institutions and Council of Europe (lobbying and projects); presentation of EFJ at European and national meetings and seminars. She is also co-responsible for the coordination of activities of EFJ members and EFJ Steering Committee on professional and social issues including quality, media freedom in particular in Balkan and Turkey, freelances, and photojournalism. Renate Schroeder studied International Relations and Political Science at Boston University (Bachelor's Degree Cum Laude in 1988) and in Berlin at the Free University (Masters in 1992). She worked at the United Nations, New York, the research institute FAST in Berlin and the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation in Brussels before she joined the IFJ/EFJ team in Brussels in 1993.



Andreas K. Bittner

European Federation of Journalists, Steering Committee member – Germany

Andreas K. Bittner, political economist, freelance journalist, author – former Board member of Deutscher Journalisten-Verband (DJV), EFJ Steering Committee member and EFJ Honorary Treasurer. Focusing on digitization, digital media, self-publishing, financial issues in the „real“ and virtual world, interested in European politics, inclusiveness, trying to promote accessibility, supports Borussia Dortmund. Author of the Study: »Managing Change – Innovation and Trade Unions in the News Industry« (2011/21), Survey »Financial and Employment models in Journalism in Times of Finance and Media crisis« (2014 ongoing)



Anthony Bellanger

Syndicat national des journalistes –First General Secretary– France

Doctor of History and former Professor at the University of Angers (France), journalist with 15 years of experience in regional press, 40 years old: Anthony Bellanger is the First General Secretary of the french National Union of Journalists (SNJ: Syndicat national des journalistes) since 2011. The SNJ is the first organisation of the profession in France; it represents one out of two journalists during de last elections of the CCIJP (la Commission de la carte professionnelle des journalistes). Within the board of SNJ, as First General Secretary, he's namely in charge of international relations (EFJ, IFJ), of the trade union's lifelong learning, communication and unionisation. Anthony Bellanger is also one of the experts' on deontology and freedom of the media of CFI (Canal France International, subsidiary of the group France Télévisions) and the operator of the French media cooperation for the African countries, the Mediterranean, the Balkans, the Caucasus and Asia. This is funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this light, he has participated and supervised the training of Syrian, Libyan and Tunisian journalists.



Gerald Grünberger

Austrian Newspaper Association – Managing Director – Austria

Gerald Grünberger, Austria, studied Communication Science, Journalism and History, and is specialised in Media Economy. He is the Managing Director of the Austrian Newspaper Association since 2006.

In the past he worked as Deputy Managing Director for the Karl von Vogelsang Institut, as General Secretary for the Young Austrian People's Party and as Deputy Head of Cabinet of the State Secretary for Arts and Media for the Austrian Federal Chancellery.



Yvonne Dankfort

Dutch Union of Journalists – *Manager NVJ Academy* – The Netherlands

The Dutch Association of Journalists, NVJ, representing almost 7500 media professionals in the field of journalism, strive for press freedom and optimal working conditions for journalists in the Netherlands.

Yvonne Dankfort is manager of the NVJ Academy, the training centre of the NVJ. Traditionally, the NVJ organized training courses for over 2500 freelance journalists, activities in the area of entrepreneurship. In the last four years, however, NVJ Academy has grown into a training centre that offers a variety of courses from data journalism, social media, digital safety to preparing journalists for work in conflict zones. Every year some 900 participants attend 60 Academy courses. In addition to running the Academy, Yvonne is also responsible for the collective labour agreements for journalists who work in the field of magazine publishing.



Luis Palacio Llanos

'Informe Anual de la Profesion Periodistica 2013' – *Editor* – Spain

Luis Palacio Llanos, born in Gijon (Spain) in 1958.

Journalist and researcher specialised in media industry.

Editor of "Informe de la Profesion Periodistica", an annual report about journalism in Spain. "Informe" is published by Asociacion de la Prensa de Madrid.

Editor of DigiMedios, a website devoted to Spanish media industry.

Former editor of trade magazines like Intermedios (1994-2009) and Noticias (2001-2002) and correspondent of specialized publications like Media and Marketing Europe (UK), Adweek (USA) or Portada (USA).



Jane B. Singer

City University London –*Professor* – UK
University of Iowa –*Associate Professor*– USA

Jane B. Singer is Professor of Entrepreneurial Journalism in the Department of Journalism at City University London (UK) and Associate Professor (on leave) in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Iowa (USA). From 2007 to 2009, she was the Johnston Press Chair in Digital Journalism at the University of Central Lancashire (UK). Her research explores digital journalism, including changing roles, perceptions, norms, and practices. Before earning a Ph.D. in journalism from the University of Missouri, she was the first news manager of Prodigy Interactive Services, an early American online news provider. Jane is editor of the forthcoming *International Encyclopedia of Journalism Studies*, to be published by Wiley-Blackwell. She is co-author of *Participatory Journalism*, published in 2011 by Wiley-Blackwell, and *Online Journalism Ethics*, published in 2007 by M.E. Sharpe.



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Tim Dawson

www.newmodeljournalism.com –Freelance journalist/co-founder – UK

Tim Dawson has worked as a freelance journalist for national newspapers in Britain for the past 20 years – mainly for The Sunday Times. He also runs newmodeljournalism.com, which tracks emerging practice in the funding of journalism, and edits the ePeriodical The Bicycle Reader (bicyclereader.com). He has been a member of the national executive of the National Union Of Journalists (UK and Republic of Ireland) for more than a decade.



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Martine Simonis

Association of Professional Journalists in Belgium –Secretary General – Belgium

Martine Simonis is the General Secretary of the Belgian Union of Journalists (AGJPB) and the Association of Professional Journalists (AJP) in Belgium. Trained as a lawyer, she established the Belgian Copyright Society for Journalists in 1995. In the past years, she had successfully negotiated numerous collective agreements to compensate the violation of journalists’ authors’ rights.



Gianluca Schinaia

FpS Media – CEO – Italy

Gianluca Schinaia, Italian, 33 years, journalist pro from 2010. Education: Final Degree in Law (address European Union Law), Master of Science in Journalism and press offices in Rome and two years trainee in IFG School of Journalism in Milan. He has won 4 journalistic Awards, concerning social issues, on press and web: three national and one from the European Parliament. He wrote one inquiry book about scandals on Italian public infrastructures and he works as a freelancer for several Italian newspapers such as *L'espresso*, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, *Il Sole 24 Ore* and *Avvenire*. He’s a new media advisor for Entel, Chilean Telecommunication company, and he has held some lessons on this topic (media future) in Cattolica University of Milan. In 2009, he founded with 10 colleagues FpS Media, one of the unique Italian editorial case still growing and flourishing: at the moment, he has been chosen as FpS Media's CEO from 2013.



Gregor Kucera

GPA-djp – Board member Media Section – Austria

Journalist since 1999. Starting in Online-Journalism at derstandard.at but very soon also working for the Print-Edition of the Newspaper „Der Standard“. Freelancer for Austrian Magazine „Format“ and the German „Die Zeit“ and Heise Verlag. Main Focus on digital topics – Internet, Computer and netculture. Since 2012 head of department Digital/Science at the „Wiener Zeitung, the oldest newspaper in the world located in Vienna.



Yannis Kotsifos

Journalists’ Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers – Journalist/Director – Greece

Born in Thessaloniki, Greece, in 1969, he has studied Greek Literature. He lives and works in the city and is the director general of the Journalists’ Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers, a post he’s held since 2003. Having worked as a journalist in both newspapers and radio, he has also edited numerous books and collaborated with various magazines, either as a contributing editor or as an editor-at-large, or as both. After the position as the co-chair of the EFJ’s Labour Rights Expert Group, he’s currently a member of EFJ’s Steering Committee.



© Daniela Stigliano

Daniela Stigliano

European Federation of Journalists – Steering Committee – Italy

Daniela Stigliano was born in October 1965 in Milan (Italy) and is an Italian professional journalist since January 1986. She has a daughter and a son.

Actually, she is managing editor for "il Mondo", the economic and financial weekly of Rcs Mediagroup, the most important publishing group in Italy, after previous experiences both in daily newspapers and magazines, as employed or freelance. From November 1997 to March 2000 she was general manager for Anasf, the Italian financial advisers’ association, in charge for publishing and communication activity too.

Since 2008 she is national vice secretary of the Fnsi (the Italian journalists union). In May 2013 she was elected as member of the EFJ Steering Committee. From 2004 to 2007 she was Vice President of the Associazione Lombarda dei Giornalisti (the biggest Italian regional journalist association).

For Fnsi, she is also in charge of multimedia and new bargainings as well European works councils (Ewc) coordinator. For the EFJ Steering Committee she is responsible for the new group CONEG (Convergence Online Expert Group).



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Mette Schmidt Rasmussen

Danish Union of Journalists – *National Executive Committee* – Denmark

Mette Schmidt Rasmussen, age 26, is a member of the National Executive Committee at the Danish Union of Journalists. She has been taking part in union work since her second year (2011) of studying at the Danish school of Media and Journalism. She got her bachelor degree in the summer of 2013, but still student rights, education for life and international possibilities/challenges are of her main political interests. Mette Schmidt Rasmussen is currently working as a journalist at a small social democratic newspaper on the web called Pio Pio after the founder of the Danish Social Democratic Party, Louis Pio.



Nadia Igler

Public Broadcasting Section of GPA-djp – *Vice Chairwoman* – Austria

Nadia Igler works for the Austrian Broadcasting Company ORF, the public broadcaster in Austria, for about 20 years now, in various positions. At the moment she's employed as an online-editor for the biggest news-website in Austria, ORF.at. Since 2010 she is head of the local workers council and negotiated a collective agreement for about 100 people in the company from scratch - a project she pursued since 2006 and that went into effect 2014. Within the union she's the vice chairwoman Public Broadcasting, GPA-djp, trying to raise awareness for the various subsidiaries within our media-group.



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Susanne Stracke-Neumann

"Young dju", *Coordinator and Freelance journalist* – Germany

Susanne Stracke studied History, German Literature and Geography at the University of Munich, and obtained a master's degree in Medieval History at the University of Provence, Aix-en-Provence. During five years she worked on her Doctoral Thesis in Medieval History at the University of Munich. For ten years Susanne Stracke-Neumann was a journalist (reporter and editor) for the "Nordbayerischer Kurier", a mentor and trainer for young journalists, member of the dju steering committee. She also worked as a Full-time Coordinator of the university project of the dju in ver.di and was responsible for public relations in solar energy. Since 2006 Susanne Stracke-Neumann is freelance journalist and coordinator of the "Young dju".



Yuk Lan Wong

European Federation of Journalists – *Policy and Project Officer* – Belgium

Yuk Lan Wong is the policy and projects officer of the European Federation of Journalists since February this year. She joined the International Federation in August 2009 after she obtained her Joint Honours degree in Social Policy and Journalism, Films and Media Studies at Cardiff University in the UK. During her studies, she also obtained work experience at the United Nations Association in Wales, where she was the coordinator of the Young Professional Network. She has been involved in various European projects in promoting ethical journalism, media diversity and trade union rights, and EFJ communication.