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Joint Event by the
OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media and
Poland's Commissioner for Human Rights
A Dark Place Screening and #SOFJO event
on the occasion of HDIM 2019

Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Długa 23/25, 00-090 Warszawa, Poland



Adam Bodnar

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Poland's Commissioner for Human Rights

The Human Rights Commissioner is the constitutional authority for legal control and protection. He is independent and has been appointed by the Sejm and approved by the Senate for a 5-year term of office, starting in 2015. Dr Bodnar studied in Warsaw, worked for the Helsinki Foundation of Human Rights and acts as an expert in the Agency of Fundamental Rights of European Union. Previously, he has worked for the United Nations Fund for Victims of Torture, as a lawyer and taught at the Warsaw University and has co-operated with various non-governmental organizations. He was awarded with the Tolerance Prize by the Polish LGBT organizations in 2011. In 2018, he and his Office received the Norwegian Rafto Prize for human rights defenders.



Harlem Désir (*moderator*)

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OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Harlem Désir is the fourth OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. He was appointed in July 2017 for a period of three years. Previously, he was the French Secretary of State for European Affairs. Before joining the government, he was for 15 years a Member of the European Parliament. The Representative on Freedom of the Media has a mandate to intervene on all media freedom issues in the 57 OSCE participating States, including on individual cases, safety of journalists, imprisonment, but also on legislation and promotion of media pluralism.



Banu Güven

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Columnist for Deutsche Welle Türkçe

Banu Güven is a Turkish journalist. She joined NTV as a reporter, where she worked for 14 years, conducting exclusive interviews and programs on issues ranging from politics to art with the Turkey's and world's leading names. In addition, her columns were published in the Saturday supplement of Radikal Newspaper in 2007-2010 and she worked as a foreign correspondent for Milliyet Newspaper. Since the end of 2016 Güven regularly publishes "video columns" at Cosmos and also writes for the Turkish-language service of Deutsche Welle.



Sarah Clarke

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Head of Europe and Central Asia, ARTICLE 19

Between 2012 and 2018, Sarah Clarke led PEN International's policy and advocacy work, overseeing its engagement with the UN and regional human rights mechanisms and governments. She is the author of numerous PEN International country-specific and thematic reports concerning legal restrictions on free expression and the protection of writers and journalists at risk. She has a particular interest in freedom of expression in Turkey, where she has led numerous advocacy missions, trial observations and the amicus interventions on the priority cases of journalists before the European Court of Human Rights. She joined ARTICLE 19 in January 2019 as Head of the Europe and Central Asia team, defending the human rights to freedom of expression and information in the region.



Nani Jansen Reventlow

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Director, Digital Freedom Fund

Nani Jansen Reventlow is the founding Director of the Digital Freedom Fund, which supports partners in Europe to advance digital rights through strategic litigation. She is a recognised international lawyer and expert in human rights litigation responsible for groundbreaking freedom of expression cases across several national and international jurisdictions.

Nani is a Lecturer in Law at Columbia Law School and an Associate Tenant at Doughty Street Chambers. She is an Affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University, where she was a 2016-2017 Fellow, and has been an advisor to Harvard's Cyberlaw Clinic since 2016.



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Javier Luque Martínez coordinates advocacy and communication on IPI's digital platforms. He holds a master's degree in International Journalism from Cardiff University and bachelor's degrees in journalism and psychology. Prior to joining IPI, he worked as a foreign correspondent in Los Angeles, covering the National Basketball Association (NBA) for several online publications and over 40 TV channels across the United States and Latin America. He also previously worked as a crime reporter for Cadena SER, the main nationwide radio station in Spain.