

Reporting Democracy Conference and Launch Event Budapest, May 31, 2019

The Conference will take place in [Hotel Mercure Budapest Buda](#) (Conference room: Matyas I-II room), from 10:00 to 17:15.

Agenda

9.00 - 10.00 Registration and Coffee (Conference room: Matyas I-II room)

10.15 - 10.30 Opening Remarks

- **Marija Ristic** (Regional Director, BIRN)
- **Maribel Königer** (Head of Communications, ERSTE Foundation)

10.30 - 12.00 **Panel I: The Erosion of European Democracy: Causes & Consequences**

Moderator: **Tim Judah** (Journalist, The Economist & Fellow, Europe's Futures project
IWM/Institute for Human Sciences)

Speakers:

- **Ivan Vejvoda** (Director Europe's Futures project & Permanent Fellow IWM/Institute for Human Sciences)
- **Kristof Bender** (ESI's Deputy Chairman & Visiting Fellow IWM/Institute for Human Sciences)
- **Lydia Gall** (Researcher, Eastern Europe & Western Balkans, Human Rights Watch)
- **Peter Kreko** (Director at Political Capital Institute)

12.00 - 12.30 Coffee Break



12.30 - 14.00 **Panel II: Reporting Democracy: Threats & Opportunities for Media**

Moderator: **Timothy Large** (Editor, Reporting Democracy)

Speakers:

- **Claudia Ciobanu** (Reporting Democracy Correspondent, Poland)
- **Edit Inotai** (Reporting Democracy Correspondent, Hungary)
- **Ana Petrusseva** (BIRN Macedonia Country Director)
- **Pauline Adès-Mével** (Head of European Union & Balkan desk, Reporters Without Borders)

14.00 - 15.30 Lunch Break

15.30 - 17.00 **Panel III: Here Come the People: Civic Protest in CEE & the Balkans**

Moderator: **Jeta Xharra** (BIRN Kosovo Country Director & Editor-in-Chief)

Speakers:

- **Bora Mema** (Member of Organizata Politike, Albania)
- **Elena Calistru** (Chair & Co-founder at Funky Citizens, Romania)
- **Branislav Trifunovic** (Actor & organizer of #1od5milion protests, Serbia)
- **Marta Lempart** (Initiator of the National Women's Strike - Strajk Kobiet, Poland)

17.00 - 17.15 Closing Remarks

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