

**European Union / United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Symposium:**

**#SpreadNoHate: Hate Speech Against Migrants and Refugees in the Media**

Thursday, 26 January 2017, 08:30 - 19:00, Brussels, Belgium (Hotel BLOOM! Rue Royale 250)

**@UNAOC @eu\_eeas #SpreadNoHate**

AGENDA

(As of 9 January 2017)

**08:30 - 09:00**

**Registration**

**09:00 - 10:00**

**Opening Session**

Opening Statements:

**Helga Schmid** [@HelgaSchmid\\_EU](#) [@eu\\_eeas](#)

Secretary-General of the European External Action Service

**Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser** [@UNAOC](#)

High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

**Claude Moraes** [@Claude\\_Moraes](#) *TBC*

Member of European Parliament, Chair of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

**Federica Mogherini** *(video message)* [@FedericaMog](#)

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission

PLURAL+ screening [@Pluralplus](#)

PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival is a joint initiative of UNAOC and IOM, which invites the world's youth every year to submit original and creative videos focusing on the themes of migration, diversity and social inclusion.

**10:00 - 11:15**

**Panel 1 – Media and the Rise of Populism**

**Magda Abu-Fadil** (*moderator*) [@MagdaAbuFadil](#)

Journalist and Commentator; Director, Media Unlimited (Lebanon)

**David Kaye** [@davidakaye](#)

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

**Giulia Laganà** [@OpenSociety](#)

Senior Policy Analyst, EU Migration and Asylum Policies, Open Society European Policy Institute

**Anetta Kahane** [@anetta2552](#) [@AmadeuAntonio](#) *TBC*

Founder and Director, Antonio Amadeu Stiftung (Germany)

**Divina Frau-Meigs** [@divinameigs](#)

Professor of Media and ICT Sociology, University of Paris III: Sorbonne Nouvelle

**Tom Fletcher CMG** [@TFletcher](#)

Visiting Professor of International Relations, New York University; Former British Ambassador to Lebanon (2011-15)

*Q&A and online conversation using #SpreadNoHate.*

**11:15 - 11:45**

*Coffee Break*

**11:45 - 13:00**

**Panel 2 – Triggers and Mechanisms of Hate Speech against Migrants and Refugees**

**Shada Islam** (*moderator*) [@shada\\_islam](#) [@FriendsOfEurope](#)

Director of Europe and Geopolitics, Friends of Europe

**Frank La Rue** [@FLarue](#) *libex*

Assistant Director-General Communication and Information, UNESCO

**Cecile Kyenge** [@ckyenge](#)

Member of European Parliament; Former Italy's Minister for Integration

**Dr Paul Gillespie**

Columnist, *The Irish Times*; Member of EuroMed Media Network

**Moawia M. Ahmed**

Journalist based in Greece; Refugee (Sudan)

*Q&A and online conversation using #SpreadNoHate.*

**13:00 - 14:00**

*Lunch*

**14:00 - 15:45**

**Improving the Quality of Media Coverage about Migrants and Refugees**

Parallel Interactive Session 1 – The Role of Internet Intermediaries in Combating Hate Speech

**Nihal Saad** (moderator) @nsaad777 @UNAO

Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for the High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

**Brittan Heller** @brittanheller

Director of technology and society, Anti-Defamation League

**Richard Allan** TBC

Vice President, Public Policy EMEA, Facebook

Parallel Interactive Session 2 – Promoting Ethical Journalism

**Ezzat Ibrahim** (moderator)

Managing Editor, *Al Ahram* newspaper (Egypt)

**Leila Ghandi** @Leila\_Ghandi

TV Host, Journalist and Producer (Morocco)

**Aidan White** @aidanpwhite @EJNetwork

Director, Ethical Journalism Network

**Sami Zaptia**

Co-founder & Managing Editor, *Libya Herald*

Parallel Interactive Session 3 – Strengthening Partnerships between Media and Civil Society to Promote Balanced Narratives

**Jane Morrice** (moderator) @janemorrice

Member, Former Vice-President in charge of Communication, European Economic & Social Committee

**Hatem Atallah**

Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation

**Kahina Bahloul** @Kahinaba @parlemoidislam

President, “Parle-moi d’Islam” (France)

**Maryline Baumard** @marylinebaumard TBC

Migration Journalist, *Le Monde* (France)

**Yizhar Be’er**

Executive Director, Keshev, The Center for the Protection of Democracy in Israel

**15:45 - 16:15**

*Coffee Break*

**16:15 - 17:00**                      **Closing Session: Conclusion, Recommendations, and Way Forward**

**17:30 – 19:00**                      *Cocktail Reception*

*A full report of the day's discussions will be made available on UNAOC's and the EU's websites.  
For any questions related to the #SpreadNoHate initiative, please contact: [HateSpeech@unaoc.org](mailto:HateSpeech@unaoc.org)*