European Union / United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Symposium:

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

Thursday, 26 January 2017, 09:00 - 17:00, Brussels, Belgium (Hotel BLOOM! Rue Royale 250)

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AGENDA
(As of 17 January 2017)

08:30 - 09:00  Registration

09:00 - 10:00  Opening Session

Opening Statements:

Helga Schmid @HelgaSchmid_EU @eu_eas
Secretary-General of the European External Action Service

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser @UNAOC
High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

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)

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

**Jane Morrice** @janemorrice  
Member, Former Vice-President in charge of Communication, European Economic & Social Committee

**Giulia Laganà** @OpenSociety  
Senior Policy Analyst, EU Migration and Asylum Policies, Open Society European Policy Institute

**Divina Frau-Meigs** @divinameigs  
Sociology Professor specialized in media, University of Paris III: Sorbonne Nouvelle

*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

**Zoltan Taubner** @coe TBC  
Director of External Relations, Council of Europe

**Cecile Kyenge** @ckyenge  
Member of European Parliament; Former Italy's Minister for Integration

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

**Moawia M. Ahmed** @mahabet  
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 Promoting Balanced Narratives*

- **Nihal Saad** *(moderator)＠nsaad777 ＠UNAOC*
  Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for the High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

- **Brittan Heller**＠brittanheller ＠ADL_National
  Director of technology and society, Anti-Defamation League

- **Richard Allan**＠Facebook
  Vice President, Public Policy for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Facebook

- **Marco Pancini**＠marconav ＠Google
  Public Policy Counsel, Google

- **Johannes Baldauf**＠AmadeuAntonio
  Expert on Hate Speech online, Antonio Amadeu Stiftung (Germany)

*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)

- **Blanca Tapia**＠BlancaTapiaC
  Programme Manager, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

- **Alison Smale**＠asmalenyt TBC
  Berlin Bureau Chief, *The New York Times*

- **Aidan White**＠aidanpwhite ＠EJNetwork
  Director, Ethical Journalism Network

- **Sami Zaptia**
  Managing Editor, *Libya Herald*

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

- **Ricardo Gutiérrez**＠Molenews1 ＠EFJEUROPE
  General Secretary, European Federation of Journalists

- **Chiara Adamo**＠chiaradaa TBC
Head of Unit for Fundamental Rights Policy, European Commission, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers

Hatem Atallah *TBC*
Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation

Kahina Bahloul [@Kahinaba @parlemoidislam](http://twitter.com/Kahinaba)
President, “Parle-moi d’Islam” (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)*