



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_eeas](#)

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*

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*