HACKED SILENCE: JOURNALISTS UNDER SURVEILLANCE

19 NOVEMBER 2026
Résidence Palace

12:00 – 13:00 CET

Lunch and Registration

13:00 – 13:30 CET

Opening Speech

- Zuliana Lainez Otero (IFJ President)

13:30 – 14:30 CET

Panel One - Surveillance of Journalists: Existing and Potential International Instruments to Strengthen Accountability

MODERATOR

- Valeria Perasso (Senior Media Development Advisor - BBC Media Action)

SPEAKERS

- Leopoldo Gutierrez (UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression)
- Ambassador Jan Braathu (OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media)
- Renaud de Villaine (OHCHR Advisor on Freedom of the Media and Safety of Journalists)
- Elsy Moufarrej (President of the Union of Journalists in Lebanon)

Registration link for the event
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14:30 – 15:30 CET

Panel Two - The Cost of Surveillance: Journalists Fighting Back

MODERATOR

- Aljosa Ajanovic Andelic (Policy Advisor at EDRi)

SPEAKERS

- Saskia Bricmont (Greens/EFA MEP)
- Thanasis Koukakis (Greek investigative journalist and surveillance vIctim)
- Zacharias Kesses (Managing Partner - Athens Legal Firm)
- Dr. David Kardos (Senior Advocacy and Policy Advisor at European Centre for Press and Media Freedom)

15:30 – 16:30 CET

Panel Three - Why are Due Diligence Frameworks Failing to Stop the Surveillance Industry?

MODERATOR

- Tom Gibson (Deputy Advocacy Director EU - CPJ)

SPEAKERS

- Salma Amin Saad Mohamed Abdalla (Head of Media Relations at Al Jazeera)
- Anthony Bellanger (IFJ General Secretary)
- Christina Meinecke (Representative of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to the EU)

16:30 – 16:40 CET

Closing Remarks

- Jonathan Van Meerbeeck (Head of Section - Democratic Governance, DG INTPA G1 - Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance)
- Tim Dawson (Freelance organiser - NUJ UK)

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