



Conference FROM RISK TO RESILIENCE

**A MULTIDISCIPLINARY
APPROACH TO GLOBAL
JOURNALIST SAFETY**

AGENDA

**JUNE 14-15, 2025
Thessaloniki, Greece**

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Saturday, June 14th, 2025

09:00 - 09:15 | Registration

09:15 - 10:00 | Opening Ceremony

- **Nikolaos Papaioannou**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sport
- **Tamara Vujović**, Minister of Culture and Media, Government of Montenegro
- **Dimitrios Galamatis**, PhD, Secretary General of Media and Communication
- **Ambassador Jan Braathu**, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- **Christos Frangonikolopoulos**, Dean, Faculty of Social & Economic Sciences, Aristotle University, Greece
- **Tawfic Jelassi**, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Communication and Information
- **Athena Aidona**, Governor, Region of Central Macedonia
- **Stelios Aggeloudis**, Mayor, City of Thessaloniki
- **Sotiris Triantafilou**, President POESY
- **Maria Antoniadou**, President ESIEA
- **Giannis Voitsidis**, President ESIEMTH

10:00 - 10:45 | Panel 1: Advancing Journalist Safety: National Policies, Legislative Efforts, and International Cooperation

Moderator: Yannis Kotsifos, Director, Journalists Union of Macedonia and Thrace

Speakers:

- **Nikolaos Panagiotou**, Head, ICSJ, Professor, Department of Journalism and Communication, Aristotle University
- **Guildo Keel**, Senior Advisor to the OSCE RfoM Office
- **Aikaterini Polyzou**, Head of Department for Audiovisual Media & Internet, Secretariat General for Communication and Media
- **Nedjeljko Rudovic**, General Director Media Directorate Government of Montenegro

10:45 – 11:30 | Panel 2: The Unseen Frontline: Esteemed Journalists on the Challenges and Imperatives of Crisis Coverage

Moderator: Synthia Sapika, Journalist- General Director of ERT3

Speakers:

- **Christos Nikolaidis**, Journalist
- **Sotiris Danezis**, Journalist
- **Elena Apostolidou**, Journalist

11:30 - 12:00 | Coffee Break

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12:00 - 12.45 | Panel 3: Law, Power, and Peril: Examining Threats to Journalists

Moderator: Pantelis Vatikiotis, Associate Professor, Panteion University

Speakers:

- **Xhemajl Rexha:** Navigating Perilous Terrain: Legal Challenges and Power Dynamics in the Safety of Journalists in Kosovo
- **Çoban, Barış & İşleyen, Melike:** Journalism Safety Amid Gendered Violence in Turkey
- **Shahriar Khonsari:** Navigating Risk and Cultivating Resilience: The Safety of Journalists in Iran
- **Athina Simatou:** SLAPPs Against Greek Journalists: How the New EU Directive Can (or Cannot) Protect Press Freedom

12:45 - 13:30 | Lunch

13:30 - 15:30 | Workshop: First Aid for Field

Christina Zioga, Stefanos Portselis, Kostantinos Vaggos, Hellenic Union of Search and Rescue

15:30 - 16:30 | Panel 4: New Frontiers in Data Protection

Moderator: Georgios Christides, Investigative Journalist, PHD candidate, Board Member of the Foreign Press Association

Speakers:

- **Andreas Veglis, Eleni Chalikiopoulou, Christos Antonoudis:** Data journalism and information security: A security guide for safeguarding sources' personal data in the face of evolving digital threats
- **Andreas M. Panagopoulos (PhD), Researcher PJL, Special Teaching Staff, University of Peloponnese:** Safeguarding Journalistic Integrity in the Age of AI and GDPR: Union-Led Advocacy for Ethical Practices

Sunday June 15th, 2025

10:00 – 10:45 | Panel 1: Frontline Frames: Acclaimed Photojournalists on Documenting Conflict, Crisis, and Human Resilience

Moderator: Ilias Nikezis, ICSJ

Speakers:

- **Lefteris Pitarakis,** Videojournalist, The Associated Press
- **Kostas Tsironis,** Photojournalist, Athenian Macedonian News Agency

10:45 – 11:15 | Panel 2: Securing Journalism in the Algorithmic Age: AI, the Metaverse, and New Frontiers in Data Protection

Moderator: Valia Kaimaki, Assistant Professor, Ionian University, Vice President European Journalism Centre

Speakers:

- **Ioanna Georgia Eskiadi:** The Metaverse and Journalist Safety: Challenges, Risks, and Solutions
- **Lia Spyridou and Maria Ioannou:** Silenced by Suits: Exploring the wiretapping scandal and its coverage in Greek media outlets
- **Anna Orfanidou:** Enhancing Digital Security for Journalists: Strategies to Combat CyberThreats and Surveillance

11:15 11:45 | Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30 | Panel 3: Future Journalists Speak: Anxieties, Challenges, and Dreams for the Profession

Moderator: Antonis Repanas, Journalist (Treasurer of ESIEMTH, European Federation of Journalists)

Speakers:

- **Alessandra Sharani**, MA Journalism Student, AUTH
- **Frida Walter**, MA Journalism Student, AUTH
- **Athanasia Papingi**, MA Journalism Student, AUTH
- **Christina Fytili**, MA Journalism Student, AUTH
- **Harry King**, MA Journalism Student, AUTH
- **Marianthi Variozidou**, MA Journalism Student, AUTH

12:30 - 13:15 | Panel 4: Mental Health & Resilience

Moderator: Sofia Papadopoulou, Journalist, Editor-in-Chief, Athens, Macedonian News Agency

Speakers:

- **López Sangüesa, José Luis (zoom):** The Presence of Occupational Stress and Other Psychosocial Risks in Journalists' Occupational Risk Training Courses: a Spanish – Greek Comparison.
- **Katerina Leontaridou:** Behind the Headlines: The Hidden Toll of Stress on Journalists and How to Safeguard Their Health

13:15 - 13:30 | Conference Conclusions & Recommendations

Panel Moderators

13:30 - 13:45 | Closing Remarks

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