

ERGA/EMIL (EPRA) Joint Event

About the speakers

4 November 2022 // 11.00-12.30 CET

Thematic event: Trust and News: (how) does News and Information Literacy work?

Linking news and journalism to tackling disinformation and building trust

Speakers



Divina Frau-Meigs

Divina Frau-Meigs, Professor of media and information and communications technology sociology at the [Université Sorbonne Nouvelle](#), France.

[Divina Frau-Meigs](#) is a renowned professor of media and information and communications technology sociology at the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, France. She holds several degrees from the Sorbonne University, Stanford University and the Annenberg School for Communications at the University of Pennsylvania.

Specialised in internet governance, media and information literacy and risky content and behaviour (violence, pornography, information...), she is also a researcher in the media uses and practices (cultural diversity, education, identity...) and has published many articles and books in national and international publications.

She holds the UNESCO chair "Savoir-devenir in sustainable digital development" and founded, in 2016, the association "[Savoir*Devenir](#)" to give citizens back the power over their media and digital life. She was also the coordinator of many media literacy projects (TRANSLIT, the European project MOOC ECO, YOUCHECK!...).

An expert for the European Union, the Council of Europe, UNESCO and a number of governments and institutions, she also represents civil society interests in the Internet Governance Forum and in other global arenas.

In a recent article, Divina analyses the benefits and risks raised by the fight against disinformation in the field of media literacy and journalism ([How Disinformation Reshaped the Relationship between Journalism and Media and Information Literacy \(MIL\): Old and New Perspectives Revisited](#) – 14 June 2022).

As our keynote speaker, Divina will present her analysis of the impact of disinformation on the relationship between Journalism and Media and Information Literacy.



Heba Kandil

Heba Kandil, Senior Manager - Media Initiatives at [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

Heba oversees the design and development of key media initiatives at Thomson Reuters Foundation (TRF) to ensure TRF continues to provide innovative solutions that strengthen the resilience of free and independent media.

An ex-Reuters journalist, TRF trainer, and spokesperson for the UN World Food Programme, Heba brings over 20 years of experience in journalism, communications, and media development. She has covered top news stories in the Middle East & North Africa, designed and delivered journalism and communication workshops in English and Arabic; managed strategic media projects and engaged stakeholders for TRF and the UN.

She holds a B.A. in International Relations and an M.A. in Journalism & Mass Communications, The American University in Cairo, as well as an MSc. in Strategic Communication, University of Liverpool.

Heba will present the work and projects of the Thomson Reuters Foundation to support independent journalism and counter dis/misinformation campaigns.



Elli Narewska

Elli Narewska, Head of primary Education at the [Guardian Foundation](#) – Newswise & News Literacy Network, UK

Former English teacher in London comprehensive schools, Elli leads the [NewsWise news literacy programme](#).

Bringing together news literacy, primary English and personal, social and health education (PSHE) specialists from The Guardian Foundation, National Literacy Trust and PSHE Association, NewsWise offers free lesson plans, resources and workshops for schools, activities for families, high quality teacher training and opportunities to connect with real journalists in the United Kingdom.

Elli has worked in news literacy for over a decade, developing particular expertise in digital literacy and critical thinking.

She is passionate about making the world of news and media accessible to all young people, raising aspirations and giving them opportunities to make their voices heard.

Elli will present the work and projects of Newswise, a leading news literacy project in the UK.



Anja Van Boven

Anja Van Boven, Coordinator at [KWB](#), BE (Flanders)

Anja works for KWB, a Flemish sociocultural organisation whose mission it is to create social, committed, inclusive and solidary neighbourhoods.

Created 75 years ago, KWB covers around 500 neighbourhoods in Flanders and Brussels, thanks to more than 50.000 volunteers.

For several years she has been organising several activities together with all the volunteers of KWB, such as cooking class, cycling tour, company visit or workshop.

As of June, she is working as a staff coordinator.

Anja will present a new project of KWB, the "Halloween Horror tour", aimed at building awareness about truth and false news among children.
