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Note: No break.

Coffee and tea will be served in the conference room during the event.

EXPLAINING EVENTS AND THE BIG PICTURE

WE SEE IN THE NEWS AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF CATASTROPHES. MAINLY THEY COME FROM POLITICAL CAUSES: COLLAPSE OF A NATION'S ECONOMY, DRIVING OUT ETHNIC GROUPS BY FORCE, SEEKING EMPIRE, UPRISING AGAINST INEQUALITY: MASSES OF REFUGEES, CORPSES, STARVATION, AND ATROCITIES .

ALL HAVE COMPLICATED ORIGINS. ALL ARE HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME.

HOW CAN JOURNALISTS PROVIDE UNBIASED, ACCURATE, TIMELY, COVERAGE **WITH CONTEXT**? *IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO REPORT MORE DEEPLY THAN JUST NUMBERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.*

8.45-9.00

Welcome coffee

9:00-9:30

Welcome by:

Ellen Mickiewicz, co-chair, professor, Duke University and fellow of The Carter Center, Durham

Erhard Busek, co-chair, former Vice Chancellor of Austria, former Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South East Europe, Coordinator of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative and Chairman of the Institute for Danube Region and Central Europe, Vienna

Oliver Vujovic, SEEMO

Boris Bergant, SEEMO

Jane Whyatt, European Center for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF), Leipzig

Introduction of Participants
Procedures for participation

9:30-10:30

SESSION I

ISSUES INSIDE RUSSIA AND UKRAINE

What are the problems, challenges, successes, failures in both countries: for example, in procedures for governing; in public opinion and public support, in political parties, in economics, in law?

Chair: Ellen Mickiewicz

Panel:

Alexander Bratersky, senior foreign policy correspondent, gazeta.ru, Moscow

Sonia Koshkina, Editor-in-chief of online media LB.ua, Ukraine, host, political show TV 24, Ukraine

10:30-11:30

SESSION II

ECONOMIC CONNECTIONS OR ECONOMIC INTERFERENCE?

THE JOURNALIST'S DILEMMA: HOW OR IF TO APPROACH THESE QUESTIONS? DO THEY REQUIRE EXPERTS? ARE HISTORICAL CONTEXTS OF DEPTH AVAILABLE TO JOURNALISTS? DOES IT MATTER? How far does Europe stretch? Regarding Freedom of the Press: Do countries in Europe have the capacity and "permission" to shape their own coverage if they are limited by threats the government can not or does not want to control? Or: if foreign companies own (or are the major investors of) important media outlets ? Does the EU monetary union help its members' economies or limit members' flexibility to make their own solutions?

Chair: Erhard Busek

Panel:

Alberto Spampinato, direttore de Ossigeno per l'Informazione, Roma

Fivos Karzis, Journalist and advisor, Athens

Paul Radu investigative journalist, Bucharest

11:30-12:30

SESSION III

REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND THE PRESS

The vast sea of displaced persons and refugees: whose burden? Whose heroism? Whose failure? Can the media fairly cover the case of the immigrants as well as the (sometimes violent and always politically sensitive) sentiments and movements at home?

Chair: Ellen Mickiewicz

Panel:

Radomir Licina, Danas Daily, Belgrade

Bulent Mumay Editor/Coordinator, Hürriyet Online, Istanbul

Boris Bergant, EBU Advisor / SEEMO Board, Geneva-Ljubljana-Vienna

Alina Radu, CEO and founder, Ziarul de Garda, Chisinau

12:30-13:00

WORKING LUNCH

13:00-13:30

Press Freedom in Europe /Refugees in Europe and work of ECPMF in Europe by Jane Whyatt, ECPMF, Leipzig

13:30-13:45

ERHARD BUSEK AWARD FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING 2015 PRESENTATION

13.45-14.30

The Honorable Danilo Türk, former president of Slovenia, Ljubljana

Reflections on Future Political Crises and Today's Policies

14:00-14:30 Discussion with H.E. Danilo Türk

14:30-15:30

SESSION IV

THE RETURN OF RELIGION-BASED DIVISIONS.

Is compromise—necessary for democracy—possible for a country or region of divided religious communities? How can journalists understand “the other?” How can journalists remove bias: their own and that of their employers and colleagues?

Chair: Erhard Busek and introduction to issue

Panel:

Zrinka Zrinka Vrabec-Mojzes, former advisor to President of Croatia, Zagreb

Marco Gombacci, The European Post/ Brussels and Trieste

15:30-16:45 RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair: Ellen Mickiewicz

16:45-17:00 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT.