



The POLIS Journalism Conference 2011: Media and Power #polis11

This conference is hosted by POLIS, the journalism think-tank in the Department of Media and Communications at the London School of Economics, in association with the BBC College of Journalism, the European Broadcasting Union and the Thomson Foundation.

Following registration from 8:30am-9:00am, The Sheikh Zayed and Wolfson Theatres will be running parallel sessions of keynote speeches and panels. Feel free to join sessions in either venue throughout day provided you are seated by the start time. All speeches and panels will be live-streamed and uploaded to a special website. Latest information at www.charliebeckett.org

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Sheikh Zayed Theatre Sessions

- 9.00am Welcome by Charlie Beckett, Director, POLIS
- 9.15-10.00 The BBC and Democracy
Helen Boaden (BBC), Chair: Krishnan Guru-Murthy (Channel 4 News)
- 10.00-11.00 Media and The Revolutions
Chair: Andrew Wilson (Sky News), Hosam El Sokkari (Yahoo! Middle East), Alan Fisher (Al Jazeera), Bill Neely (ITV)
- 11.00-11.30 *Coffee Break*
- 11.30-12.30 An Informed Society?
Chair: Adrian Monck (World Economic Forum), Stella Creasy MP, Robert Philips (Edelman) Julia Hobsbawn (Editorial Intelligence), John Harris (Guardian)
- 12.30-13.30 *Lunch Break*
- 13.30-14.30 Has The Press Lost Power?
Chair: Paul Waugh (PoliticsHome), Steve Richards (The Independent), Janan Ganesh (The Economist), Tim Montgomerie (ConservativeHome)
- 14.30-15.30 What Price Global News?
Chair: Cilla Benko (Swedish Radio), Peter Horrocks (BBC), Antonio Caprarica (Rai), Ignasi Guardans (EBU), Hosam El Sokkari (Yahoo! Middle East)

Wolfson Theatre Sessions

- 9.00-10.00 How do we build media and democracy?
Chair: Zahera Harb (Thomson Foundation/ Nottingham University), Dr Damian Tambini (LSE), Agnes Callmard (Article 19), Laura Walker Hudson (Frontline SMS)
- 10.00-11.0 Spin: A Masterclass
Chair: Carolyn Quinn (BBC Westminster Hour), Lance Price (former Labour Party Director of Communications), Simon Lewis (former Downing Street Director of Communications)
- 11.00-11.30 *Coffee Break*
- 11.30-12.30 After WikiLeaks
Chair: Charlie Beckett, James Ball (The Guardian), George Brock (Former Times Foreign Editor) Angela Philips (Goldsmiths University), Alison Powell (LSE)
- 12.30-13.30 *Lunch Break*
- 13.30-14.30 DIY Media Democracy
Chair: Nick Anstead (LSE), Mike Rawlins (Pits n Pots) Claire Sambrook (Independent investigative journalist and campaigner), David Wilcox (SocialReporter.com)