

Short Speaker Biographies

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Please note that most of the speakers are journalists and so their appearance is partly dependent on the news! Names and timings may change.

Charlie Beckett

Former producer and editor at BBC and ITN's Channel 4 News, now a professor and Head of the Department of Media and Communications at the LSE, and director of Polis, the LSE's journalism think-tank. Author of 'SuperMedia' and 'WikiLeaks: News In The Networked Era' @CharlieBeckett

Jonathan Baker

Former deputy head of newsgathering at the BBC where he is now head of the BBC College of Journalism

James Ball

Reporter for the Guardian specialising in data journalism, former WikiLeaks worker and co-author with Charlie Beckett of 'WikiLeaks: News In The Networked Era'. Forthcoming book on data journalism. @Jamesrbuk

Kurt Barling

BBC Special Correspondent for London and Professor of Journalism at Middlesex University. @kurtbarling

Trushar Barot

Assistant Editor of the BBC News UGC and social media hub @Trushar

Cilla Benkö

Director General of Swedish Radio, the main public service broadcaster in Sweden and a pioneer of innovative digital journalism and a member of EBU's executive board. @Cilla_benko

Ruurd Bierman

A former board member of Dutch public service broadcaster NPO and a General Director of NOS, he is now heading up the EBU's Vision2020 research project looking at the future of public service media in Europe. @ruurdbierman

Marianne Bouchart

Web Producer EMEA and data journalism projects coordinator at Bloomberg News in London. Founder of the [Data Journalism Blog](#). @Maid_Marianne

Andrew Bousfield

Trained as a lawyer, Private Eye's medical correspondent for two decades and a specialist investigator into whistleblowing cases.

Asun Gomez Bueno

Journalist for the main Spanish public service broadcaster TVE for more than two decades and currently director of their 24 hour news channel.

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Douglas Carswell
Conservative MP for Clacton and author of 'The End of Politics And The Birth Of iDemocracy'
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Julia Chatterley
Presenter for CNBC based in London who has also been reporting for the business channel from Greece and Cyprus.
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Nick Davies
Veteran investigative reporter at The Guardian currently finishing a book describing his investigation into the phone-hacking story. Author of Flat Earth News which described how journalism is in crisis.
@ByNickDavies

Esra Dogramaci
Former social media journalist for Al Jazeera in Doha, currently finishing her masters degree at the LSE.
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Yasmine El Rafie
A Swedish journalist who co-wrote the Swedish Social Media handbook and is currently a Polis Research Fellow looking at how to use social media to network BME communities.
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Ben Fenton
Media consultant, formerly Media Editor at the FT and a news reporter at the Daily Telegraph
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Barry Fitzpatrick
Deputy General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists, he's an experienced trade unionist across publishing and journalism industries.

Alison Gow
First female editor of the North Wales Daily Post, former editor of Wales Online and Wales on Sunday.
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Nik Gowing
BBC World main presenter, was formerly Diplomatic editor at Channel 4 News. Has written novel and 'Skyful of Lies' a report on how new media impacts international relations.
@BBCNikGowing

Nadja Hahn
Business correspondent for Austrian public service radio ORF and a Polis Fellow who published a report on 'What Use Is Twitter' - how to use social media for public service media.
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Steve Hewlett
Former TV film-maker and editor of programmes like the BBC's Panorama, now media consultant and presenter of BBC Radio 4's Media Show and Guardian columnist.
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Martin Hickman
Investigative and consumer affairs reporter at The Independent and co-author with Tom Watson MP of 'Dial M For Murdoch' which tells the story of the phone-hacking scandal.
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Nicola Hughes

Knight Mozilla fellow at the Guardian where she specialises in investigative data-mining journalism.
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Nicoletta Iacobacci (EBU)
Head of Multiplatform for the European Broadcasting Union, where she managed Eurovision TV and EBU's transmedia activities and projects. She created the Italian broadcaster RAI's first website back in 1993.
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Shelley Jofre
Reporter on BBC's Panorama for ten years, formerly worked for BBC Scotland, Culture Show, Money Programme and Newsnight.
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Phillipa Kennedy
Veteran journalist who reported on the Sun and Express and edited the Press Gazette before becoming the Sun's reader ombudsperson
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Jenny Kleeman
Reporter on Channel 4's Unreported World, she has also presented Dispatches for Channel 4 and Explore for BBC Two, and writes for newspapers and magazines.
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Laura Kuenssberg
Business Editor at ITV News, previously a BBC political and regional correspondent.
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Ian Leslie
Advertising executive and author of 'Born Liars - Why We Can't Live Without Deceit', he also blogs as 'Marbury'.
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Gavin Millar
Media lawyer and QC, currently deputy head of Doughty Street Chambers.

Alexi Mostrous
Special Correspondent for The Times, won Reporter of the Year for his investigations into tax avoidance
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Mike Mullane
Head of Sports, News and New Media at the European Broadcasting Union (Radio).
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Robert Phillips
Visiting professor at Cass Business School now working on a forthcoming book on the Citizen and the state.
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Stewart Purvis
Now a media consultant and professor at City University, he was formerly boss at ITN and a regulator at Ofcom
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Sophy Ridge
Sky News political correspondent and former trainee at the News of the World
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Richard Sambrook

Professor and director of the journalism centre at Cardiff University, he was a former head of Global News at the BBC.

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Andrew Scott

A lecturer in the LSE's Department of Law and a member of the LSE's Media Policy Project

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Barbara Serra

Al-Jazeera correspondent in Italy. LSE graduate worked previously at the BBC, Sky, and 5 News

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Emma Slater (New Journalist of the Year)

Press Gazette New Journalist of the Year 2013, investigative journalist for the Guardian and Red October Films/Dispatches and musical theatre performer.

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Paul Staines

Writer of the Guido Fawkes politics blog and columnist for the Sun on Sunday

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Neil Wallis

Tabloid veteran, was editor of The People and executive editor of the News of the World, now a media consultant.

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