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International and Local Journalists Tackle ‘Anti-media’ World and Ethics at St. Thomas Forum on Oct. 15

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ST. PAUL, Minn. —Freedom of the press is under attack around the world, and in the U.S. journalistic ethics are being scrutinized as never before. What to make of this radically changing media climate?

The event, Reporting in an “Anti-media” World, will bring together local investigative reporters and international journalists to consider restrictions and barriers to press freedom as well the role of ethics in these challenging times. The program, **which is free and open to the public**, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the O’Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium on the University of St. Thomas, [St. Paul campus](#).

The audience will be encouraged to participate through questions and comments.

The program is being presented by the University of St. Thomas Department of Emerging Media and the World Press Institute, a 55-year-old nonprofit that each year brings 10 international journalists to the U.S. for nine weeks of study and travel. It is based at St. Thomas when the journalists are in the Twin Cities.

The event is co-sponsored by Global Minnesota, a Minneapolis nonprofit that works to advance international understanding and engagement, and by the Star Tribune newspaper.

Panelists include A.J. Lagoe of KARE-TV; Jennifer Bjorhus, Star Tribune; Samara Freemark, senior producer of America Public Media’s “In the Dark” podcast; and WPI journalists Hamdi Baala, reporter for *HuffPost Algeria*; Saara Koho, reporter and columnist for *Talouselama*, a weekly business magazine in Helsinki; Sorana Stanescu, managing editor, for *Decat o Revista*, in Bucharest, Romania; and Kate Bartlett, correspondent for Southern and East Africa for *Deutsche Presse Agentur (Dpa)* in Johannesburg.

The moderator will be Professor Mark Neuzil, chair of the Department of Emerging Media.

“Press freedom and journalistic ethics are such crucial topics in today’s media landscape,” Neuzil said. “We hope that our international guests and our local journalists can shed light on how to navigate in these difficult times. And we hope both the journalists and the members of the community can learn from the discussion.”

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