

# **The role and impact of media in divided societies and conflict-ridden democracies: the case of the conflict over Kosovo**

*A three day Workshop with Serb and Kosovar Albanian Journalists,  
organized in the framework of the Early Warning Project coordinated by International Alert  
and supported by the EU Instrument for Stability*

**Athens 9 - 12 March 2011**  
**Electra Palace hotel**

**Programme**

## Wednesday 9 March

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**Morning and**

**Afternoon:** Arrival of participants

**17:00** Workshop Registration and Welcoming Coffee

**17:30** Welcome and introductory remarks by **Associate Professor Dimitris Sotiropoulos**, University of Athens; S. Costopoulos Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP  
Presentation of the online forum and questionnaire by **Dr. Dimitra Dimitrakopoulou**, Adjunct Lecturer, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

**18:00-19:30** **Mass media, economy and the state**  
**Chair** **Professor Stylianos Papathanassopoulos**, University of Athens,  
*A discussion with journalists and experts who have worked in the region. Overview of the mass media field in Kosovo and Serbia: private ownership patterns and state regulation of the press and electronic media. Differences between print and electronic media.*

Discussion

**20:00** Dinner at the Electra Roof restaurant  
Keynote speech by the Alternate Minister of Culture and Tourism **Mr. Telemachos Hitiris**, introduced by **Professor Loukas Tsoukalis**, President of ELIAMEP

## Thursday 10 March

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**09:30-11:00 The journalists look upon themselves**

**Chair:** Mr. Tassos Telloglou, Kathimerini newspaper

*What is to be a journalist in a conflict-ridden or post-conflict society?*

*The escalating and de-escalating roles of journalists in instances of ethnic conflict; lessons from examples journalists contributing to reconciliation and counter-examples of fueling hostility.*

**11:00-11:30** Coffee Break

**11:30-13:00 The political, social and cultural context of journalist's work**

**Chair:** Ms. Astrid Reinprecht, European University Institute, Florence

*The dominant local and professional cultures reigning among journalists; multiple pressures on and demands from journalists; what do local journalists believe in?*

**13:00-14:00** Lunch Break

**14:00-15:30 The mass media and democracy in Eastern Europe today**

Keynote speech by **Professor Jan Zielonka**, University of Oxford

**15:30-16:00** A first look at possible projects to be carried out by workshop participants after the end of the workshop, when they return to their bases

Discussion Leader: **Dr. George Tzogopoulos**, Bodossakis post doctoral Fellow, ELIAMEP, Athens

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*Coffee will be served during the session in the meeting room*

**20:30**

Dinner at the Fisherman's Tavern in Plaka, Athens. *Please meet at the lobby of the hotel.*

## Friday 11 March

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**09:30-11:00 Social Responsibility and Ethics in the work of a journalist**

**Chair** **Ms. Sonja Licht**, President of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence  
*The balance between editorial independence and social responsibility; the mix of diversity and impartiality; the tensions between freedom of expression and condemning hate speech*

**11:00-11:30** Coffee Break

**11:30-13:00 Educating journalists**

**Chair** **Dr. Ioannis Armakolas**, EKEM; University of Macedonia  
*Good practices in the training of journalists. Lessons from other conflict-ridden and post-conflict societies.*

**13:00-14:00** Lunch Break

**14:00-15:30 Thinking out of the box: the future of journalism in Kosovo and Serbia**

**Chair** **Mr. Augustin Palokaj**, *Koha Ditore* correspondent in Brussels  
*The prospects of reform of the mass media sector; possibilities of change on the way to integration into the European Union*

**15:30-16:30** Concluding Remarks and guidelines for projects to be carried out by workshop participants after they return to their bases  
 Discussion Leader: **Dr. George Tzogopoulos**, Bodossakis post doctoral Fellow, ELIAMEP, Athens

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**20.00** Farewell Dinner at the tavern “To Steki tou Elia” at Theseion Area. *Please meet at the lobby of the hotel.*

## Saturday 12 March

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Departure of participants

