

## Speaker Biographies

### **Natalia Arno**

*President, Free Russia Foundation*

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Natalia Arno is the president and founder of Free Russia Foundation, a nonprofit and nonpartisan US-based nongovernmental organization that informs US policy makers on events in Russia in real time and supports the formulation of an effective and sustainable US policy on Russia. In 2004, Natalia joined the International Republican Institute, a US nonprofit nonpartisan organization advancing democracy worldwide. She worked there for ten years, six of which were as Russia Country Director. In December 2009, Natalia represented Russia in the World Summit of World Leaders in Geneva, Switzerland. Forced to leave Russia as a result of her pro-democracy work, Natalia founded the Free Russia Foundation with a number of other exiles in 2014. The organization serves as a voice for those who cannot speak under the repression of the current Russian leadership.

### **Alena Balaba**

Odessa Media Center

### **Denis Bochkarev**

Russian Photographer and Activist

Since 2006, Russian photographer Denis Bochkarev has been involved in citizen journalism work, including production of photo and video documentaries. He has documented a large number of demonstration, protests, live protest performance art, activist arrests, court hearings and public reaction to prosecution of activists, including memorials for the slain journalists Anna Politkovskaya and Anastasiya Baburova and a murdered lawyer Stanislav Markelov; court proceedings involving Mikhail Khodorkovsky, members of the feminist protest punk rock band Pussy Riot, the detainees of the Bolotnaya Square May 6 protests. Denis has recorded recitals and actions of the art-group "War" and punk rock band Pussy Riot; actions of the civil organization "Solidarity", coalition "Other Russia", actions of youth activist organizations "Defense" and "We".

### **Nighat Dad**

*Executive Director, Digital Rights Foundation*

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Nighat Dad is the Executive Director of the Digital Rights Foundation in Pakistan. She is also an accomplished lawyer and human rights activist. As an internet activist, she uses her platform to promote access to open internet in Pakistan and around the world. Nighat has received numerous awards, including being recognized in *TIME* magazine's Next Generation Leaders List in 2015 and the recipient of the Atlantic Council Freedom Award and Human Rights Tulip Award in 2016. Nighat advocates for women's empowerment and promotes the participation of women in public speaking engagements. She received her education from the University of the Punjab, Lahor where she obtained a degree in the Master of Laws.

**Roman Dobrokhoto**

Editor-in-Chief, *The Insider*

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Roman Dobrokhoto is a Moscow-based journalist and civil activist and the editor-in-chief of *The Insider*. It would be no exaggeration to say that a significant portion of what the world knows about the GRU's involvement in recent international scandals comes from the work of Roman's site. *The Insider* revealed GRU's role in hacking the emails of then-presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron in 2017, aided in the identification of two military officers involved in the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight 17 over Ukraine, and worked with Bellingcat to eventually identify all three alleged GRU assassins of Sergei Skripal, all from inside Russia. Roman has a long history of anti-government activism. In opposition to the pro-Kremlin group Nashi in the early 2000s, he founded the dissident group We, in which he was involved until receiving his PhD and turning to full-time investigative journalism in 2013.

**Ralf Fücks**

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Ralf Fücks is a German politician who has been a member of the Green Party of Germany since 1982. In 1985 he was elected to the Bremen state parliament. He served as Co-President for the national Green Party in 1989/90. He returned to regional politics and served as Deputy Mayor and as Senator for Urban Development and Environmental Protection. Fücks is a member of the executive board of the Heinrich Böll Foundation and currently serves as President. He is the author of the book "Intelligent Wachsen – Die grüne Revolution (Intelligent Growth – The Green Revolution)". Recently he founded a new think tank Zentrum Liberale Moderne.

**Vasily Gatov**

USC Annenberg Center

Mr. Vasily Gatov is a Russian journalist, media executive and strategist. His professional expertise includes media development and technology, the issues of censorship and media effects, and media innovation. Gatov is currently a visiting fellow at Annenberg School at University of Southern California.

His recent work includes academic and professional analysis of Russian and Eastern European media, history of Soviet and Russian press and Cold War communications. As a journalist, Vasily Gatov reported on many episodes of recent Russian history: from 1986' Chernobyl nuclear disaster to 1991' failed coup'd'état, Boris yeltsin's presidency and the first Chechen war (1994- 1997). He later served as an executive and strategist for several Russian media companies, including RenTV network, Media3 (Russia's largest print conglomerate in 2007-2012), and RIA Novosti, a national multimedia news agency. While working for RIA Novosti (2011-2013), Gatov founded Novosti Media Lab, the research and development company, fostering innovation in communication and the social impact of media.

**Tatiana Gerasimova**

Гідність (Dignity), Ukraine

**Jelger Groeneveld**

D66

Jelger Groeneveld has been a general board member at TA IVD (International Security and Defense) since October 2015. He was re-elected for a second term in October 2017. Jelger is currently the point of contact in the board for input regarding the European Election Program (EP EP19).

**Luke Harding**

*Foreign Correspondent, The Guardian*

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Luke Harding is currently a foreign correspondent at *The Guardian*. He has reported from Delhi, Berlin, and Moscow and covered wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya. In 2017, Guardian Faber published Luke's most recent book *Collusion: How Russia Helped Trump Win the White House*. He also published a book in 2011, *Mafia State*, in which he discusses his experience in Russia and the political system under Vladimir Putin. Luke graduated with an International Baccalaureate diploma from UWC Atlantic College, South Wales.

**Richard Hoogland**

*Board Member, D66 Department of International Cooperation*

Richard Hoogland is a board member of the D66 Department of International Cooperation, where he works together with members of the ALDE Group (Liberals and Democrats in the European Parliament) to push for European integration of post-Soviet states into the EU. Since 2005, Richard has held various positions in the TUI Group, a tourism group, where he focused on Russia, Croatia, Italy, and the Caucasus. He has been serving as a board member there since December 2016. As such, he has a large amount of experience with negotiating in Russian, Italian, French, German, and English. Richard possesses a Master of Arts in Russian language, literature, and history from the University of Amsterdam.

**Melissa Hooper**

*Director, Human Rights and Civil Society, Human Rights First*

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Melissa Hooper is a lawyer, a rule of law expert, and the Director of Human Rights and Civil Society program at HRF. Her research focuses on the foreign policy strategies employed by Russia to undermine and influence democratic institutions, and the intersection of those strategies with anti-democratic trends in neighboring countries. Ms. Hooper has work experience in Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan and is the author of several academic papers, including *Poland's New Front: A Government's War Against Civil Society* (Aug 2017), *The Non-Governmental Sector: Pro-Russia Tools Masquerading as Independent Voices* (Foreign Policy Center; Apr 2017), *Russia's Bad Example* (Free Russia Foundation – Human Rights First, 2016) and others.

## **Padraig Hughes**

Media Legal Defense Initiative

Pádraig Hughes joined the Media Legal Defense Initiative as Legal Director in 2016. Prior to that he worked at a law firm in London specializing in international human rights law, international humanitarian law and public law, at an NGO litigating cases on issues concerning violations of human rights including extraordinary rendition, torture, arbitrary detention, freedom of expression and discrimination before international courts, and as a barrister where he practiced in criminal law and refugee law. He holds an MA, MLitt (Dub.) and LLB (Lond.) and has been called to the Bar of England and Wales, and the Bar of Ireland.

## **Jens-Henrik Jeppesen**

*Representative and Director for European Affairs, Center for Democracy and Technology*  
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Jens-Henrik Jeppesen has been the Director for European Affairs at the Center for Democracy and Technology since 2013, where he works to define, drive, and execute the CDT's European strategies. Prior to becoming the director for European Affairs at CDT, he worked as the Director for Government Affairs, Europe, Middle East, and Africa at Dell. He also managed Intel's European Union Affairs team, where he personally led Intel's European policy work on digital content, copyright and DRM. Jens-Henrik is a longstanding member of BSA (The Software Alliance), Digital Europe, and the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union. He holds an M.Sc (econ) from Copenhagen Business School and a graduate degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

## **Vladimir Kara-Murza**

*Chairman, Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom*  
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Vladimir Kara-Murza is chairman of the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom. Kara-Murza is currently a Senior Fellow at the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights. Vladimir has testified on Russian affairs before parliaments in Europe and North America and played a key role in the passage of the Magnitsky Act, a US law that imposed targeted sanctions on Russian human rights violators. Twice, in 2015 and 2017, he was poisoned with an unknown substance and left in a coma; the attempts on his life were widely viewed as politically motivated. Vladimir writes regular commentary for *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *World Affairs*, and other periodicals, and has previously worked as a journalist for Russian broadcast and print media, including Ekho Moskvy and Kommersant. He directed two documentary films, *They Chose Freedom* (on the dissident movement in the USSR) and *Nemtsov* (on the life of Boris Nemtsov). He is the author of *Reform or Revolution* (Moscow 2011) and a contributor to *Russia's Choices: The Duma Elections and After* (London 2003), *Russian Liberalism: Ideas and People* (Moscow 2007), *Why Europe Needs a Magnitsky Law* (London 2013), and *Boris Nemtsov and Russian Politics: Power and Resistance* (Stuttgart 2018). Vladimir is a recipient of the Magnitsky Human Rights Award, the Sakharov Prize for Journalism as an Act of Conscience, and the Geneva Summit Courage Award. He holds an M.A. in History from Cambridge.

**David Kaye**

*Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression*, United Nations  
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David Kaye has served as UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression since August 2014. He is also a clinical professor of law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, where he teaches international human rights law and international humanitarian law and directs a clinic on international justice. David's research focuses on accountability for serious human rights abuse and the law governing the use of force. His lengthy catalog of published research essays and opinion pieces include *Archiving Justice: Conceptualizing the Archives of the ICTY* (Journal of Archival Science, 2014); *Stealth Multilateralism: U.S. Foreign Policy Without Treaties — or the Senate* (Foreign Affairs, 2013); *Human Rights Prosecutors? The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, International Justice, and the Example of Syria* (book chapter, 2013); and *State Execution of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (3 UC Irvine Law Reviews 95, 2013).

Mr. Kaye has given lectures around the world, including at the UN and the ICC. He co-founded the International Human Rights program of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, and founded its International Justice Clinic. He is a member of the American society of International Law, for which he served on its Executive Council and Executive Committee, and he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Before beginning his legal career, Mr. Kaye worked at the State Department, where he handled subjects such as international claims, nuclear nonproliferation, international humanitarian law, and accountability for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. He received both his undergraduate degree and his JD from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Evgeny Kiselyov**

Political Analyst and Journalist

Mr. Kiselyov is a prominent Ukrainian journalist of Russian origin, TV host and political analyst. His career started in Moscow, where he gained popularity in 1990s and early 2000s as a co-founder of NTV, then Russia's biggest independent privately owned television channel, as well as the anchorman of Itogi - a weekly news show that was considered by many to be the most influential television program of the time.

The hostile take-over of NTV in 2001 was the first major step in Vladimir Putin's campaign to establish government control and censorship of Russian media. Yevgeniy Kiselyov became one of the many Russian journalists threatened and harassed by the government and pushed out from the national television. For this reason, he finally chose to continue his career in the neighboring Ukraine, moving there in 2008.

Since that time, he has worked for a number of Ukrainian TV channels and other media. At present he hosts a daily late-night news and current affairs show and a weekly talk-show.

### **Oleg Kozlovsky**

Amnesty International

Oleg Kozlovsky is a Russia Researcher at Amnesty International and a lifelong civic activist. Over the past two decades, he has participated in various liberal and human rights groups including youth movement Oborona, The Other Russia coalition and the Solidarnost movement.

As the founder of Civil Leadership School, he has helped train hundreds of Russian civic activists. For his work at home and abroad, Kozlovsky has faced numerous arrests and detentions, abduction and torture, was illegally drafted into the army and expelled from Lukashenko's Belarus and Yanukovich's Ukraine. He holds degrees in Computer Science and Political Science and is a Fulbright alumnus.

### **Martin Kragh**

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Martin Kragh is the head of the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs and an associate professor at Uppsala University's Institute of Russian and Eurasia Studies. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Sverker Åström Foundation, which supports young Russians who wish to visit Sweden. From 2012 to 2016, Martin was a member of the board of directors of the Sweden department of Transparency International. Martin earned his PhD from the Stockholm School of Economics in 2009.

His research interests include economic history, political economy, foreign affairs and Nordic-Russian relations, and he specializes in the economic development of Russia and Eastern Europe.

### **Jeremy Lamoreaux**

Brigham Young University

Jeremy W. Lamoreaux is an associate professor of international studies and political science at Brigham Young University – Idaho. His research focuses on relations between the West and Russia as played out in traditional and non-traditional security arenas. Geographically, his focus is primarily on the Baltic States. He has published in *European Security*, *European Politics and Society*, *Geopolitics*, *Journal on Baltic Security*, *Journal of Baltic Studies*, *Palgrave Communications*, and with *Routledge* and *Rodopi*. His current research focuses on the EU-Russia relationship post-Brexit and on the role of religions in that relationship.

### **Miriam Lexmann**

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Until recently, Miriam Lexmann had been the Director of the EU Office of the International Republican Institute in Brussels, Belgium. She previously served as the permanent Representative of the Slovak Parliament at the European Union. At IRI, she ran the Beacon Project, which focuses on addressing vulnerabilities and democracy gaps exploited by domestic and foreign actors through disinformation and other means. She is a KDH adviser to the Foreign and European Policy Party. She is

a member of the Board of Directors of the Anton Tuneg Foundation and a member of the board of the civil association digiQ, dedicated to protecting children from the harmful effects of the Internet. Ms. Lexmann is an author and co-author of dozens of articles and publications focusing on foreign policy, the EU, Central and Eastern Europe and the moral and ethical challenges facing democracy today.

**Marina Litvinenko**

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Marina Litvinenko is the founder of the Litvinenko Justice Foundation, a nonprofit organization that she established in 2007 after her late husband, former FSB and KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, was assassinated with a lethal dose of polonium-210 radiation. A public inquiry by the UK government into Mr. Litvinenko's death concluded that the assassination was "probably approved" by Putin himself. Ms. Litvinenko published her memoir, *Poisoned by Polonium: The Litvinenko File*, in 2007 shortly after Mr. Litvinenko's death in 2006. She is an outspoken critic of the Putin regime and a powerful voice in the fight for the imposition of sanctions against Russia.

**Scott Martin**

*Managing Partner*, Global Rights Compliance

Scott is an American lawyer with 17 years' experience providing advisory and litigation support services in international humanitarian law, human rights, environmental law and international trade, working in diverse locations throughout the world, including Europe, the United States, South Asia, East Asia, the Caribbean, East Africa, and West Africa.

Scott has worked in senior positions at UN international criminal tribunals, including providing legal services to the former President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Additionally, he has provided human rights and humanitarian law advisory services in several countries during an active armed conflict, including northern Mali in 2014 and Ukraine since early 2015.

Scott also works with companies, trade unions and workers in developing countries in the manufacturing sector, to advance the rights of workers and ensure multinational company supply chains followed relevant human rights standards. From a diplomatic perspective, Scott also worked to advance the rights of developing countries in his role as a legal advisor in international trade policy in Geneva, Switzerland, assisting diplomatic representatives by providing professional advisory services on regional trade agreements, international trade agreements, World Trade Organization (WTO) legal texts, and other development-related advice and strategies.

**Thomas O. Melia**

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Thomas O. Melia is Washington Director at PEN America. Prior to joining PEN America, he served in the Obama Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and

Labor, responsible for Europe and Eurasia, south and central Asia, and the Middle East, and as Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) until January 2017. Melia has also served as Deputy Executive Director of Freedom House, Vice President for Programs at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and Associate Director of the Solidarity Center. Melia is a monthly columnist for *The American Interest* and chair of the board of the Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED). Recently, Melia was a Fellow with the Human Freedom Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute, helping to lead a bipartisan initiative to reinvigorate American leadership in defense of human rights and democracy at home and abroad. He has taught at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Service, Georgetown University, and his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, where he received his MA and BA.

### **Marko Mihkelson**

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Marko Mihkelson is the deputy chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament. He serves on the European Union Affairs Committee and is also the Head of the Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Mr. Mihkelson was first elected to Parliament in 2003 and is currently serving his second mandate. From 2000-2003 he worked as the director of the Baltic Centre for Russian Studies. Prior to that, he was the Editor-in-Chief of the daily newspaper Postimees and from 1994 to 1997 he was Postimees's correspondent in Moscow. Mr. Mihkelson has an MA degree in History from the University of Tartu.

### **Daniel Mitov**

*Head of Russia Program, National Democratic Institute*

Mr. Mitov runs the NDI's Russia program out of Estonia. From 2014-2017, he served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs in his native Bulgaria under Prime Minister Boyko Borisov, where he was one of Bulgaria's youngest foreign ministers. He joined NDI's Brussels office in March 2013 after working for the Institute in Iraq and across the Middle East since 2010. Before joining NDI, he was executive director of the Democracy Foundation in Bulgaria for four years. Daniel was also active in Bulgarian and European politics for many years.

### **Peter Pomerantsev**

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Peter Pomerantsev is the director of Arena Initiative, London School of Economics and a British journalist, author, and TV producer. He is an Associate Editor at Coda Story, a position he has held since 2015. He writes for publications including the *Financial Times*, *London Review of Books*, *Politico*, *Atlantic* and many others. His book on Russian propaganda, *Nothing is True and Everything is Possible*, won the 2016 Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Prize. It has been translated into over a dozen languages. He was project chair for the Information Warfare Initiative at the Center for European Policy Analysis. He studied English Literature and German at the University of Edinburgh.



**Olga Romanova**

*Executive Director, Russia Behind Bars*

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Olga Romanova is the executive director of Russia Behind Bars (Rus Sidyashchaya), an organization that defends the rights of prison inmates. She is also a renowned journalist and human rights activists who has held positions at *Segodnya*, *Versiya*, *Vedomosti*, and *Novaya Gazeta* newspapers, as well as *The New York Times* and *Slon Magazine*. In 2005, she became the anchor of several shows on *Echo of Moscow* radio after gaining recognition for her analytical show on *Ren-TV, 24 With Olga Romanova*, which aired from 1999-2005.

**Konstantin Rubakhin**

Konstantin is a Russian investigative journalist and eco-activist who headed a movement to save Khoper National Park in Russia. For this activity he was persecuted and was forced into exile to Lithuania. He is now based in Latvia where he continues to fight Kremlin's corruption and its attempts to influence the West and subvert democratic institutions. Konstantin has generously provided photos from his Ten years of Protest series to illustrate this report.

**Ilona Sokolova**

International Public Tribunal

Ms. Sokolova serves as Manager at the International Public Tribunal. Her previous work has been with various non-profit organizations conducting research on Russian media, elections and public opinion. She is a graduate of the Moscow State University.

**Joanna Szymanska**

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Joanna focuses on equality and non-discrimination issues, hate speech and media pluralism in Central and Eastern Europe. Prior to joining ARTICLE 19 in 2016, Joanna worked as a project assistant at Freedom House, as well as an assistant to the General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBT people of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and assistant to the Secretariat of the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination. She has an M.A. in Russian studies from University of Gdansk and postgraduate certificate in International law from Warsaw University.

**Kristina Vaiciunaite**

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Kristina Vaiciunaite leads the Eurasia Program at the European Endowment for Democracy. Previously, for over eight years, Kristina was a director of the Eastern Europe Studies Centre, the only think tank in Lithuania that analyzes the Eastern Region. She started her career in the Institute of International Relations and Political Science. Kristina has mostly worked with civil society organizations, media projects, and the development of analytical centers in the Eastern partnership countries, Russia, and Central Asia.

**Nathalie Vogel**

European Values Think Tank

Ms. Vogel is a Non-Resident Fellow at the Kremlin Watch Team. She has dedicated her career to the defense and the promotion of democracy and democratic movements around the world. A graduate of the Institute of Political Sciences of the University of Innsbruck, Nathalie taught international relations at the University of Bonn, Germany. She has served as a project officer and consultant for youth and civil society at the NATO Office in Moscow. Until 2015, Nathalie Vogel was a Fellow at the Institute of World Politics in Washington DC and worked as a contractor with the USG. She is a political consultant for youth branches of political parties and student movements in the Balkans, Eastern Europe and Latin America, and serves as an advisor to several think tanks in Central Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caucasus. Nathalie has been monitoring influence operations in Germany since 2007 and advises lawmakers and think tanks. She is a reserve Officer in the German AF.

**Liz Wahl**

American Journalist

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Liz Wahl is the daughter of a military veteran and the wife of a military base physician. She moved to America thirty years ago from an overseas military base. After college, Wahl freelanced at a local news station as a writer and producer and then worked as an anchor and reporter at a news station in Saipan. She became known for quitting her work as a correspondent for RT-America on air because of the news outlet's coverage of Putin's actions in Ukraine. Her resignation sparked awareness about Russian disinformation and foreign meddling in democracies. Since then she has traveled to several countries, speaking about democracy and disinformation in the digital age. She has advised government leaders, diplomats, journalists, and students about how to understand this issue. Until recently, Ms. Wahl has been a correspondent for *Newsy*. Liz Wahl is currently running for U.S. Congress in Texas's 23<sup>rd</sup> District.

**Michael Weiss**

American Journalist and Author

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Mr. Weiss is an American journalist and author of the New York Times Bestseller *Isis: Inside the Army of Terror*. He is currently a senior fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue as well as an executive consulting editor at Coda Story. Mr. Weiss's second book will be a reported history of the GRU, Russia's military intelligence agency. He holds a BA in History from Dartmouth College.

**Mr. Leon Willems**

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Since 2011, Leon Willems has served as Director of Free Press Unlimited, an organization that works to support local media professionals and journalists to help people in acquiring reliable, unbiased information. During his time as director, Free Press Unlimited has grown to become one of the leading free press organizations. Before serving as director of Free Press Unlimited, he was the director of Press Now. Leon has held positions at Ikon Television and has worked as a producer of important news stories in the Middle-East and Sub-Saharan Africa. From 2004-2007, he worked for the United Nations to set up independent radio stations in South Sudan. He also initiated the Radio Dabanga project in 2008 to broadcast daily, independent news for people in Darfur, Sudan. Since 2012, he has served as a steering committee member at the Global Forum for Media Development. He holds a BA in Sociology from Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen.

**Ilya Zaslavskiy,**

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Ilya Zaslavskiy is the Head of Research at Free Russia Foundation, a position he has held since 2015. Until 2010, he worked on gas stream projects as part of the management team of Russo-Ukrainian energy giant TNK-BP. While there, he conducted frequent analyses of oil and gas fundamentals, worked on carbon credits and gas flaring mitigation, addressed Gazprom's supply-and-demand model for Eurasia, and examined company policies and engagement strategies in former Soviet space and in Europe.

Since his move to the US, Mr. Zaslavskiy has worked to expose the Russian political subversion in oil and gas sectors against Europe and the US. He coined the phrase "export of corrosive practices" and detailed the multiple levels of such a strategy, which includes Russian plans for the energy sector. He correctly predicted in his 2013 analysis, *How Corrosive Practices from Russia Penetrate and Undermine US and UK* (Institute of Modern Russia), that ignoring Russian corruption and disinformation would have major national security implication for the West. In 2014, during his fellowship at Chatham House, Zaslavskiy published works exposing the unsavory realities of the Russian hydrocarbon sector.

Mr. Zaslavskiy's published works include *Advancing Natural Gas Reform in Ukraine* (Council on Foreign Relations, Dec 2018), *The Kremlin's Gas Games in Europe: Implications for Policy Makers* (Atlantic Council, May 2017), *How Non-State Actors Export Kleptocratic Norms to the West* (Hudson Institute, Oct 2017). He holds an M. Phil. in International Relations from Oxford University, an Executive Master's Degree in Management of Energy from BI Norwegian Business School, and a BA in Modern History from Oxford University.