

Communicating Identities and Nationhood: Promoting Inclusive Democracy Through Access To Information and Knowledge Societies

Panel: Protecting Fundamental Rights & Freedom of Expression: Lessons learned from Covid-19

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Syrian cartoonist



Structural Issues

- ▶ Nature of epidemic – silent, invisible, complicated, medical, science, unknown
- ▶ Newsworthy – adventure, discovery, breaking news, all media coverages
- ▶ Official placement – presidential level (PTF), presidency, multi-dimensional, tight control...

Govt & Journalists & Pandemics: Rights and Freedom

- ▶ Epidemics and pandemics – imperatives
- ▶ Ebola and Covid-19 – Differences and similarities for journalists
- ▶ The Press and Social Network Services/Sites
- ▶ Fake news
- ▶ Misinfodemic
- ▶ Rules, regulations, laws, policies – govt vs journalists vs epidemics

Normative Issues: Rights and Freedom

- ▶ Death, fear, contagious,
- ▶ Key role of media as connector, interpreter...
- ▶ Nationalism, patriotism
- ▶ Socio-economic realities in jeopardy
- ▶ Traditional media versus authorities stance

Media, Journalism and Tomorrow – critical questions

- ▶ Who is a journalist?
- ▶ What is a media organization?
- ▶ What is professional responsibility of a journalist?
- ▶ Whose duty and whose obligation for facts?
- ▶ Financial and economic issues
- ▶ Technology capabilities
- ▶ Legal powers
- ▶ Users demand

Leadership: Typology for Journalism/Journalists

Perception & Reality – both matter for rights and freedom

- Values
- Ethics
- Vision
- Innovation
- Execution 
- Enabling
- Persistence
- Value addition...