BIOGRAPHIES

Ambassador Jan Braathu

Ambassador Jan Braathu is the sixth OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, appointed in December 2024. Prior to his appointment, Braathu served as Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia from January 2021 to December 2024 and Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo from October 2016 until December 2020. Previously, he was Norway's Ambassador to Kosovo and Albania, and Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina. His other assignments have included serving as Deputy Director General and Head of the Division for Western Balkan Affairs (2000-2006). Braathu served as an Adviser on Balkan Affairs (1996-2000), and was also working with the Norwegian Foreign Ministry's OSCE Chairpersonship-in-Office Section from 1998 to 2000 on Western Balkan issues. He held the role of First Secretary and Acting Counsellor for Economic Affairs at the Royal Norwegian Embassy to the Court of St. James's from 1993 to 1996. He was also First Secretary at the Royal Norwegian Embassies in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia from 1990 to 1993.

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H.E. Ferit Hoxha

Ferit Hoxha is an Albanian diplomat and currently serves as Albania's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs. A career diplomat since 1991, he has held several senior positions within Albania's Foreign Ministry and represented the country in key international postings. Hoxha served as Albania's ambassador to the European Union, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Portugal, Monaco, and UNESCO, and twice as Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (2009–2015 and 2021–2024). During Albania's term on the UN Security Council, he became known for his work on issues related to Ukraine, regional security, and multilateral diplomacy. He was appointed Foreign Minister in March 2026, with a focus on advancing Albania's EU integration and strengthening international partnerships.

H.E. Ruth Huber

Ruth Huber has served as Ambassador of Switzerland to Albania and Head of the Swiss Development Program in Albania since September 2022. Previously, she was Vice-Director and Head of Cooperation with Eastern Europe at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). She also served as Switzerland's Ambassador to Zimbabwe and Malawi (2015–2018) and held senior development roles in Bolivia and Southeast Asia. Before joining the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 1996, she worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross in South Africa, Bosnia, and Peru. Ambassador Huber holds a master's degree in International Relations from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

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Ambassador Michel Tarran

Ambassador Michel Tarran, a French career diplomat, became Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania on 14 May 2024. He previously served as French Ambassador to Tajikistan (2020–2023) and held several senior diplomatic roles, including Deputy Head of Mission in Tunisia (2009-2013) and Latvia (2005-2009), Deputy Spokesperson at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (2002-2005); delegate for Relations with Civil Society and Partnerships in the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (2016-2020); and Diplomatic Adviser to the President of the Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (2013-2015). He also served as Political Adviser at the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (2001-2002); and Acting Head and then Deputy Head of Mission at the French Liaison Office to Kosovo (1999-2001). He also worked in cultural diplomacy in Albania and Russia. Ambassador Tarran holds a post-graduate degree in history from Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University. In addition to French, he speaks Albanian, English, and Russian.

Barbara Trionfi

Barbara Trionfi is the Principal Adviser at the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, which she joined in May 2024. She is the former Executive Director of the International Press Institute (IPI), a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists dedicated to safeguarding and fostering media freedom and promoting quality, independent journalism. With an academic background in international relations, human rights and freedom of expression, her field of expertise relates to defense of press and media freedom and the promotion of independent, public interest journalism, including international mechanisms to foster journalist safety, counter media capture, and protect climate and environmental journalists.

Tamara Filipović

Tamara Filipović Stevanović has been with the Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia (IJAS) since 2010, serving as Secretary General since 2020. She leads initiatives focused on journalists' safety, media freedom, labor rights, and media policy, and has actively contributed to the development of Serbia's national Media Strategy and accompanying Action Plan. Tamara coordinates the regional SafeJournalists Network (SJN), a coalition of journalists' associations and media organizations across the Western Balkans dedicated to improving the safety and working conditions of journalists. She previously chaired the EFJ Labor Rights Expert Group and currently serves as a board member of the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF). She is the author and co-author of several publications on media freedom issues. Through her work, she consistently advocates for stronger institutional protections and practical mechanisms to improve the safety of journalists in Serbia and the wider region.

Dhurata Çupi

Dhurata Çupi Tyli is an Albanian legal professional and media executive currently serving as CEO and General Director of Focus Media News, overseeing outlets including News 24 and Gazeta Shqiptare. She previously served for nearly a decade as a Member of Parliament for the Democratic Party, holding leading roles in committees on law, human rights, finance, and EU integration, including Vice Chair of the Law Commission and Chair of the Legislative Council. Her career also includes senior legal positions at the Municipality of Tirana and the Agency for the Inventory and Transfer of Public Property, as well as academic work in local government law. She holds a law degree and a Master's in Public Law and Administration from the University of Tirana.

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Olta Blaceri

Olta Blaceri is an Albanian journalist and political correspondent with more than 20 years of experience in television media. She currently works for Vizion Plus, covering political and current affairs. Throughout her career, she has worked with several major Albanian media outlets and has contributed to projects focused on justice reform, media, and elections in the Albania. She is recognized for her professionalism, integrity, and strong interviewing and reporting skills. Olta Blaceri holds a degree journalism.

Sebastian Ramspeck

Sebastian Ramspeck, a Swiss national, was born in Zurich. He studied international relations at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and European law at the University of Zurich. He is also a graduate of the Henri Nannen School of Journalism in Hamburg. Mr Ramspeck began his professional career in the Swiss federal administration in Bern, namely in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and in the Office of the Swiss Intelligence Coordinator. As a journalist, Mr Ramspeck has worked for various media companies in Switzerland and abroad, including the German news magazine “Der Spiegel”, where he served as a business correspondent in Düsseldorf. He was also Brussels bureau chief and TV correspondent for Switzerland’s national broadcaster SRF. Today, he is SRF’s International Correspondent covering geopolitics and anchor of SRF’s foreign affairs programme “SRFglobal”.

Guido KEEL

Guido Keel is the director of the Institute of Applied Media Studies and Professor for Journalism and Media Literacy at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences in Switzerland. He holds a PhD in Journalism Studies and has worked both as journalist and academic, as well as for the office of the OSCE RFoM.

Nicoleta Fotiade

Nicoleta Fotiade is a media and communications expert, media literacy trainer, and educator with more than 20 years of experience in media research and education programs across Romania and Europe. She has taught media education at the University of Bucharest and trains teachers and librarians to integrate media literacy into their communities and professional work. Her expertise includes media audience research, media monitoring, and election-related evaluation. A co-founder of the Romanian media watchdog ActiveWatch, she has long been engaged in advocacy for freedom of expression and minority rights. She is also the co-author of several media research studies, educational resources, and high school textbooks, and currently serves as President of Mediawise Society and the International Association for Media Education.

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Nazim Rashidi

Nazim Rashidi is an award-winning journalist, author, and media expert from North Macedonia with extensive experience across the Western Balkans. He worked for 12 years with the BBC World Service in London and the Balkans, reporting on major regional and international developments in Southeast Europe. Since 2025, he has hosted and edited the political podcast “Rishtazi” for the digital platform of the daily newspaper *Koha*. Previously, he spent 14 years as the author and host of “Programi 200” on TV Alsat, known for its multilingual format promoting dialogue and inclusivity. Rashidi is also active in civil society as a board member of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Skopje, and works as a media and policy advisor, trainer, and lecturer focused on democracy, media, and public dialogue.

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Aleksandra Krstić

Aleksandra Krstić, Ph.D, is Full Professor and Vice Dean for Research and International Cooperation at the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Political Science. Her research interests are media and journalism studies, TV journalism, visual communication, media ethics, democratization of media, safety of journalists, conflict reporting, media-politics relations. She is the President of the Serbian Political Science Association (SPSA) and Chair of the Centre for Media at the Faculty of Political Science. She has published two books and more than fifty articles in peer-reviewed international and national journals and edited volumes. Professor Krstić has worked with relevant media outlets, journalistic associations, international and civil society organizations for years to improve the quality of journalism and democracy, journalism education and the freedom of media in Serbia. Prior to her academic career she was a TV journalist.

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Associate Professor Iris Luarasi is the Deputy Chair of the Commission on Human Rights and Media in the Albanian Parliament, a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and currently serves on the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI). Previously, she chaired the Department of Journalism and Communication at the University of Tirana and acted as Director of the National Helpline for Victims of Gender-Based and Sexual Violence in Albania. Until mid-2023, she was President of GREVIO, the Council of Europe's expert body monitoring implementation of the Istanbul Convention, and in 2022 chaired the EDVAW Platform, bringing together UN and regional independent expert mechanisms on violence against women and women's rights.

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Brikenda Rexhepi

Brikenda Rexhepi currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of the KOHA newsroom, a media organization that has earned and sustained public trust over decades. In addition, she holds the position of Chairwoman of the Press Council of Kosovo. Since beginning her career in journalism in June 1998, Rexhepi has been actively engaged in numerous initiatives and projects related to media development, European Union integration, public awareness, public diplomacy, professional training and advisory work. Her contributions also include the authorship of editorials, documentaries, interviews and primetime television programs. She holds a Master of Science degree in Linguistics.

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Ognjenka Lakićević holds an MA in English and American Literature and is also a systemic family psychotherapist. Since 2003, she has been working as a Programme Assistant with the Media Department of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, within the Media Freedom Section. Her professional interests include freedom of expression and the mental health of journalists, particularly in relation to professional reporting and democratic society. Outside of work, her interests include literature, music, and animal rights. She was born in Belgrade, where she currently lives and works.

Xhemajl Rexha

Xhemajl Rexha is a journalist with 20 years of experience, working with Kosovo and regional media, and civil society. His work with media includes different positions from a field reporter covering political and social topics in Kosovo and region, to host of the “Interaktiv” nightly current affairs show, to Editor-in-Chief at national private broadcaster, KTV - Kohavision. Currently, he is the Chairperson of the Association of Journalists of Kosovo (AJK) on a second 3-year term, working to protect and promote the work of journalists and media professionals, advocating for their safety and promoting media freedom in Kosovo.

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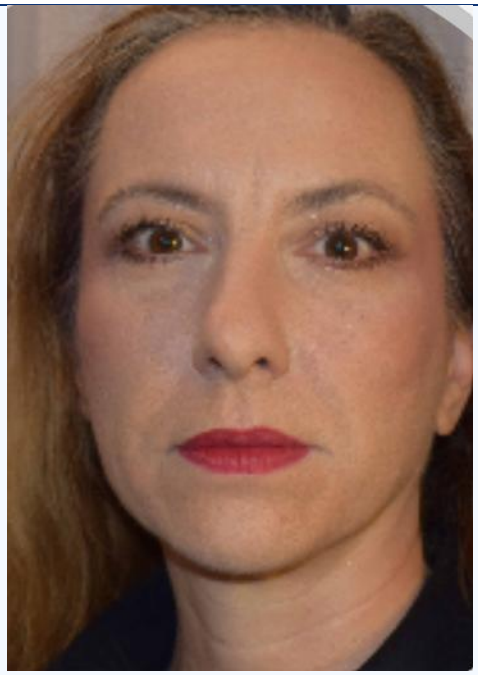

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Marius Dragomir is an award-winning media scholar and journalist, and Director of the Media and Journalism Research Center (MJRC). He is also a researcher at the University of Santiago de Compostela and a visiting professor at Central European University in Vienna, where he teaches journalism, research, advocacy, and media policy. In 2025, he received the Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award for his research on media ownership and regulation. Dragomir has led major international research initiatives, including the *Media Influence Matrix*, *Global Media Finances Map*, *State Media Monitor*, and the *Media Capture Monitoring Report*. He has also published widely for organisations such as UNESCO, OSCE, the Council of Europe, the Open Society Foundations, and the World Bank.

Armela Krasniqi

Armela Krasniqi is the Chair of the Audiovisual Media Authority of Albania, elected by the Albanian Parliament in 2021. A professor of Journalism and Communication at universities in Albania and Pristina, she also serves as Vice President of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) and President of the Mediterranean Network of Regulatory Authorities (MNRA). She previously served as Director General of the Albanian Telegraphic Agency and held leadership roles in several regional and European media organisations, including EANA and ABNA-SE. With a long career in journalism, media management, and public communication, she has organized and participated in numerous international conferences on media, digital transformation, and disinformation. She graduated from the University of Tirana's Faculty of Journalism and is also the author of two poetry collections.

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Olaf Steenfadt is the Founder and Managing Director of Global Media Registry (GMR), a charitable enterprise promoting transparency, accountability, and pluralism in the digital information space. With a background in news reporting and investigative journalism, he is a speaker, lecturer, entrepreneur and globally visible expert on digital media policy and ethics. He developed major initiatives such as the Media Ownership Monitor and the Journalism Trust Initiative for Reporters Without Borders. Steenfadt previously worked for German public broadcasters ARD and ZDF, as well as the European Broadcasting Union (EBU). He is a member of the “High-level Expert Group on Fake News and Online Disinformation” of the European Commission and of the “Committee of Experts on Quality of Journalism in the Digital Age” and the “Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform” at the Council of Europe.

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Bojana Kostić is an independent researcher specializing in freedom of expression and media freedom, with a focus on media and platform regulation, journalist safety, and intersectional justice principles. With extensive experience in the Western Balkans and Eastern Europe, she has developed a particular expertise in analysing the impact of technology on human rights in authoritarian contexts. Bojana regularly collaborates with international and media freedom organizations, contributing her knowledge to policy development and advocacy efforts aimed at fostering human rights and safeguarding democratic principles in the digital age.

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Snežana Nikčević is currently a program manager leading the digital transformation program of the NGO 35mm in Montenegro. Snežana is actively engaged in national and regional digital policy processes, with a focus on digital rights, platform regulation, and AI governance. With a background in media studies, she produced two feature films and one short film, and coordinated audiovisual projects for international clients including BBC's Top Gear. Snežana also gathered experience as a facilitator and educator with civil society organizations, media outlets and public institutions, and has contributed to raise awareness of numerous young people on digital literacy, online safety and technology for societal change.

Megi Reçi

Megi Reçi is based in Tirana, Albania, and leads BIRN's research and monitoring efforts on digital rights violations across Southeast Europe, covering Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Turkey. Prior to joining BIRN, Megi was a Researcher and Program Officer at the Institute for Democracy and Mediation. She authored and contributed to a range of national and regional studies, policy papers, and legal analyses, focusing on governance, anti-corruption, civic space, human and digital rights, and the harmonisation of the EU digital acquis.

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Srdjan Djurdjević

Srdjan Djurdjević joined OSCE Serbia in 2001, to support development of local media in south Serbia region. Former radio journalist and editor, Mr. Djurdjević since then works on identification of needs, development and implementation of programs aimed at rising professional standards in media practice. Specifically focused on local and minority media, Srdjan also supported improved topical reporting on police, war crimes and elections and worked a lot with media for youth. Over the last 6 years he coordinates and supervises program of cooperation between Serbia, Albania and as of this year Northern Macedonia.

Andjela Miladinović

Andjela Miladinović is studying journalism on Faculty of Philosophy in Niš. She was born in a small town in central Serbia and decided relatively late to study journalism, in her fourth year of high school, but a long time before that, she had already sensed that is her calling in life. While being an active student, Miladinović also worked for various media platforms, the student paper SDL, in her current volunteering position as a reporter in YouthVibes and at her university's student TV station, FFTV, during the blockade last year. Besides that, she recently became a member of NUNS in Serbia. Miladinović notes that being a journalist in Serbia is a brave and bold choice for a person and that she hopes she can make a change in our media system. She has learned from this job that it is important to fight for the truth even at the cost of life, because journalists are here for other people.

Gledia Toma

Gledia Toma is a first-year journalism student at the Faculty of History and Philology, Department of Journalism and Communication, University of Tirana, with a strong passion for storytelling in all its forms. Alongside her love for literature and writing, she is deeply involved in theater, which has shaped her creativity and confidence in expressing ideas. She is eager to develop her voice in media and use both writing and performance to tell stories that connect with and inspire others.

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Filip Kostov is a journalist and media professional from North Macedonia. He works as a journalist for Faktor, covering economic topics, public policy, and social issues. He is also active in Catholic media as a collaborator of Katolici.mk and provides technical support for Radio Marija Macedonia. In addition, he serves as Coordinator of the Media Innovation Center at Faculty of Law Justinianus Primus, Skopje. His work focuses on public information, responsible communication, and the role of media in strengthening civic dialogue.

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Alma Kodraliu

After graduating from university, Alma Kodraliu worked as a Judicial Police Officer at the Prosecution Office of Shkodër from 1998 to 2006. She then continued her studies at the School of Magistrates in the "judge" profile. Kodraliu served as a judge at the District Court of Pogradec and later as Legal Advisor to the President of the Supreme Court. From 2016 onwards, she has been serving as a judge at the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Tirana, in the civil and commercial section. Since January 2026, Kodraliu has been serving as a judge at the Special Court of First Instance for Corruption and Organized Crime. For several years, she has also been an external lecturer at

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