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**PRAGUE MEDIA POINT - What’s Working**

December 5-7, 2019

At the beginning of December, top journalists, scholars, and other media professionals will gather in Prague to discuss what’s working in the world of journalism and the media.

Tomes have been written and numerous events have been held over the past decade lamenting the plight of the media in the modern world. Much less attention has been paid to what’s actually working to challenge negative trends, especially beyond the success stories of the big, well-funded players in the United States and Western Europe. But hopeful examples do exist that are having real impact, with the possibility of adaption and replication.

The sixth annual interdisciplinary Prague Media Point conference will feature these types of inspiring examples and more. We will offer a mix of scholarly presentations, including keynote addresses; sessions with innovators explaining their solutions; and networking opportunities to promote the exchange of know-how. As in years past, the conference will have a special regional focus on Central and Eastern Europe, though we look forward to covering cases and trends from other parts of the world.

##### Jeremy Druker, co-chair of the conference and executive director of Transitions, said: “We are excited to show Czech and international experts the examples providing hope amid the all the doom and gloom about the future of the media that we’re used to hearing.”

Over the course of three days, we will tackle a wide range of themes. **Jakub Klepal**, co-chair of the conference and director of KEYNOTE, said: “Our program is ambitious, a mix of innovative approaches that are breaking new ground – such as Solutions Journalism, open source investigations, the latest in podcasting, and much more.”

Speakers at the conference include:

**Alexandra Borchardt,** Senior Research Associate, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of Oxford
**Mark Rice-Oxley**, Head of Special Projects, The Guardian
**Emily Kasriel**, Head of Editorial Partnerships & Special Projects, BBC World Service
**Pierre Romera**, Chief Technology Officer, International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
**Zuzanna Ziomecka**, Media Maker, Consultant, Former Editor in Chief, NewsMavens
**Aliaume Leroy**, Open Source Investigative Journalist, Bellingcat

**Silvie Lauder**, Journalist, Respekt

**Folker Hanusch**, Professor of Journalism, University of Vienna

Conference venue: HubHub – Ara Palace Prague, Perlová 5, Praha 1

Tickets: www.praguemediapoint.com

**Prague Media Point** is an annual international conference, dedicated to discussing the changing media landscape in a professional, political, economic, and social context. The aim is to gather leading scholars, journalists, media executives, and other experts to exchange experiences, establish new relationships, and debate the challenges facing both traditional and new media. The issues are presented in an international context with a special focus on the Central and Eastern European regions with their particular issues to solve.

Prague Media Point is organized by **Transitions**, a nonprofit organization established to strengthen the professionalism, independence, and impact of the news media in the post-communist countries of Europe and the former Soviet Union, and **KEYNOTE**, an organization specializing in organizing conferences and events that lead to cutting-edge international encounters, bringing new ideas to life, and facilitating a unique networking experience.

Information for participants: Tickets can be purchased [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prague-media-point-conference-whats-working-tickets-56895880109?aff=ebdssbdestsearch). On the occasion of the Democracy Day there is a limited number of tickets available for 50 EUR/each (regular price is 145 EUR). The offer is valid until September 30, 2019 or when these tickets are sold out. To get this price use the promo code **ddPMP2019**

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Press accreditations can be requested at pmp@keynote.cz and are limited mainly to media partners.

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