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Wahrheits-Konferenz in Leipzig: Vera Lengsfeld, Elfen und Lügendetektoren

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Hate speech, propaganda and fake news threaten the freedom of media and press in Europe. At its Leipzig conference the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) presents concrete solutions and case studies for fighting them.

(LEIPZIG) Experienced journalists, fact-checkers, and media freedom experts from all over Europe meet in Leipzig, Germany, on June 13 and 14 to talk about “Defending the truth in a post-truth era”.

To kick off the conference there is a debate with the former German MP and publicist **Vera Lengsfeld** on the so called Lügenpresse (lying press) – the subject of a two year investigation by ECPMF researchers.

Amongst others a leading Lithuanian journalist will present “**elves vs trolls**”, a successful initiative against Russian propaganda. Also taking part is **Hoaxmap**, Germany’s best-known platform for spotting false rumours about migrants and refugees. And James Harkin, from the **Centre for Investigative Journalism** in London, presents his research on **fake news** from the war zones in **Syria**.

For further information about the conference please visit our website <https://ecpmf.eu/events/defending-the-truth-in-a-post-truth-era>

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Erfahrene Journalisten, Fact-Checker und Experten zum Thema Medienfreiheit aus ganz Europa treffen sich am 13. und 14. Juni 2017 in Leipzig, um über die “Verteidigung der Wahrheit in einem postfaktischen Zeitalter” zu sprechen.

Zum Auftakt der Konferenz gibt es eine Debatte mit der ehemaligen Bundestagsabgeordneten und Publizistin **Vera Lengsfeld** über die sogenannte Lügenpresse – die auch das Thema einer zwei Jahre andauernden Untersuchung des ECPMF ist.

Unter anderem stellt ein führender litauischer Journalist “**Elfen vs Trolle**” vor, eine erfolgreiche Initiative gegen russische Propaganda. **Hoaxmap**, die bekannteste deutsche Plattform gegen die Verbreitung von Gerüchten über Flüchtlinge und Migranten, ist mit dabei. Und James Harkin, vom Centre for Investigative Journalism in London, wird über seine Forschungsarbeit zum Thema **Fake News im Syrien-Krieg** sprechen.

Weitere Informationen zur Konferenz finden Sie hier: <https://ecpmf.eu/events/defending-the-truth-in-a-post-truth-era>

European Centre for Press and Media Freedom

Representatives of 25 journalists associations, publishing houses, academic institutions, trade unions and media rights experts from 16 European countries have founded the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) in Leipzig on 24 June 2015 as an independent non-profit European Co-operative Society (SCE). Among others, the European Federation of Journalists, Index on Censorship, Scoop, Axel Springer SE, Media Legal Defence Initiative, Westminster University, Gruner + Jahr, Journalismfund and SEEMO have been founding members.

The co-operative's mission is to unite Europe's highly fragmented media freedom community and to address media freedom violations in EU member states and beyond.

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