

Adam Hussein Amin

Adam Hussein Amin is currently completing his MA in political science with a specialization in international relations at the American University in Cairo in Cairo, Egypt. He received his BA in journalism and mass communication from AUC in 2008 with a specialization in integrated marketing communications. He is Egyptian American and speaks both English and Arabic fluently.

Upon completion of his MA, Amin plans to obtain a degree in international law with a view to working in the field of diplomacy and international law with the US State Department. He is currently employed at the Four Seasons First Residence in Giza.

Daniel Bekele

Daniel Bekele is a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law, Oxford University. His main areas of research interest are human rights and media law. He obtained LLB and MA (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia) and Master's Degree in Legal Studies from Oxford University. Most recently Daniel served as the Manager for Policy Research and Advocacy Department of Action Aid Ethiopia office. Prior to that, his experiences include law practice; teaching and working in the corporate sector as Legal Counsellor. Daniel has worked extensively in the area of human rights law both with national and international human rights organizations as a prominent civic activist and human rights defender in Ethiopia.

Heather Blanchard

Heather Blanchard currently serves as the Business Liaison Director for Technology at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In this position, Blanchard works directly with individual businesses, trade associations and other non-governmental organizations to foster dialogue between the private sector and the on such topics as social media, cybersecurity, telecommunications, transparency, online collaboration, open source initiatives, social change, crisis response and community resilience.

Ms. Blanchard joined DHS upon its inception in March 2003 within the former U.S. Department of Commerce's Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office. Later she served the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection and helped build the Department's first Office of Public Liaison. Before her public service, Ms. Blanchard spent 9 years in the private sector. She was Director of Communications for Marasco Newton Group where she focused on corporate communications and built an award-winning corporate social responsibility program. Ms. Blanchard served as a communications analyst to such clients as the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative.

In 1995, Heather earned her Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Radford University and in 2008 she completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government's Leading in a Crisis program at Harvard University.

Annabel Brody

Annabel Brody graduated from NUI, Galway with a B.A in English and Legal Studies in 2005 followed by an LLB in 2006. Since beginning her PhD, she has presented a conference paper at a Media, Youth and Democracy Conference in Dublin in 2008 and will be presenting a paper at the SLS conference in Keele in September 2009.

Annabel is currently undertaking a Ph.D in the area of Media Law and Regulation. The working title of her Ph.D. thesis is 'Media Accountability in the 21st Century'. Her thesis aims to provide a comprehensive examination,

analysis and assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the various methods currently used to ensure media accountability in Ireland and in other jurisdictions. The goal is to assess whether these are effective or whether alternative approaches need to be considered to achieve media accountability in the 21st century, in light of new technological developments and changing norms and values in society.

Melanie Bunce

Melanie Bunce is a DPhil candidate at the University of Oxford, where she is writing her thesis on the production of international news stories on conflict in East Africa. She previously completed an MPhil in International Development at Oxford University, and spent two months in Sudan researching foreign correspondents as they reported on the Darfur conflict. Originally from New Zealand, Melanie plays rugby, drinks too much coffee, and has a strong attachment to newsprint. She is based in Oxford University's Reuters Institute for Journalism Studies and the newly merged Green-Templeton College.

Veethima Chinthammit

Veethima Chinthammit is the assistant to the commissioner of the National Telecommunications Commission of Thailand, the independent telecommunication regulatory agency. Her responsibility is mainly coordinating with foreign speakers/lectures/advisors both academic and private sectors regarding various collaboration with NTC. Recently, she had worked with International Telecommunication Society (ITS) to arrange a symposium in Bangkok, Thailand. Before joining the NTC, Veethima worked with several advertising agencies where she gained her knowledge and experience of media and mass communication. She completed her undergraduate degree in Business majoring in Marketing from Chulalongkorn University, and received her Master's degree in Media Management from Fordham University, NY, USA.

Matthew Crain

Matthew Crain is a doctoral candidate at the Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. His research centers on political and cultural economies of media and communications with a focus on the Internet and emerging technologies. He recently authored "The rise of private equity media ownership in the United States: A public interest perspective" published in the International Journal of Communication. Matt holds a master's degree in new media studies from DePaul University and a bachelor's degree in multimedia from Bradley University. He teaches courses in media literacy and digital media at Illinois.

Jelena Dzakula

Ms Dzakula holds a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Belgrade where she continued her education and is currently completing her Master's studies in communications. Her dissertation presents a comparative analysis of the Serbian and British print media coverage of the recently proclaimed independence of Kosovo. She is using critical discourse analysis in order to place media reporting in the context of official government policies. Ms Dzakula is also studying towards a distance learning MA in media studies at the Open University in the United Kingdom, where she is focussing on broadcast media. Her research interests include media and communications policy in the EU and Eastern Europe, content regulation in the public interest, media development in post-conflict and transitional countries, and democratic potential of the new media. She has recently had a paper published on online communications in Serbia and plans to pursue a PhD and conduct research on the social and economic consequences of different policy initiatives.

Ms Dzakula has been working as a communications consultant over the past two years, first in the Government of Serbia and presently at a regional consultancy advising major international companies in the Balkans.

Lina Ejeilat

Lina Ejeilat recently received her master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University, with a concentration in digital media. Before moving to New York, Lina worked as a staff writer with JO Magazine, a general-interest English-language magazine based in Amman, where she covered a wide range of topics, from arts and culture, to labor, education, as well as a regular section that covered online media and the blogosphere.

In 2007, Lina co-founded 7iber.com (Ink in Arabic), a Jordanian citizen media initiative. She is now going back to Amman to continue working on 7iber, developing multi-platform stories, and conducting new media training programs. Lina's undergraduate degree was in Telecom Engineering, and she is passionate about the convergence of technology and media, and the huge potential presented by developments in the telecom sector.

Timothy Fallis

Mr. Fallis will begin the graduate communication program at Annenberg this Fall. Prepared with a degree in English literature and religious studies from the University of Hawai'i, his primary interest in graduate study is how religion is used and manipulated to affect global politics, and the communication strategies employed in that effort. A non-traditional student, Mr. Fallis has spent the last 20 years working in the manufacturing industry, and brings a decidedly proletarian perspective to his academic work. He has served as the editor-in-chief of the student academic journal at UH, and volunteered for several years as an adult literacy instructor.

Lara Haje

Lara Haje currently works as a researcher, supported by Ford Foundation, in LaPCom (Laboratory of Communication Policies) of University of Brasilia (UnB). At the moment, LaPCom's main research is a comparative study of media and telecommunications policies in four countries: the United States, Mexico, Spain, and Venezuela. LaPCom an academical institutiion that is also contributing to the debates of a new law for pay TV, which is being discussed in National Congress, and for the debates that are being held as a preparation for the Communication National Conference, scheduled for December 2009. Besides of being a researcher, Haje works as a an annalist for a telecommunication consulting firm called Ecco since 1999. Ecco's focus is to follow up all bills concerning communications in Brazilian Congress and produce reports and analysis of the political scene. She has a Master's Degree in Communication's Policies and Strategies in University of Brasilia (2002), with dissertation on Feminists Public Spheres in the internet. By that time, her main interest was policies for the internet and uses of the web by organized society. Gradually, her interests expanded from policies for the internet to policies for media and telecommunication in general.

Phan Jetanalin

Phan Jetanalin currently works in the Commissioner Affairs Bureau at the office of the National Telecommunications Commission, Kingdom of Thailand. He received a B.A. in Urban Community Development from Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok Thailand, and a M.S. in Human Development and Leadership from Murray State University, Kentucky USA. At present, he is pursuing a M.A. in Public Administration and Law at Ramkhamhaeng University, Bangkok, Thailand and is expecting to graduate this coming August. He has also studied Chinese Language at National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei Taiwan in 2002.

Maneerat Kamjornkitjakran

Ms. Kamjornkitjakran received an LL.B. from Thammasat University and LL.M. from Chulalongkorn University. Since 2005, I work as a legal assistant in the National Telecommunication Commission (NTC) of Thailand, which is the first independent state telecommunications regulator. NTC duty is to regulate all telecommunication services in Thailand. In 2007, NTC was assigned from the government to prepare for settle a new independent organization "The National Broadcasting Commission" (NBC). In 2008, I was assigned to work as a secretary for the Sound and Television Broadcasting Sub-committee.

Maha Khasawneh

Mrs. Khasawneh is an Assistant Professor in Law at Yarmouk University in Irbid, Jordan. She teaches the following courses: Introduction to Law; Sources of Obligations; Rules of Obligations; Nominate Contracts, Principles of Commercial Law; Legal Studies(in English), and Real Estate. Her main interest is Product Liability, Consumer Protection; Law of Contract; Civil Liability, Liability of Journalist, Cyber Liability and Misleading Advertising. As a part of a memorandum of understanding between Yarmouk University and USAID for the development of a media law course, Mrs. Khasawneh is preparing for this course to be taught in Yarmouk for law and media BA students next semester.

Mrs. Khasawneh holds a PhD in Civil Law from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne /England. Master in Law from Al-al bayt University and BA in Law from Yarmouk University.

Joseph Kihanya

Joseph N Kihanya holds degrees in LLB and LLM in Media and IT from the University of New South Wales in Australia and is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. He has held positions in the mobile telecommunications industry as Corporate Legal Counsel, at United States International University as a Media Law Lecture , as a Law lecturer with the Council of Legal Education in Kenya amongst other research and academic duties, including as author of the Journalists' Handkit in Kenya and is currently the Communications Law Expert at the National Communications Secretariat, the policy and law advisory body, of the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Information and Communications.

Eva Marie Knoll

Eva Knoll is a PhD Candidate at the Department of Media and Communication at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research focuses on regulatory development in the context of UK public service broadcasting policy and regulation. The interest lies specifically on the application and development of different economic and non-economic regulatory rationales as justifications for public service broadcasting provision and a thereof derived understanding of the public interest and its component values. The investigation centres on the application of the public value concept in UK broadcasting policy. Eva holds a MA in Business Administration and Communication Studies from the University of Hamburg, Germany.

Clarence Loyiso Langeni

Mr. Langeni is in the final stages of completing an MSc in Economic Competitiveness & International Business degree course at the Business School of the University of Birmingham. His dissertation is focusing on South Africa's Economic Diplomacy Strategy towards Africa. He is a recipient of the Ford Foundation International Fellowship. He is also a freelance economic writer for the South African Exporter, a Business Day monthly trade and investment supplement. He has worked as a Graduate Trainee Financial Journalist at Avusa, as a Programme Administrator in the Corporate Media Training Unit at the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism and was

initially recruited as a Foreign Service Officer: Marketing by the South African Department of International Relations & Co-operation where he was subsequently promoted to be an Assistant Director: Media Research, Analysis & Speechwriting within the Public Diplomacy Branch until August 2008 when he resigned to pursue further studies in the UK. He has a B.A. in Politics, Public Affairs & Administration from the University of Cape Town and completed short courses in Creative Writing, Public Relations, Investor Relations, International Marketing, and Economic Development Policy & Practice. He has visited Asia, Europe and two African countries. His interests are in the fields of communication, economic diplomacy, public diplomacy, investor relations and international business.

Maya Nikolova

Maya Nikolova is completing her MA in Public Policy with a specialization in Media, Information and Telecommunications policies in the Central European University in Budapest. She is currently working on a thesis research titled "Safe Internet use for children: An analysis of awareness campaigns for Internet literacy under the European Commission's Safer Internet Programme". Ms Nikolova holds a BA in Journalism from the University of Sofia, Bulgaria. She used to work as international news reporter and junior editor in the largest daily tabloid newspaper and as an editor of a weekly supplement focusing on education. Ms Nikolova also has professional experience as a copywriter in an advertising agency.

Mofizur Rahman

Mofizur Rahman has been working as a faculty member in the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Dhaka, for the last 12 years. He completed his bachelor's degree in Mass Communication and Journalism in 1993, and received his master's degree on the same discipline in 1994. Later, he did another master's degree in Development Studies majoring in women, gender and development from the Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, the Netherlands. Rahman has been teaching communication policy and planning courses for several years at the graduate level, and has 13 academic research publications on different issues of communication and journalism. In 2008, he participated at the IAMCR (International Association of Mass Communication Research) World Congress in Stockholm, and presented two papers.

Mofizur has also co-edited a book titled "Media and Society". Besides his teaching, Mofizur has been involved with journalism training as resource person in the country. He has visited around 15 countries in different capacities.

Ayman Sharkh

Attorney at law, legal advisor, member of the International Arbitration Center, accredited instructor in Media and Journalism.

Denis Gerson Simões

Denis Gerson Simões is Brazilian, born in 1981 in Porto Alegre, capital of Rio Grande do Sul (the further south state of the country, neighboring Argentina and Uruguay). He is graduated in Social Communication – emphasis on publicity and Advertising in the University of Vale do Rio dos Sinos (Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos - Unisinos) and is studying Master Degree in Science Communication at the same institution. He has a degree in History from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul - UFRGS). He has published articles in books, scientific magazines and other periodicals printed and online, with emphasis on issues of political economy of communication, media processes, history, culture and education. In the cultural

field, he coordinates groups of folkloric dance, with emphasis on German dances, making references to the European immigration to Latin America (activity that offers travel to several states in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile).

Maria Victoria Villegas

I've been practicing law since the year 2001 when I became a Lawyer from de National University of Cordoba (UNC) in Argentina and Specialized in Procedure Law. I've worked in the private sector and as a legal counsellor for nongovernmental organizations that work in the diffusion of Humans Rights. In 2006 I attended an specialization in Public Law at the University of San Pablo CEU in Madrid (Spain), and I came back to my town and worked in the public sphere as a Legal counsellor for the City Town Hall. After that the field of media policies became the object of my interest from the moment I started to work as a Lawyer at the National Broadcasting Committee in Buenos Aires, where my post was to analyse the administrative law procedure destined to determine when a radio is clandestine or not and its legal consequences. Among other functions, at present, I work mostly at the legal area controlling the non violation of the Broadcasting Act by the media (radio and TV). Actually doing this at my hometown (San Luis) at a Local Office of the Broadcasting Committee.

Ke Yan

Ke Yan is a research fellow in Communication University of China. She received her Ph.D last year. Before she was a Ph.D candidate, Ke was a chief reporter and editor director of the weekly newspaper that is the only national newspaper focusing on broadcasting, TV and movie industries in China. Ke is now interested in the relationship of Chinese politics and the media.

Ardita Zejnullahu

Ardita Zejnullahu has been managing the Association of Broadcasters in Kosovo (AMPEK) even since it was established in 2002.

Ms. Zejnullahu has been a member of the working groups for drafting almost all the laws and regulations that govern the media industry in Kosovo and has made a valuable contribution for creation of a modern legal framework for electronic media in Kosovo. She has interacted with members of Kosovo Parliament by providing them with very important information about the needs of the media industry in Kosovo and by serving as resource about the latest media developments in the European Union.

She was also a member of a working group that established Kosovo Media Institute (KMI), and after its establishment became a member of the founding Board of the KMI. She holds a bachelor degree in Management and Information Systems/ Economic Faculty and Master in International Law.

Li Zhu

Zhu Li has been working for Internews Network since early 2007 in the China office. Internews is an International non-government organization established in 1982 with the aim of training media professionals around the world, where Zhu Li takes final responsibility for trainings, workshops, salons, lectures or other events under the Media and Law program in China, with a focus on media ethics, media policy, rule of law, libel, digital media and access to government information. She is also a coordinator and editor for the Media and Law Resource Center (MLRC at <http://mlrc.cuc.edu.cn>), a website funded and managed collectively by Chinese National Centre for Radio & Television Studies, Media Law & Policy Study Center in Communication University of

China, Media Studies Department of China Youth University for Political Sciences, and International Center for Communication Development.

Zhu Li graduated with a master degree of media law and policy at the Communication University of China (CUC). Prior to joining Internews China, she also worked on several research programs including Proposal to China Supreme Court's New Judicial Interpretation on Media Defamation, sponsored by All China Journalists Association, Legal and Ethic Guidelines for Radio and TV Programs, sponsored by China Radio and TV Society, Cooperative Project on Media Defamation Law, sponsored by Yale Law School and China Youth University of Political Science.