PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON MONEY
LAUNDERING, TAX AVOIDANCE AND TAX EVASION



Tuesday 27.09.2016 - **09.00 - 11.30**PAUL-HENRI SPAAK BUILDING (BRUSSELS) - ROOM **1A002**

THE PANAMA PAPERS

Discussion with the Investigative Journalists behind the Revelations



Chairperson: Dr. Werner LANGEN

The hearing will be webstreamed on: http://europarltv.europa.eu



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The Panama papers – Discussion with the investigative journalists behind the revelations

27 September 2016 9h00 - 11h30 (2h30) Paul-Henri Spaak 1A002 Brussels

Draft PROGRAMME

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome by the PANA Chair

09:10 - 09:20 Pre-recorded messages from

Gerard Ryle and Marina Walker, Directors at the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) [based in Washington DC]

Bastian Obermayer, Süddeutsche Zeitung [based in Washington DC]

09:20 - 10:10 Presentations by speakers (all confirmed, at 7 min each)

Frederik Obermaier (Süddeutsche Zeitung) (via Skype/ visioconference)

Kristof Clerix (*Knack magazine, Belgium*)

Oliver Zihlmann (Sonntagszeitung | Le Matin Dimanche, Switzerland)

Julia Stein and Jan Strozyk (Norddeutscher Rundfunk/ NDR, Germany)

Minna Knus (MOT, Finnish Broadcasting Company, Finland)

10:30 - 11:25 Discussion with PANA Members

11:25 - 11:30 Conclusions by the PANA Chair





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CVS OF THE JOURNALISTS



Gerard Ryle

Gerard Ryle leads the ICIJ's headquarters staff in Washington, D.C., as well as overseeing the consortium's more than 190 member journalists in more than 65 countries.

Before joining as the ICIJ's first non-American director in September 2011, Ryle spent 26 years working as a reporter, investigative reporter and editor in Australia and Ireland, including two decades at *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age* newspapers. He uncovered some of the biggest stories in Australian journalism, winning that country's highest journalism award four times.

He is a former deputy editor of *The Canberra Times* and a former Knight-Wallace Journalism Fellow at the University of Michigan. He is the author of a critically acclaimed book based on one of his former *investigations*, *Firepower*, and has contributed to two other books on journalism, published in the U.S. and Australia.

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Marina Walker Guevara

Marina Walker Guevara is ICIJ's deputy director. A native of Argentina, she has reported from a half-dozen countries and her investigations have won and shared more than 25 national and international awards, including honors from Long Island University's George Polk Awards, Investigative Reporters and Editors, Overseas Press Club, the Society of Professional Journalists and the European Commission.

Over a 20-year career, she has written about environmental degradation by mining companies; the global offshore economy, and the illicit tobacco trade, among other topics. Recently, she co-managed the Panama Papers investigation, one of the biggest leaks in journalistic history, which involved more than 370 reporters in 76 countries. Her stories have appeared in various international media including The Miami Herald, The Washington Post, Le Monde and the BBC. She graduated magna cum laude from Universidad Nacional de Cuyo in Mendoza, Argentina, with a bachelor's degree in communication sciences, and earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri.



Bastian Obermayer

Bastian Obermayer, Germany, works as reporter for the investigative unit of the Munichbased Süddeutsche Zeitung.

He worked from 2005 until 2012 for the magazine of Sueddeutsche Zeitung, specializing in long form and investigations. His topics included Nazi war criminals, serial killers and sexual abuse in Catholic boarding schools. In 2012-2013 he moved to the newspaper itself and coordinated the work of the Offshore Leaks and Panama Papers teams of Sueddeutsche Zeitung.

He is the author and editor of several books, including God is Yellow (about the affair of manipulations and wrongdoings in the German 19 –million-member automotive club ADAC, an affair which Obermayer first revealed), Brother, What Have You Done (about Catholic friars who abused boys) and Letters From the Front - German Soldiers Tell About the War in Afghanistan (during a time when no one in the government used the word "war").

He has received numerous honors for his work, including the Theodor-Wolff-Preis in 2009, the Henri-Nannen-Preis in 2010 and the Helmut-Schmidt-Preis in 2013.



Frederik Obermaier

Frederik Obermaier, Germany, is a book author and investigative reporter at Germany's leading daily, the Munich-based *Süddeutsche Zeitung*.

He studied political sciences, sociology, cultural geography and journalism in Eichstätt (Germany), Bogotá (Columbia) and Sanaa (Yemen). Before joining *Süddeutsche Zeitung* he worked for the news agency *Deutsche Presse-Agentur* (dpa), the newspapers *taz*, *Frankfurter Rundschau* and the magazines *Zeit Campus* and *Neonand Polityka* (Poland).

His work focuses largely on Middle East politics, terrorism, and intelligence issues. In 2010, he published the definitive book *Land am Abgrund: Staatszerfall und Kriegsgefahr in der Republik Jemen* (Country on the brink: State failure and the threat of war in the Republic of Yemen).

He was part of the ICIJ team that investigated the Offshore Leaks documents. Among other stories, he revealed the secret companies of billionaire and playboy Gunter Sachs in tax havens like the Cook Islands. His articles about the offshore-companies of Herbert Stepic led to the resignation of the Raiffeisen CEO in May 2013.

He has received numerous awards for his work. In 2011, he won the CNN Award for his report about the Columbian guerilla group FARC and its European members. The German magazine *Medium Magazin* listed him as one of the "Top 30 journalists under 30 years." In 2013, he won the renowned Wächterpreis 2013 for a weekend-special about Germany's weapons industry.



Kristof Clerix

Kristof Clerix, Belgium, works as a reporter for the Belgian weekly news magazine Knack, and previously reported for a Belgian magazine on international affairs.

He has been working as a journalist in Belgium since 2002. After two years freelancing for the Belgian daily De Morgen, he joined the team of MO*, a Belgian monthly magazine on international affairs. He has written substantially on security topics such as international police cooperation, secret services, NATO, EU defense policy, drug smuggling, human trafficking, illegal arms dealing, nuclear proliferation, city gangs, energy and pipelines, geopolitics, frozen conflicts and the War on Terror.

Clerix has reported from countries such as Albania, Armenia, the Baltic States, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Morocco, the disputed region Nagorno Karabakh, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, the disputed region Transnistria and Ukraine.

He started working for Knack in 2016. Clerix has been active as a volunteer for many years within the VVOJ, the Flemish Dutch Association for Investigative Journalists.

In 2006, Clerix wrote the book Vrij Spel, on the activities of foreign secret services operating in Belgium, host country to the NATO headquarters and European institutions. His second book, Spionage. Doelwit: Brussel, on Cold War espionage was published in September 2013. Clerix is regularly contacted by international media to comment on the Belgian security apparatus. He wrote several contributions for The Guardian, on the fight against terrorism in the heart of Europe.

In 2005, Clerix won the Investigative Journalism Award for Young Journalists handed out by the VVOJ. In 2010, he was awarded the European Young Journalist Award for Belgium, a prize by the European Commission. In 2015 he won the Investigative Journalism Award of VVOJ.



Oliver Zihlmann

Oliver Zihlmann, Switzerland, is head of the joint Investigation team of *Le Matin Dimanche* and *SonntagsZeitung*, two leading Sunday newspaper in the French and German parts of Switzerland. He focuses with his team on large Investigations on Subjects like Fiscal fraud, Terrorism, Money Laundering and Organized Crime. The Team did the main Reporting in Switzerland on all international ICIJ-Projects, namely Offshoreleaks, ChinaLeaks, SwissLeaks, Luxleaks and Panama Papers. He published large investigations on the Data-Theft from Swiss Bank HSBC, Russian Money Laundering in Zurich and on the Money Flows from Human Trafficking in the Mediterranean.

Oliver Zihlmann began his professional career in Swiss national television, worked as correspondent in Berlin and wrote a book on a diplomatic scandal in Berlin. He Studied in Basel, Zurich and Bologna has a Master in Economics and Sociology and a Doctorate in modern History.



Julia Stein

Julia Stein, Germany, is a TV reporter and the deputy head of the investigative department of Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR), working primarily on tax stories, fiscal policy and all non-transparent financial and political structures and decisions.

From 2006 until 2011 she was head of the NDR media magazine ZAPP, a critical and investigative TV program. Her work for ZAPP was honored with the Bert Donnepp Award.

Stein started her reporting career as a politics reporter in Hamburg for the NDR Hamburg Journal, and as a writer and presenter of NDR radio news. During her studies she wrote for the news agency Deutsche Presse-Agentur (dpa) and the local newspaper Hamburger Abendblatt.

Stein studied political sciences, French literature and the cultural history of media in Hamburg (Germany) and Paris (France).

She coordinated the work of the NDR teams for the different ICIJ projects Offshore Leaks, as well as LuxLeaks and SwissLeaks.

Julia Stein is also the chairman of the German investigative association Netzwerk Recherche e.V. to promote and improve investigative reporting.



Jan Lukas Strozyk

Jan Lukas Strozyk is an investigative Journalist working with "Norddeutscher Rundfunk", a German public news broadcaster. His main field of interest is business reporting, with a strong focus on the financial industry, tax fraud cases and data driven reporting. Jan is experienced both with long and short TV productions as well as print reporting and online journalism. He was part of NDR's teams in Offshore Leaks China, Luxembourg Leaks, Swiss Leaks and the Panama Papers and realized joint researches with "Süddeutsche Zeitung", one of NDR's media partners, multiple times. He was named one of Germany's "Top 30 under 30" journalists in 2014 and member of the "Newsroom of the year" in 2013.

Jan has a master's degree in Islamic studies and American studies. As a student, he spent time in Turkey and Syria where he studied Turkish and Arabic. He worked as a reporter for local newspapers during his university time in Germany. After graduation, he decided to focus entirely on a journalistic career and thus pursued advanced studies at Henri-Nannen-Journalistenschule, one of Germany's most renowned journalism schools, which included internships at Der Spiegel and the German Financial Times. During his training, Jan specialized in new reporting forms such as online storytelling, mobile video reporting and data driven journalism. He has a basic knowledge of multiple programming languages such as python, java and html and is able to work with big data bases.

Jan is an insistent researcher and a focused author. He is able to develop a story and evaluate different aspects accordingly. Both his university studies and his keen interest in software and technology helped Jan to acquire an analytic approach to solving problems. Jan has a feel for languages and the ability to work under pressure. His private interests include motorcycles and participating in triathlon races.



Minna Knus-Galán

Minna Knus-Galán, Finland is currently working at the investigative TV-program MOT at the Finnish Broadcasting Company, YLE. She has worked for Yle since 1992 in current affairs programs, documentaries, in the news department with foreign affairs and as an anchor for debate programs in Swedish and Finnish.

Knus-Galán graduated 1992 from the Faculty of Journalism at University of Navarre, Spain.

Knus-Galán was awarded the Journalist of the Year Bonnier-prize 2014 for her cross border investigations, especially for her Luxleaks program that she did in cooperation with ICIJ.

In 2014 she got Anders Chydenius –Freedom of Information award for her pioneer work investigating tax havens together with ICIJ: OffshoreLeaks and LuxLeaks.

In 2012 she was awarded Topelius-prize for the best Swedish speaking journalist in Finland.

Beside tax havens, Knus-Galán has investigated Bangladesh garment factories, medicine, corruption in aid development aid projects and elderly care.

Knus-Galán was the chairman of the Finnish Association of Investigative Journalism, Tutkivat, 2009-2013 and the co-organizer of several conferences of investigative journalism in Helsinki.

Knus-Galán is a member of ICIJ, International Consortium of Investigative Journalism. She speaks fluently Swedish, Finnish, English, Spanish and some French.