

Academics with Media Expertise



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Fields of Expertise

European Union Law; European Human Rights Law; Rule of Law in Europe

Recent Media Topics:

Rule of law backsliding in Europe; attacks against judicial independence; the role of the European Court of Justice; EU legal proceedings against Hungary and Poland; role of European political parties.

Media Expertise - Examples

Video with an independent reporter:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGWp4DEFJNE>

TV/Online: Euronews, Polish TV, YouTube: Reconnect Europe, EUCAnet, ATAA Australia

Print: The Guardian, Law Society Gazette, Bloomberg, The Washington Post, Balkan Insight, French, Hungarian, Polish, etc., media outlets

Radio: Freie Radios

Tips for TV/Radio interviews:

“When answering questions during a live interview, I tend to follow a 3-step default template: (i) provide a brief and direct answer to the question (e.g. yes, this is not compatible with the rule of law); (ii) offer a brief justification to support your answer (e.g. the rule of law means ...) and (iii) offer a concrete example to support the answer (e.g. this is how the Court of Justice has understood and applied the rule of law in this case ...). In my experience, the most challenging aspect of live interviews is to be able to explain usually complex information in usually less than a minute. The only way I have found to cope with this demanding format in a situation where the law is complex – which is more often the case than not – is to accept that it is virtually impossible to be entirely (legally) accurate but one can always add qualifications when answering follow up questions.”

Why engaging with media ?

“Engaging with media is not only essentially to communicate one’s expertise to a wide and general audience, I have also found it a stimulating intellectual exercise as it forces you to translate and condense your scholarly insight and tends to make you a better communicator. In a world where disinformation spread by pseudo-experts seems to become increasingly prevalent, not engaging with the media also means making it easier for individuals lacking relevant expertise to fill the vacuum with the aim of shaping public narrative for reasons other than the public interest.”