

## Westminster Media Forum Keynote Seminar: Priorities for press regulation

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Venue: Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Steve Hewlett**, Media Writer, *The Guardian* and Presenter, *The Media Show*, BBC Radio 4
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The PCC - next steps**  
*What are the priorities for the development of renewed press regulation and is self-regulation still the best vehicle for delivery?*  
**Lord Hunt of Wirral**, Chairman, Press Complaints Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.05 **The UK news industry - discussion points**  
*What has been learned so far from the phone-hacking scandal and Leveson Inquiry for future approaches to regulating the press?*  
**Steven Barnett**, Professor of Communications, University of Westminster  
**Donnacha DeLong**, President, National Union of Journalists  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 - 10.50 **Journalism - ethics, standards and regulation**  
*How far can - indeed should - professional journalism be regulated? What are the challenges facing the creation of a minimum, ethical standard against which journalists, across various mediums, are judged? Is there a benefit to the creation of a register for journalists? How far were recent controversies - e.g. phone-hacking, use of private investigators etc. - caused by the undue pressures in newsrooms from editors on journalists to get stories? With these pressures unlikely to disappear, particularly in an increasingly competitive market, what steps need to be taken in future to ensure pressure leads to the pushing rather than crossing of ethical, moral and legal boundaries? Would creating easier access to legal routes of recourse for individuals improve standards?*  
**Gavin MacFadyen**, Director, Centre for Investigative Journalism  
**Professor Stewart Purvis**, Professor of Television Journalism, Department of Journalism, City University London  
**John Sweeney**, Correspondent, *Panorama*, BBC  
**Richard Peppiatt**, Commentator and former Journalist, *Daily Star*  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Steve Hewlett**, Media Writer, *The Guardian* and Presenter, *The Media Show*, BBC Radio 4
- 10.55 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Lord Fowler**
- 11.20 - 12.05 **Transparency and restoration of public confidence**  
*How significantly have recent controversies led to an erosion in public confidence in the press? What steps need to be taken to regain trust - both in the news being reported and journalism as an instrument for the public right to know? Would more prominent positioning of retractions and corrections improve accuracy in journalism and encourage greater pre-publication fact checking - is there a danger of a move away from hard stories to easier to authenticate, PR-fed, soft news? Is competition from other news sources with little editorial control, such as Twitter and blogging, set to increase and what are the implications for professional journalism, news businesses and the public?*  
**Eve Salomon**, Chair, Regulatory Board, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and former Commissioner, Press Complaints Commission  
**Bob Satchwell**, Executive Director, Society of Editors  
**Mike Jempson**, Honorary Director, The MediaWise Trust  
**Martin Moore**, Director, Media Standards Trust  
**David Banks**, former Editorial Director, Mirror Group Newspapers  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.55 **Perspectives from the industry on next-step approaches for the regulation of the press**  
*A discussion on the industry's thoughts on the next steps for regulation of the UK's news industry - next-step priorities and future regulatory approaches. With little apparent enthusiasm for statutory regulation what needs to be the legal underpinning of future approaches?*  
**Dr Alice Enders**, Senior Media Analyst, Enders Analysis  
**Simon Kelner**, Chief Executive Officer, The Journalism Foundation  
**Ros Breese**, Head of UK and European Media, Hiscox  
**Gill Phillips**, Director, Editorial Legal Services, Guardian News & Media  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Fowler**  
**Thomas Raynsford**, Senior Producer, Westminster Media Forum