

Divided by History: India Pakistan, Israel Palestine, Korea Japan *Journalists share challenges of reporting cross-border conflicts*

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Speaker Biographies



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Khaldoun Barghouti is a Palestinian journalist and the Israeli affairs editor at *Alhayat Aljadida* newspaper in Ramallah. He also hosts a daily radio program at Ajyal Radio Network, where he reviews Israeli news; contributes analysis of Israeli events and news to a quarterly research publication for the P.L.O. Research Center; and regularly writes for The Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies (Madar). Mr. Barghouti previously worked as a project coordinator at Birzeit University Media Development Center. He holds a master's in Israeli studies from Al-Quds University and a bachelor's in journalism from Birzeit University. *Mr. Barghouti was a 2014 Senior Journalists at the East-West Center.*



Aditi PHADNIS

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Aditi Phadnis is consulting political editor and former national political editor at the New Delhi-based premier financial newspaper, *Business Standard*. Established more than 50 years ago, *Business Standard* was the first Indian newspaper to acquire equity from a foreign newspaper. Ms. Phadnis joined *Business Standard* in January 2000. She previously worked at the weekly newsmagazine *Sunday*, and daily newspapers *The Independent*, *The Indian Post* and *Newstime*. She has also contributed to the *Far Eastern Economic Review* and international newspapers including the *Express Tribune* in Pakistan, *The Sunday Times* in Sri Lanka and the BBC web site. She has been quoted by *The Economist*, *The Financial Times* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. Ms. Phadnis began her career in journalism in 1983. Since 2014, she has also been South Asia advisor to Teneo Holdings, a US and UK-based risk analysis firm. Additionally, Ms. Phadnis regularly appears on television and radio shows as an expert commentator on issues that intersect politics and the economy and she has lectured to journalism students at the School of Convergence, New Delhi. She was awarded the Ramnath Goenka-Indian Express prize for excellence in Political Reporting in 2010 and is also author of an edited volume: "Political Profiles," published in 2008 by BS Books. Ms. Phadnis was educated at Miranda House, Delhi University and Modern School, and was a 2006 *Jefferson fellow at the East-West Center.*



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Shira Rubin is a journalist for *The Washington Post* based in Tel Aviv, covering news from Israel, the Palestinian territories and the region. Before joining *The Post*, she worked as a freelance foreign correspondent from Israel, the Palestinian territories, Jordan, France, Germany and the UK. At the height of the wave of Syrian migration to Europe, Ms. Rubin reported from Turkey and Greece on the proliferation of social media-hosted human smuggling networks and on the mental health crisis among refugee communities. In the months prior to the Arab Spring revolutions, Ms. Rubin was a U.S. State Department critical language scholar in Cairo, during which time she studied Modern Standard Arabic and Egyptian dialect. She has also worked as a journalism instructor with the *New York Times* Student Journeys program for high schoolers aspiring to a career in journalism.



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Taketsugu Sato is senior foreign affairs and national security correspondent at *The Asahi Shimbun*, where he has worked for 28 years. He is an experienced journalist specialized in Japan's defense policy and US-Japan relations and has covered the Prime Minister's Office, Japan's national diet, the Defense Ministry, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He previously served as deputy political editor at *The Asahi Shimbun*, chief correspondent for the Prime Minister's Office, and chief correspondent of the Liberal Democratic Party (Japan's ruling party). Mr. Sato was a visiting research fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies at National Defense University (2013-2014), and he studied at Georgetown University as a Fulbright Scholar (2009-2010). Mr. Sato holds a BS in mathematics from the Tokyo Institute of Technology.



Kamal SIDDIQI

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Kamal Siddiqi is director of the Center for Excellence in Journalism at IBA in Karachi. He has over 26 years of experience in journalism and media training. From 2009 to 2016, he was editor at *The Express Tribune*, an English language daily in Pakistan affiliated with the *International New York Times*, where he oversaw three print editions and one digital edition. Mr. Siddiqi has also served as reporting editor at *The News*, lead writer at the daily *Dawn* and member of the paper's editorial board, and at several international publications and media outlets including the Economist Intelligence Unit and the Dow Jones News Wires. For more than two decades he was Pakistan stringer for the *Indian Express* and *Hindustan Times*. In addition, Mr. Siddiqi is currently a fellow at the Center for Democratic Development and Rule of Law at Stanford University. He is also a senior non-resident fellow with the Atlantic Council. Mr. Siddiqi holds an MSc in economics with a specialization in media and communication studies from the London School of Economics. His research interests include the Pakistan media industry, the role of digital media, and merging newsrooms. *Mr. Siddiqi was a 2006 Jefferson Fellow at the East-West Center.*



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Son Taek Wang is a research associate at Yeosijae (Future Consensus Institute), a think tank in Seoul. He previously worked as a reporter and diplomatic correspondent for 27 years at YTN, a cable television news channel in South Korea. During his tenure at YTN, he also served as the Washington correspondent from 2013-2016. Dr. Wang is the author of two books on the North Korean nuclear issue. He holds a PhD in North Korean studies.

Moderator:



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Owen Ullmann is an award-winning journalist and author who has covered the White House, world affairs, economics and political campaigns for more than four decades. He is currently executive editor of *The International Economy* magazine. He previously was managing editor at *USA TODAY*, where he held several senior positions for 20 years. During his career, Mr. Ullmann has reported from all 50 states and 60 countries. He has interviewed six U.S. presidents, numerous foreign leaders and other major political and economic decision-makers. *Washingtonian* magazine rated him among the “50 most influential journalists” and the White House Correspondents Association twice honored him for his reporting. *The New York Times* included his 1986 biography of former White House Budget Czar David Stockman on its recommended non-fiction list. He currently is writing a biography of Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen that will be published in 2022. *Mr. Ullmann is an alumnus of the 2015 China Study Tour for US Journalists and 2017 Asia Pacific Journalism Fellowship at the East-West Center.*