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NAMES DEBOSSSED ON THE COVER: PEOPLE JAILED BY DICTATORSHIPS.
SOME ARE FREE. MOST ARE NOT.

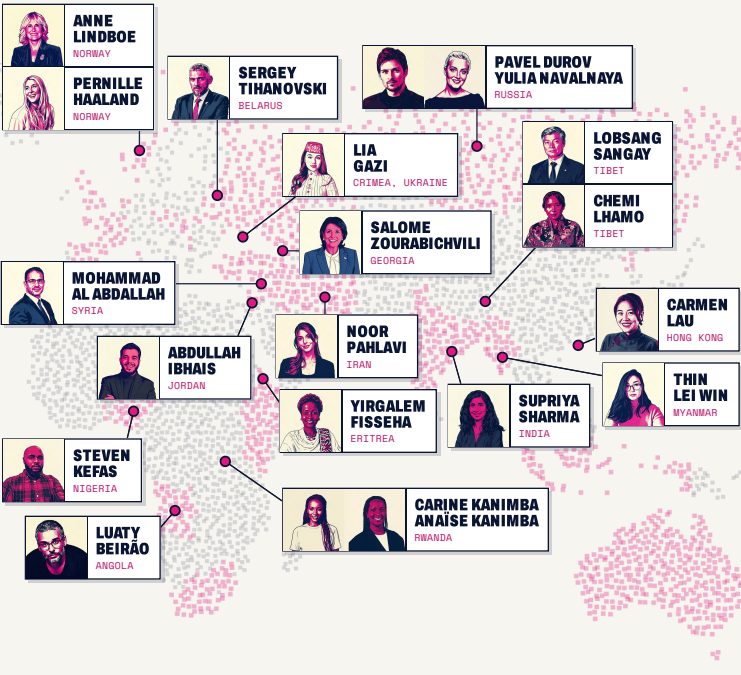
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WELCOME TO THE OSLO FREEDOM FORUM

Seventy-six percent of the world's population lives under an authoritarian regime. Dictatorships do not collapse by accident.

For eighteen years, the Oslo Freedom Forum has gathered the people who refuse to accept that tyranny is permanent: dissidents who have survived prison and exile, journalists who report under threat, technologists who build tools the censors cannot break, and artists who make power look ridiculous.

Our 2026 theme is Dismantling Dictatorship. Authoritarianism is a system built on fear, myth, and captured institutions. It harms individuals and whole societies, but it is also vulnerable. Every system has joints. Every myth has a seam. This week you will meet the people who have found them.

You will hear from a Nobel laureate who spent sixteen months in hiding, from a Hong Kong activist with a million-dollar bounty on her head, and from the widow of Russia's most famous political prisoner. You will learn to use tools that keep speaking when the internet goes dark. And you will leave with allies on every continent.

We dismantle dictatorships together, through courage, truth, and methodical action. Welcome to Oslo.

THOR HALVORSEN

FOUNDER & CEO, HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

CÉLINE ASSAF-BOUSTANI

CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER, OSLO FREEDOM FORUM

76%

SOURCE: HRF TYRANNY TRACKER

206 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

of the world's population lives under an *authoritarian regime*.

That is more than six billion people who cannot freely choose their leaders, speak their minds, or keep their savings safe from the state. Dictators are more connected than ever, sharing surveillance tools, laundering money, and propping one another up.

But dictatorships are also brittle. They run on fear, myth, and captured institutions, and each of these can be exposed, outlasted, and taken apart. The people in this book have done it.

1,600

PEOPLE IN OSLO

111

COUNTRIES

18

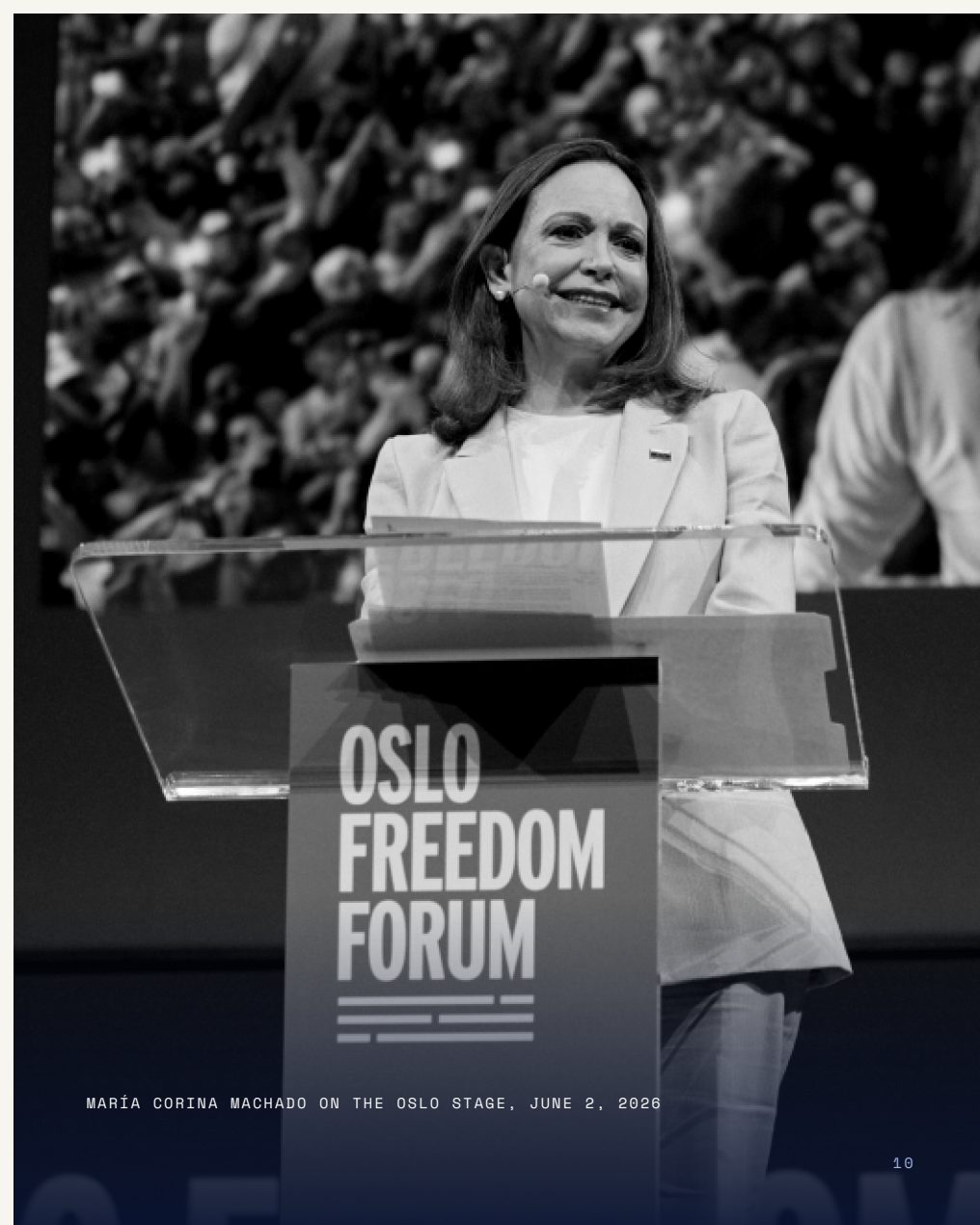
YEARS

**DICTATORSHIPS
DO NOT COLLAPSE
BY ACCIDENT.**

**WE DISMANTLE
THEM TOGETHER.**

They were jailed, exiled, **bountied**, and
██████. They are still speaking. **Six of**
them tell you how.

VOICES



MARÍA CORINA MACHADO ON THE OSLO STAGE, JUNE 2, 2026

A black and white portrait of María Corina Machado, a Venezuelan opposition leader. She is shown from the chest up, looking slightly upwards and to the left with a serious expression. Her hands are clasped in front of her chest. She has long dark hair and is wearing a light-colored t-shirt and a necklace. The background is dark and out of focus.

MARÍA CORINA MACHADO

VENEZUELA · VENEZUELAN OPPOSITION LEADER

“To freedom fighters everywhere, and especially to those in this room, the new Venezuela that is already rising will be a beacon of hope and liberty.”

MARÍA CORINA MACHADO · OSLO, 2026

María Corina Machado is a Venezuelan opposition leader and national coordinator of Vente Venezuela. A longtime critic of both the Chávez and Maduro regimes, she has played a central role in the country’s pro-democracy movement for more than two decades. In 2023, she won the opposition presidential primary with over 90% of the vote. Although barred from running by the regime, she backed Edmundo González Urrutia as the unity candidate.

The opposition won the 2024 presidential election by a wide margin, but Nicolás Maduro fraudulently claimed victory and responded with a new wave of repression against opposition figures and voters. Machado went into hiding and was awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for her peaceful defense of democracy in Venezuela.

RECORD		THE ELECTION
Election	28 July 2024	
Opposition tally sheets collected	Over 80% of polling stations	
Result claimed by the regime	Maduro victory	
Machado in hiding	16 months	
Nobel Peace Prize	2025	



NO. 02 · YULIA NAVALNAYA

THEATER PROGRAM IV

NAVALNAYA

OSLO FREEDOM FORUM 2026

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*“When he returned to Russia and became trapped by Putin’s system of repression, **he was never alone.**”*

Yulia Navalnaya is a Russian public figure and economist renowned for her unwavering commitment to democratic principles and human rights and for her steadfast support of her husband, the late Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

She now leads the Anti-Corruption Foundation, founded in 2011 by Navalny to combat corruption in the Russian government, and serves as the chair of the Human Rights Foundation.

RECORD		THE LAWYERS
Subject	Alexei Navalny, opposition leader	
Defense counsel	Vadim Kobzev · Alexei Liptser · Igor Sergunin	
Status of counsel	Imprisoned for representing him	



NOOR PAHLAVI

IRAN · IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE

“We are not fighting for a throne. We are fighting for freedom for a people who have been denied it for 47 years.”

NOOR PAHLAVI · OSLO, 2026

Noor Pahlavi is an Iranian human rights advocate and businesswoman whose work focuses on civil liberties, women’s rights, freedom of expression, and democratic governance in Iran. Born and raised in the United States following her family’s exile after the 1979 Iranian Revolution, she is the daughter of exiled Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi and an active voice in the Iranian diaspora, engaging policymakers and international audiences on political repression and the protection of fundamental rights.

Her work includes supporting the Iran Prosperity Project, an initiative to outline a post-regime framework for a secular, democratic Iran and the country’s economic reconstruction.

RECORD		IRAN
Years without free elections	47	
Iranians in exile	Millions	
Demand	Free and fair elections	

EXHIBIT · HONG KONG NATIONAL SECURITY POLICE

HK\$1,000,000

Issued	24 December 2024
Wanted	Carmen Lau, former district councillor
Law	National Security Law
Reward	HK\$1,000,000
Status	Living in exile. Still speaking.

“On Christmas Eve in 2024, the regime sent me a gift: a literal price tag, a million-dollar bounty, for the crime of wanting a say in our own future.”

PHOTOGRAPH: OSLO FREEDOM FORUM

A black and white portrait of Carmen Lau, a woman with short dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark, high-collared traditional Chinese garment with a decorative brooch on the left side. The background is dark and out of focus.

CARMEN LAU

HONG KONG · HONG KONG ACTIVIST AND FORMER ELECTED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

EXHIBIT · THE PRICE OF A POST

3 YEARS

Offence	Calling a politician a “pig” or a “thief” online
Maximum sentence	Up to three years in prison
Trend	Personal freedoms eroded almost everywhere

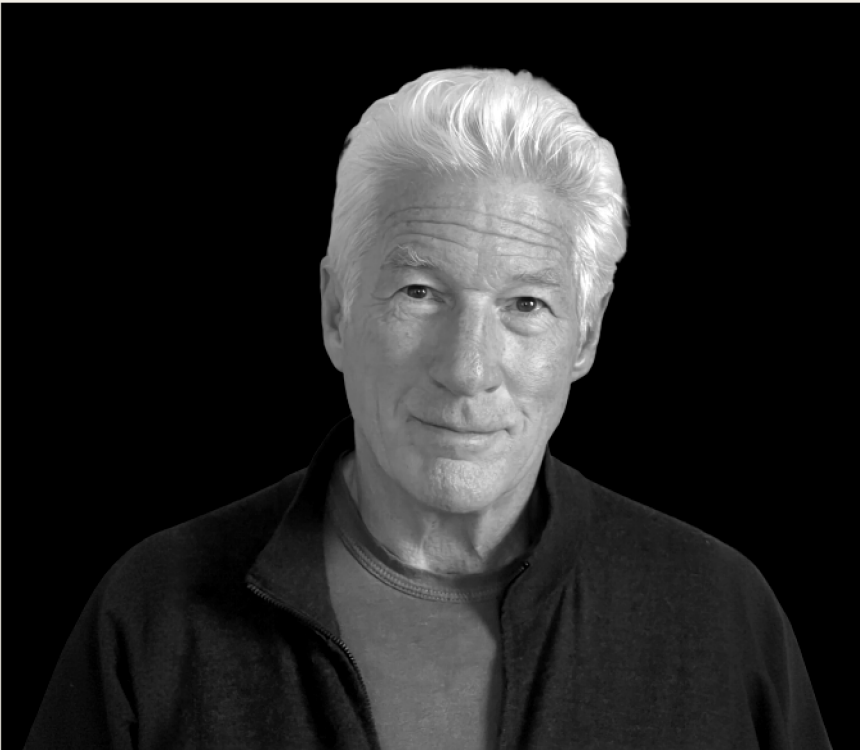
“Personal freedoms have been eroded everywhere in the world, almost without exception.”

PHOTOGRAPH: OSLO FREEDOM FORUM



PAVEL DUROV

RUSSIA • UAE • CEO AND FOUNDER OF TELEGRAM



NO. 06 · RICHARD GERE

THEATER PROGRAM IV

GERE

“The pursuit of freedom, of liberation for everyone, is an internal process as well as an external one.”

Richard Gere is a celebrated actor and producer widely recognized for his dedication to human rights and humanitarian causes. For decades, Gere has drawn attention to humanitarian crises rooted in injustice and promoted causes devoted to compassion and non-violent activism.

A cornerstone of his advocacy is his unwavering dedication to the Tibetan people and their struggle to preserve their unique culture, identity, and way of life. He has served as the Board Chairman of the International Campaign for Tibet since 1995.

RECORD	TIBET
Under Chinese rule since	1950
Spiritual leader in exile	The Dalai Lama
Right to gather	Denied

THEATER SPEAKERS



ABDULLAH IBHAIS
MEDIA STRATEGY EXPERT AND FIFA
WORLD CUP QATAR WHISTLEBLOWER

Abdullah Ibhais is a strategic communications and advocacy professional with over fifteen years of experience managing media operations and institutional narratives within international systems. His work has focused on...



ANAÏSE KANIMBA
DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER, AFRICA
BITCOIN INSTITUTE / FEDI



ANNE LINDBOE
MAYOR OF OSLO
Anne Lindboe is a trained physician from the University of Oslo, specializing in pediatric medicine. Lindboe became mayor on Oct. 25, 2023, representing the Conservative Party.



CARINE KANIMBA
DAUGHTER OF PAUL RUSESABAGINA
AND SPOKESPERSON FOR THE WORLD
LIBERTY CONGRESS
Carine Kanimba survived Rwanda's 1994 genocide, during which her father, Paul Rusesabagina, saved more than 1,200 people in his hotel. This story was portrayed in the film "Hotel Rwanda." In 2020, her father was forcibly...



CHEMI LHAMO
TIBETAN ACTIVIST AND COMMUNITY
ORGANIZER
Chemi Lhamo is a Tibetan-Canadian activist and the Canadian representative for the International Tibet Network's Steering Committee. She is the community health lead at Parkdale People's Economy and serves on the...



CLAUDIA ORTIZ
SALVADORAN LEGISLATOR
Claudia Ortiz is a Salvadoran lawyer, political scientist, and legislator who built her career as a civil society leader working on transparency, human rights, and citizen participation before entering politics. She now...

THEATER SPEAKERS CONT.



DR. ÁLVARO SALAS-CASTRO
PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE REYNOLDS FOUNDATION
Dr. Álvaro Salas-Castro is President and CEO of The Reynolds Foundation, a global philanthropic organization dedicated to advancing freedom and democracy, education, and medical research. He is also Founder of the Demo...



LIA GAZI
CRIMEAN TATAR ACTIVIST
Lia Gazi is a Crimean Tatar activist. Her family was deported from Crimea in the 1940s amid Stalin's mass deportations of Crimean Tatars to remote parts of the Soviet Union, part of the campaign to subjugate the group...



LOBSANG SANGAY
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE TIBETAN GOVERNMENT
Lobsang Sangay is a lecturer on law at Harvard Law School and a senior visiting fellow in the East Asian Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School. He was a democratically elected Sikyong (President) of the Tibetan...



LUATY BEIRÃO
ANGOLAN DISSIDENT RAPPER
Luaty Beirão is a prominent Angolan dissident rapper and pro-democracy campaigner. In 2015, he gained global attention for his 36-day hunger strike during his 375-day detention in Angola's infamous "15+2" case in which...



MOHAMMAD AL ABDALLAH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE
Mohammad Al Abdallah is a Syrian human rights lawyer, democracy researcher, and activist. He was imprisoned in Syria on two separate occasions by the Assad regime for his work defending human rights and lobbying for...



PERNILLE HAALAND
NORWEGIAN-UK COMEDIAN, ACTOR, AND WRITER
Pernille Haaland is a Norwegian-UK comedian, actor, and writer whose work spans stand-up, television, and theater. She trained as an actor at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama (BA Hons) and has appeared on the...

THEATER SPEAKERS CONT.



SALOME ZOURABICHVILI

PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA

Salome Zourabichvili is a Georgian politician and the fifth president of Georgia. She was the first woman elected to the post.



SERGEY TIHANOVSKI

BELARUSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER AND FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Sergey Tihanovski is a Belarusian opposition leader, entrepreneur, and former political prisoner who became one of the key figures in Belarus's 2020 democratic movement. Before entering politics, he built successful...



STEVEN KEFAS

NIGERIAN JOURNALIST AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

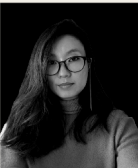
Steven Kefas is a Nigerian journalist and human rights activist distinguished for his extensive reporting and advocacy drawing attention to the ethno-religious terror of Islamist Fulani herdsmen militia in Nigeria's...



SUPRIYA SHARMA

EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF SCROLL

Supriya Sharma is the executive editor of Scroll, one of India's most respected independent news outlets. In a career spanning more than two decades, Supriya has reported from India's most embattled regions, surfacing...



THIN LEI WIN

BURMESE JOURNALIST AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE KITE TALES

Born and raised in Myanmar, Thin Lei Win is an award-winning multimedia journalist with two decades of experience reporting from many parts of Asia, Africa, and Europe. Thin established Myanmar Now, an award-winning...



YIRGALEM FISSEHA

ERITREAN WRITER AND FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER

Yirgalem Fisseha is a prominent Eritrean journalist, writer, acclaimed poet, and survivor of Eritrea's prison camps. A poet since elementary school, she co-founded a literary club in her hometown of Adi-keyh before...

*“We have to save ourselves
or submit to dictatorship.”*

SALOME ZOURABICHVILI · PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA



ART IS A SCALPEL

CREATIVE DISSENT

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THE VÁCLAV HAVEL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR CREATIVE DISSENT

Václav Havel's emphasis on living in truth, nonviolent resistance, and creative dissent became core principles of the Human Rights Foundation. With the participation of his widow, Dagmar Havlová, HRF created the Havel Prize to celebrate those who wield art as a power for freedom. This year, HRF honors Gao Zhen, Chinese contemporary artist and prisoner of conscience, alongside fellow laureates who use their work to expose and ridicule tyranny.

LAUREATE

GAO ZHEN

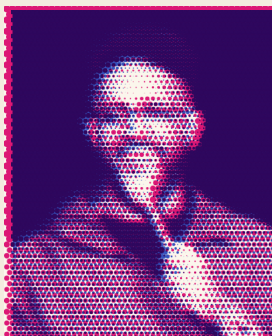
CHINESE ARTIST.
PRISONER OF
CONSCIENCE.

“Art is not a band-aid but a scalpel.”

ON STAGE IN OSLO • THEATER PROGRAM III • JUNE 2

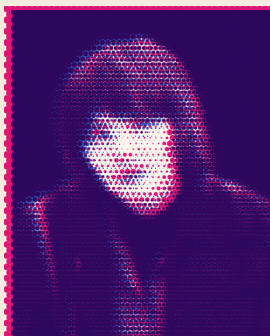
**ALI SULTAN / BLANK PENG / JOSEFINE OPSAHL / OSLO STRINGS /
PANDJI PRAGIWAKSONO / SERENE / TENZIN CHOEGYAL**

ART · MUSIC · COMEDY



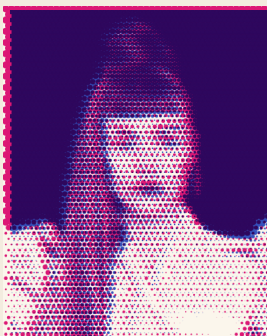
ALI SULTAN

YEMENI-ETHIOPIAN COMEDIAN



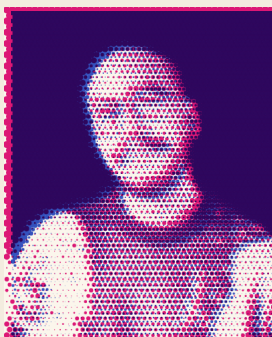
BLANK PENG

COMEDIAN



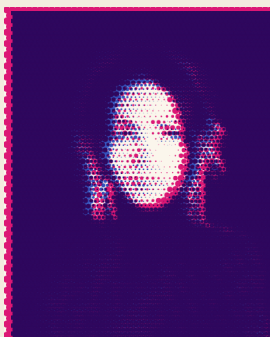
JOSEFINE OPSAHL

DANISH CELLIST AND
INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTIST



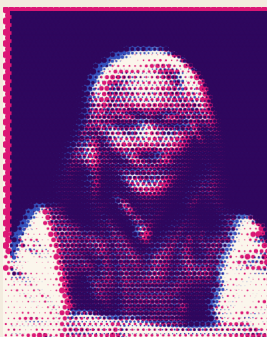
**PANDJI
PRAGIWAKSONO**

INDONESIAN STAND-UP COMEDIAN,
CEO COMIKA COMPANY



SERENE

CONCERT PIANIST AND
TECHNOLOGIST



TENZIN CHOEGYAL

TIBETAN-AUSTRALIAN MUSICIAN
AND CULTURE AMBASSADOR

*“Seeing people power topple
long-lasting dictators
in North Africa truly
inspired us.”*

LUATY BEIRÃO · ANGOLAN DISSIDENT RAPPER

Authoritarianism is a system built on **fear**,
██████████, and **captured institutions**. But it is
also **██████████**. Every system has joints.
**This week you will meet the people who
found them.**

PROGRAM

01

MONDAY

1 JUNE 2026

Mainstage all morning. Twelve rooms of panels, workshops, and freedom tech all afternoon. The full grid unfolds overleaf.

MAINSTAGE

MAIN THEATRE · MORNING

09:30-11:30

THEATER PROGRAM I

Anne Lindboe / Thin Lei Win / Carmen Lau / Salome
Zourabichvili / Abdullah Ibhais / Supriya Sharma

11:55-13:30

THEATER PROGRAM II

Pavel Durov / Claudia Ortiz / Mohammad Al Abdallah / Lia
Gazi / Yirgalem Fisseha / Steven Kefas / Dr. Álvaro Salas-Castro



*“Today there are 1,946
political prisoners in
Hong Kong, guilty of that
same crime.”*

CARMEN LAU · HONG KONG ACTIVIST

DAY 01

MONDAY, 1 JUNE · INTERACTIVE PROGRAMMING · FOLD-OUT

PANELS & DEBATES WORKSHOPS & TALKS FREEDOM TECH RESILIENCE CREATIVE DISSENT

	MAIN THEATRE	LILLE SAL	WORKSHOP 1
13:00			
14:00			
15:00	15:00-16:15 Iran: The Next Chapter Gissou Nia, Azadeh Afsahi, Dr. Zohreh Abdollahkhani	15:00-16:00 Ignite Talks Alexa Zamora, Ana Corina Sosa, David Aragort	15:00-17:30 Dismantling Dictatorship: What Do YOU Think It Takes? Tina Nabatchi
16:00			
17:00	16:30-17:30 Is It Ethical to Cooperate with Chinese State Institutions to Secure Incremental Change? John Donovan, Isaac Stone Fish, Joanna Chiu	16:30-17:30 Protecting the Lawyers Who Defend Democracy Roberto González, Brandon Silver, Santiago Canton	
18:00			
	FOLD-OUT · DAY 01		

WORKSHOP 2

LIBRARY LOUNGE

FREEDOM TECH ACADEMY

13:00			
14:00			
15:00	15:00-16:00 Supporting Political Prisoners Through Advocacy and Reintegration Lilian Tintori	15:00-16:00 Jacob Mchangama: “The Future of Free Speech” Jacob Mchangama	14:00-17:00 Freedom Tech Academy 14:00 North Korea: The Case for Freedom Tech 14:30 Bitcoin for Nonprofits 101 15:00 Financial Privacy 15:30 Making Freedom Tech Beautiful 16:00 How to Use Nostr 16:30 How to Use Bitchat
16:00			
17:00	16:30-17:30 The Democracy Experiment Nikola Ilić	16:30-17:30 What Does Justice Look Like for Survivors of Sexual Torture? Dr. Alice Jill Edwards, Kate Gibson	
18:00			

AI LOUNGE

RESILIENCE LOUNGE

OFF MEDICAL CLINIC



DAY 01 • SESSIONS

13:00–18:00

RESILIENCE TENT
RESILIENCE

Resilience Lounge: Rest & Recharge

At the Human Rights Foundation, we believe that supporting mental health and emotional resilience is essential to sustaining movements for freedom. Hearing first-person accounts of tyranny and persecution on the OFF stage can be overwhelming for both the dissidents describing their experiences and the allies who support them.

ANNETTE KNOPP • DR. ELISSA EPEL • DR. JACK KORNFIELD •
DR. VANINA WAIZMANN • GAYLE KAREN YOUNG • TRUDY GOODMAN, PHD

14:00–14:30

AI LOUNGE

Freedom AI 101

AI is changing the way we learn, organize, communicate, and build. But it can also expose human rights defenders to surveillance and targeting by authoritarian regimes. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to use AI in ways that protect privacy and support human rights work. We'll explore open-source tools, privacy-preserving AI options, and practical...

JUSTIN MOON • MARK SUMAN • MATT AHLBORG

14:00–14:25

FREEDOM TECH
ACADEMY

Inside the Most Closed Country on Earth: North Korea and the Case for Freedom Tech

North Korea is the world's most closed society, where the regime controls information, money, movement, and communication. This workshop explores how that control works, what it means for ordinary people, and why freedom tech matters in such extreme conditions. Examine how tools for private communication, access to outside information, and...

JENNY WANG • SEONGMIN LEE

DAY 01 · SESSIONS CONT.

14:30-17:00
AI LOUNGE

Vibe Coding Lounge

Vibe coding lets human rights defenders turn plain language into working software for freedom. In this open lounge, Justin Moon will guide participants through how AI can help them prototype tools, automate tasks, and build faster without needing a deep coding background. Drop in to experiment, ask questions, and see how AI-assisted coding can support...

JUSTIN MOON

14:30-14:55
FREEDOM TECH
ACADEMY

Bitcoin for Nonprofits 101

Nonprofits often face frozen bank accounts, blocked donations, foreign agent laws, and financial surveillance under authoritarian regimes. Bitcoin provides an alternative way to transact money without needing permission from dictators. This workshop introduces civil society organizations to using Bitcoin in their work. It covers how to raise donations with...

ANNA CHEKHOVICH · BEN PERRIN

15:00-15:25
FREEDOM TECH
ACADEMY

Financial Privacy

Bitcoin is a global, neutral currency that is not owned or controlled by any government, which can help individuals avoid financial repression by dictators. But Bitcoin is not private by default. Used carelessly, it can expose human rights defenders and their networks to surveillance and punishment. In this workshop, you'll learn how to buy, sell, and...

LEA PETRASOVA

15:00-16:00
LIBRARY LOUNGE
BOOK SIGNING

Jacob Mchangama: “The Future of Free Speech”

Join us for a timely and thought-provoking book signing session with Jacob Mchangama, founder and executive director of The Future of Free Speech, research professor at Vanderbilt University, and senior fellow at the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE). In his latest work, “The Future of Free Speech,” Mchangama delivers a sharp analysis of...

JACOB MCHANGAMA

DAY 01 • SESSIONS CONT.

15:00–16:00

LILLE SAL
LIGHTNING TALKS

Ignite Talks

HRF's Freedom Fellows are dissidents from authoritarian regimes worldwide who receive a year of hands-on mentorship from leading experts in nonviolent movement building. Fellows will deliver five-minute Ignite Talks – fast-paced presentations that combine concise storytelling with timed slides – to share their stories of activism and their visions for a...

ALEXA ZAMORA • ANA CORINA SOSA • DAVID ARAGORT • EVGENIIA BELKINA •
ILIA GANTVARG • KAWSAR YASIN • SAIFUL ISLAM • TSELA ZOKSANG •
ZUMRETAY ARKIN

15:00–16:15

MAIN THEATRE
PANEL

Iran: The Next Chapter

As turmoil in Iran enters its seventh month, questions about the country's future have taken on new urgency: Could decades of theocratic rule be approaching a turning point? Is democratic change finally possible? And when will the millions of Iranians forced into exile be able to return home? In this timely conversation, Iranian human rights advocates from...

MODERATOR: GISSOU NIA • AZADEH AFSAHI • DR. ZOHREH ABDOLLAHKHANI •
NAZANIN AFSHIN-JAM MACKAY • ZHINO BABAMIRI

15:00–17:30

OFF MEDICAL CLINIC
RESILIENCE

OFF Medical Clinic

Activists sometimes lack time to manage their personal health, which is vital to sustaining their work. We are delighted to have C. Michael Wright, MD, and Tabita A. Wright, MD, accompanied by Norwegian doctor Erik Engebretsen, to offer medical checks for OFF attendees, including physical examinations and laboratory tests.

C. MICHAEL WRIGHT • TABITA A. WRIGHT

DAY 01 • SESSIONS CONT.

15:00-17:30

WORKSHOP 1
WORKSHOP

Dismantling Dictatorship: What Do YOU Think It Takes?

Roughly 76% of the world's population lives under an authoritarian regime. Democracy and freedom stand in principled opposition to authoritarianism, but how do you think our shared struggle should proceed? Stop by our workshop to use interactive digital tools to sort and rank the strategies you believe matter most for dismantling dictatorship: mass...

TINA NABATCHI

15:00-16:00

WORKSHOP 2
WORKSHOP

Supporting Political Prisoners Through Advocacy and Reintegration

Lilian Tintori, co-founder of the Political Prisoners Support Team (PPST) at the World Liberty Congress, will present two practical manuals to support political prisoners, their families, and former detainees. This interactive session equips participants with tools to identify politically motivated detentions, build effective release strategies, support...

LILIAN TINTORI

15:30-15:55

FREEDOM TECH
ACADEMY

Making Freedom Tech Beautiful

Freedom Tech can enable freedom, but only if people can actually use it. Even the most powerful applications fall short if they feel confusing or too technical. This workshop explains how design and user experience make Freedom Tech accessible and usable by all. You'll learn the key fundamentals to build tools that individuals all over the world can...

MOGASHNI NAIDOO · STACIE WALEYKO

DAY 01 • SESSIONS CONT.

16:00–16:25

FREEDOM TECH
ACADEMY

How to Use Nostr: The Social Network YOU Control

Nostr is a decentralized social network protocol that lets anyone publish information without relying on a central platform. No company owns user accounts, and no single app controls the network, making it harder for regimes to deplatform users. In this workshop, you'll learn how Nostr works in practice: creating an identity, using different apps that...

BEN PERRIN

16:30–17:00

FREEDOM TECH
ACADEMY

How to Use Bitchat: Talk with Friends Even When the Internet Is Down

Bitchat is an offline messaging tool that lets individuals communicate over Bluetooth without internet access. When regimes shut down the internet, tools like this become critical for staying connected. This workshop introduces how Bitchat works and how to use it with others nearby. We'll also explore why private, offline communication matters during...

CALLE

16:30–17:30

LIBRARY LOUNGE
FIRESIDE CHAT

What Does Justice Look Like for Survivors of Sexual Torture?

As conflict escalates across the globe, wartime sexual- and gender-based violence – including sexual torture – is rising with it. Too often, international law leaves survivors without meaningful recourse and fails to hold perpetrators accountable. In this fireside chat, international human rights lawyer Kate Gibson interviews UN Special Rapporteur on torture...

DR. ALICE JILL EDWARDS • KATE GIBSON

DAY 01 • SESSIONS CONT.

16:30–17:30

LILLE SAL
PANEL

Protecting the Lawyers Who Defend Democracy

Lawyers in authoritarian regimes face a growing trend of targeted attacks, as political prosecution and professional sanctions are weaponized to stifle legal advocacy. Attacks on lawyers undermine the rule of law, endangering those who do vital work to represent dissenters, vulnerable populations, and opposition groups in closed societies. Panelists will...

MODERATOR: ROBERTO GONZÁLEZ • BRANDON SILVER • SANTIAGO CANTON •
SOPHIE DE GRAAF • TANELE MASEKO

16:30–17:30

MAIN THEATRE
DEBATE

Is It Ethical to Cooperate with Chinese State Institutions to Secure Incremental Change?

As democratic governments, universities, and civil society organizations grapple with how to engage China, a central ethical question persists: should cooperation with Chinese state institutions, which tightly control everything from education to commerce, be pursued as a pathway to incremental change, or does such engagement ultimately legitimize repression...

MODERATOR: JOHN DONVAN • ISAAC STONE FISH • JOANNA CHIU

16:30–17:30

WORKSHOP 2
WORKSHOP

The Democracy Experiment

You walk in as an attendee. You leave as a leader. This isn't a panel, a keynote, or another framework lecture. For 60 minutes, this room becomes a live experiment in democratic leadership, where you will make real decisions with real strangers, discover how you actually behave when power and uncertainty are in play, and learn something about yourself that...

NIKOLA ILIĆ

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TUESDAY

2 JUNE 2026

Mainstage all morning, closing with the Václav Havel Prize for Creative Dissent. In the afternoon, the Freedom Tech track takes over Transformator Scene.

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MAINSTAGE

MAIN THEATRE · MORNING

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THEATER PROGRAM III

María Corina Machado / Luaty Beirão / Sergey Tihanovski / Noor Pahlavi / Chemi Lhamo / Lobsang Sangay

11:55-13:05

THEATER PROGRAM IV

Richard Gere / Carine Kanimba / Anaïse Kanimba / Pernille Haaland / Yulia Navalnaya

13:05-13:30

VÁCLAV HAVEL PRIZE FOR CREATIVE DISSENT

HRF honors artists who wield art as a power for freedom. Among the 2026 laureates: Gao Zhen, Chinese contemporary artist and prisoner of conscience.



*“Hope for freedom, for
democracy, **for the rule
of law.**”*

SERGEY TIHANOVSKI • BELARUSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER

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Three and a half hours. Two stages. The builders and the dissidents, in one room.

Dictators freeze bank accounts, shut down the internet and point surveillance at their own people. On Tuesday afternoon the Freedom Tech track turns the question around: what happens when the people get the tools?

Bitcoin, Nostr, offline mesh messaging and open-source AI, taught by the engineers who build them and tested by the activists who need them. Twelve talks on the Freedom Stage, four deep dives upstairs, and next door an AI Lounge that puts a personal AI agent in front of every human rights defender who walks in.



CALLE, WHO BUILT THE BITCHAT MESH MESSENGER, ON THE FREEDOM STAGE

RUN OF SHOW

BLOCK #01 14:30	Digital Repression and the Rise of Freedom Tech Dr. Álvaro Salas-Castro, Leopoldo López · FIRESIDE CHAT PREV 000000000000_ · HASH 0000451BEC4C1389E3AEE049
BLOCK #02 14:40	The Invisible Sanction: When Money Becomes a Tool of Control Farida Nabourema · PRESENTATION PREV 0000451BEC4C_ · HASH 0000A0289D1E8165CB140EF1
BLOCK #03 14:50	What Science Fiction Teaches Us About AI and Human Rights Ramez Naam · KEYNOTE PREV 0000A0289D1E_ · HASH 00002524D2D382F53442F2C9
BLOCK #04 15:10	18 Months In: Lessons from HRF's AI Program Justin Moon · PRESENTATION PREV 00002524D2D3_ · HASH 0000D21E110F1D98DCDDE9E0
BLOCK #05 15:20	Dictator AI: It Will Start at Home John Scott-Railton · KEYNOTE PREV 0000D21E110F_ · HASH 0000AAF0CF00A775B7B365F0
BLOCK #06 15:30	Authoritarians and AI: What the Research Shows Fergus Ryan · KEYNOTE PREV 0000AAF0CF00_ · HASH 000076CD8A1DEB3E5A27F931
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AI LOUNGE · 14:30-18:00 · NEXT DOOR

MEET AN AI AGENT

An interactive space where human rights defenders sit down with a personal AI agent and put it to work, to understand first-hand how these tools will change their daily work. Hosted by Justin Moon, HRF AI Technical Lead.

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*“By making sure that we can put money in the hands of the people that the regime cannot control, we can make **courage affordable to everyone.**”*

> FARIDA NABOUREMA · FOUNDER, AFRICA BITCOIN CONFERENCE

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*“Today, a company is **not going to protect you from a state.**”*

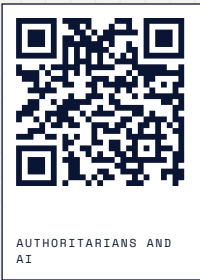
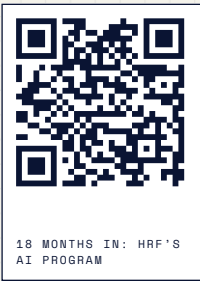
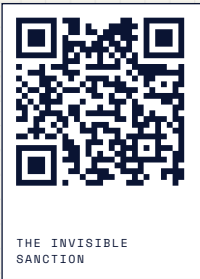
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*“We **cannot ask for permission to build these systems ourselves.**”*

> CALLE · CREATOR, CASHU; BITCHAT DEVELOPER

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FULL FREEDOM TECH TRACK · ALL 16 SESSIONS

*“A Syria where fathers
come home.”*

MOHAMMAD AL ABDALLAH · SYRIA JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CENTRE

03

WEDNESDAY

3 JUNE 2026

A full day of interactive programming across the Day 3 rooms, closing with stand-up comedy.

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WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE · INTERACTIVE PROGRAMMING · FOLD-OUT

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AYITTEY AUDITORIUM
PANEL

Persecuted for Belief

Globally, religious believers face censorship, harassment, surveillance, and imprisonment under the banner of combating extremism or maintaining national security and public order. This discussion unpacks the legal tools and political systems used to control religious life and highlights the resilience of communities advocating for their right to believe.

MODERATOR: DR. KATRINA LANTOS SWETT · DR. MATTHEW GILLETT ·
RÉMY AMAHIRWA · RUSHAN ABBAS

10:30–11:30

BERLIN HALL
PANEL

The Middle East in Turmoil: Geopolitical Wars and the Future of Democratic Governance

The Middle East and North Africa region has long been shaped by geopolitical rivalries, proxy wars, and sudden political upheavals. Time and again, the fall – or weakening – of entrenched regimes has raised hopes for democratic change. Yet the region's recent history shows a more complicated reality: moments of upheaval often give way not to democracy, but...

MODERATOR: MELISSA MAHTANI · FAISAL SAEED AL MUTAR · GISSOU NIA ·
LYNN HARFOUSH · MOHAMMAD AL ABDALLAH

10:30–11:30

LIBERTADORES LOFT
PANEL

Ending Modern Slavery in Global Supply Chains

Modern slavery persists in every region of the world, yet the laws meant to prevent it vary widely in strength, scope, and enforcement. Progress in supply chain due diligence legislation has been uneven – and often symbolic. This panel will include legal experts, advocates, and policymakers to unpack what's working, what isn't, and where global modern...

MODERATOR: BENJAMIN SKINNER · GRACE FORREST · MAHENDRA PANDEY ·
SAUNOAMAALII KARANINA SUMEO

10:30–11:30

RESILIENCE TENT
WORKSHOP

How Meditation Strengthens Resilience

Join international experts, Drs. Trudy Goodman, master meditation teacher, and Elissa Epel, renowned stress and resilience scientist, for discussion and deep practice.

DR. ELISSA EPEL · TRUDY GOODMAN, PHD

DAY 03 · SESSIONS CONT.

11:45–12:45

AYITTEY AUDITORIUM
PANEL

The Future of Philanthropy

Less than 1% of philanthropic dollars worldwide go toward human rights – and only a fraction reaches those confronting authoritarian regimes. But the problem is not just how little is given. It is how it is given. One-time donations get spent. Grant cycles end. Movements built on fragile funding cannot outlast the regimes they oppose. This workshop explores...

MODERATOR: AMY PROULX · BREZA RACE · ISMAEL DAINEHINE · JAMIE FLY · MAXIMILIEN REYNOLDS

11:45–12:45

BERLIN HALL
PANEL

Maduro’s Fall and the Future of Authoritarians in Latin America

The capture of Nicolás Maduro has jolted the authoritarian landscape of the Americas – but it has not ended it. This panel brings together leading democratic voices from Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba to assess what this moment means for entrenched dictatorships, hybrid authoritarian regimes like El Salvador, and countries potentially transitioning out of...

MODERATOR: JAVIER EL-HAGE · JHANISSE VACA DAZA · JONATHAN DUARTE · PEDRO URRUCHURTU · ROSA MARÍA PAYÁ

11:45–12:45

BERLIN HALL
PANEL

Reporting Against Authoritarianism

Journalists are often the first to document the abuses of authoritarian regimes – and among the first to be targeted for doing so. From censorship and surveillance to imprisonment, exile, and violence, reporters working under repressive regimes face extraordinary risks in their efforts to tell the truth without fear or favor. This panel will explore how...

MODERATOR: JAMES WATERHOUSE · IRMA DIMITRADZE · OKSANA ROMANIUK · ROXANA SABERI · SZABOLCS PANYI

DAY 03 · SESSIONS CONT.

14:15–15:15

AYITTEY ASSEMBLY
PANEL

Building New Audiences to Implement Freedom in Iran, Lebanon, and Turkey

Across the Middle East, the work of advancing freedom requires both resisting authoritarianism and building credible alternatives. This session features three Reynolds Freedom Fellows at Atlas Network from Iran, Lebanon, and Turkey who are expanding the audience for liberal ideas in highly constrained environments. They will discuss how civil society leaders...

MODERATOR: BRAD LIPS · HUSAIN MASCHINETCHIAN · KRISTELLE MARDINI · MEDENI SUNGUR

14:15–15:15

BERLIN HALL
PANEL

How Dictators Use Corruption to Destroy Democracy (and Get Insanely Rich in the Process)

This panel will expose the global architecture of corruption, discussing how autocrats hide their wealth and who is helping them along the way. Featuring leading researchers, journalists, and experts, this panel will reveal the latest from the frontlines of the struggle to end modern kleptocracy.

MODERATOR: ISHAAN THAROOR · DAVID SZAKONYI · ELSA PERALDI · VADIM KLEINER

14:15–15:15

LIBERTADORES LOFT
WORKSHOP

Beyond Captivity: Supporting Survivors of Wrongful Detention and Isolation

When an individual is released from an unjust detention, the world celebrates. But release is often only the first step toward recovery for these individuals. In this workshop, Dr. Young Hoang will share his expertise as a psychologist at the U.S. Department of State specializing in care for individuals who have experienced detention and isolation. He will...

DR. YOUNG HOANG

DAY 03 · SESSIONS CONT.

14:15-15:15

RESILIENCE TENT
WORKSHOP

Leading Under Pressure: Leadership Lessons for Human Rights CEOs

Running a human rights organization is one of the hardest leadership jobs there is. CEOs are challenging entrenched power, often at personal risk, while holding together teams under sustained strain and managing boards which may or may not have their back. Drawing on two decades of nonprofit leadership and his book “How to Lead Nonprofits,” Nick Grono will...

NICK GRONO

15:30-16:30

AVITTEY ASSEMBLY
WORKSHOP

Engaging Meta’s Oversight Board

The workshop will be an opportunity for the OFF community to learn more about Meta’s Oversight Board and how they can interact with it in their own work. It will explore how the Board can be a useful tool for advocacy and campaigning, and bring in actors who have done so successfully to offer their own views.

TRACY MANNERS

15:30-16:30

BERLIN HALL
PANEL

Beautiful Game, Ugly Politics: Is the World Cup Good for Democracy?

This panel explores the complex political ramifications of the world’s biggest sporting event, examining whether hosting or participating in the World Cup strengthens democratic institutions by promoting civic pride, global visibility, and public engagement, or whether it instead enables authoritarian image-laundering, restricts civil liberties, and invites...

MODERATOR: KARIM ZIDAN · DR. JANIE FRAMPTON · JONATHAN WILSON · PHILIPPE AUCLAIR

DAY 03 · SESSIONS CONT.

15:30–16:30
LIBERTADORES LOFT
PANEL

Standing Up to Rising Autocrats in Georgia, Serbia, and Beyond

Countries across Europe and the Caucasus are experiencing and growing authoritarianism, prompting mass protests, mobilization of civic engagement, and the rise of pro-democracy movements. From Serbia to Hungary and from Georgia to Armenia, these movements face the same set of challenges: democratic backsliding, escalating repression, and the emergence of...

MODERATOR: OLESYA VARTANYAN · NIKOLA ILIĆ

15:30–16:30
RESILIENCE TENT
WORKSHOP

Psychological First Aid for Activists with Dr. Elissa Epel & Annette Knopp

A collaborative session introducing core principles of psychological first aid tailored for high-stress environments. Participants will learn how to recognize signs of distress in themselves and others, offer immediate support, and respond with care in moments of emotional activation. Grounded in trauma-informed and science-based approaches, this session...

ANNETTE KNOPP · DR. ELISSA EPEL

16:45–17:15
BERLIN HALL
CREATIVE DISSENT

Comedy Show: Stand-Up Stands Up

Stand-up comedy is one of the purest, most unfiltered expressions of free speech. It's a space where truth is told through laughter, where societal norms are questioned, and where power is held to account. But in authoritarian regimes, this freedom is not just discouraged. It is punished. Featuring three fearless stand-up comedians from countries where...

ALI SULTAN · BLANK PENG · PANDJI PRAGIWAKSONO

FREEDOM TECH SPEAKERS



DR. ÁLVARO SALAS-CASTRO

PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE REYNOLDS FOUNDATION

Dr. Álvaro Salas-Castro is President and CEO of The Reynolds Foundation, a global philanthropic organization dedicated to advancing freedom and democracy, education, and medical research. He is also Founder of the Demo...



LEOPOLDO LÓPEZ

CO-FOUNDER, WORLD LIBERTY CONGRESS; VENEZUELAN OPPOSITION LEADER

Leopoldo López is a Venezuelan opposition leader and democracy activist. He founded the Venezuelan opposition party, Voluntad Popular, and served as mayor of the Chacao municipality in Caracas.



FARIDA NABOUREMA

FOUNDER, AFRICA BITCOIN CONFERENCE; GENESIS COMMITTEE, FINNEY FREEDOM PRIZE

Farida Nabourema is a Togolese writer and blogger who began her career in activism when she was 13 years old. In 2011, Nabourema co-founded the Faure Must Go movement, which has since become a hallmark of the Togolese...



RAMEZ NAAM

AUTHOR, THE NEXUS TRILOGY; FOUNDER, PLANETARY VC



JUSTIN MOON

AI TECHNICAL LEAD, HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION



JOHN SCOTT-RAILTON

SENIOR RESEARCHER, THE CITIZEN LAB

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FERGUS RYAN
SENIOR CHINA ANALYST, AUSTRALIAN
STRATEGIC POLICY INSTITUTE



MATT CORALLO
BITCOIN OPEN-SOURCE ENGINEER,
SPIRAL



LEONID VOLKOV
HEAD OF POLITICAL PROJECTS,
ANTI-CORRUPTION FOUNDATION



NICK ANTHONY
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CBDC TRACKER FELLOW, HUMAN
RIGHTS FOUNDATION



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BITCOIN EDUCATOR, BTC SESSIONS



ELIZABETH STARK
FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER, LIGHTNING LABS



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FEMI LONGE
GLOBAL FREEDOM TECH LEAD, HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION



CALLE
CREATOR, CASHU AND CLAWI.AI; BITCHAT DEVELOPER



GABRIEL CALZADA ÁLVAREZ
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE HESPERIDES



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FOUNDER, BITCOIN++ AND BASE58; GENESIS COMMITTEE, FINNEY FREEDOM PRIZE



REYNA CHICAS
BITCOIN TRAINING COORDINATOR, MY FIRST BITCOIN



JANET MAINGI
CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, GRIDLESS



FREEDOM TECH SPEAKERS CONT.



SKOT
FREEDOM TECH ENGINEER



TYLER STEVENS
FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER, EXERGY



JEFF GARDNER
CREATOR AND DEVELOPER, WHITE
NOISE



PABLO FERNÁNDEZ
NOSTR DEVELOPER



RABBLE
FOUNDER, VERSE COMMUNICATIONS
PBC



**ABUBAKAR NUR
KHALIL**
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BTRUST



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COMMITTEE, FINNEY FREEDOM PRIZE



**SABINA WAITHIRA
GITAU**
CO-FOUNDER, TANDO



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ANNA CHEKHOVICH
FREEDOM TECH EDUCATION LEAD,
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JENNY WANG
SENIOR POLICY OFFICER, HUMAN
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, VEXL



MARK SUMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MAPLE AI



MATT AHLBORG
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PAYPERQ



MOGASHNI NAIDOO
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RENATA RODRIGUES
HEAD OF FIELD OPERATIONS



SEONGMIN LEE
DIRECTOR OF NORTH KOREA DESK, HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION



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STACIE WALEYKO
SOFTWARE ENGINEER, BITCOIN DEV
PROJECT



THE VENUES

OSLO · SCHEMATIC, NOT TO SCALE

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Bitcoin, Nostr, Bitchat, privacy

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