# Panel discussion
# "Egypt in transition – media in the pillory?"
# Perspectives on the social and political role of the media in Egypt

**6:30 pm   Opening speeches**   **Irene Weinz**, Program Officer „International Relations Europe and its Neighbors", Robert Bosch Stiftung

**Dr. Heinrich Kreft**, Ambassador, Director for International Academic and Educational Relations and Dialogue among civilizations, Federal Foreign Office

**6:40 pm   Panel discussion**   **Dr. Yvette Gerner** – ZDF Main editorial office, Senior Manager
**Haytham al Sawy** – ONTV Network Egypt Operations Manager
**Sultan Sooud al Qassemi** – Social Media Journalist and Blogger
**Aboubakr Jamai** –  Journalist and Editor in Chief of lakome.com
**Anne-Béatrice Clasmann** – dpa Correspondent for the Arab World
**Hani Shukrallah**, chief editor of the weekly edition of Al-Shorouk

*Host:* **Constantin Schreiber**, Journalist

**8:00 pm   Reception**

## Panelist Overview

**Dr. Yvette Gerner**, senior manager at the main editorial office of ZDF in Mainz and former managing editor and editorial journalist for foreign affairs in different positions at ZDF. Born 1967, she holds a degree in political sciences, German philology and Slavic studies and received her doctorate with a thesis on EU-Russia relations. She gained further journalistic experience working for SDR Radio and Rheinpfalz Newspaper and as university lecturer in Heidelberg and Mannheim. RIAS fellow and member of Bertelsmann Young Leaders group, she won the ZDF innovation award for a German-Israeli videoblog in 2008.
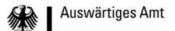
**Haytham al Sawy**, operations manager at ONTV, O News Agency and project manager at ONA Academy. Born in 1986, he graduated in mass communication at Cairo University. After various positions as reporter and field producer at various tv stations and SAWATEL news agency. He worked on different intenational projects including operations in Gaza strip and Iraq and covering US elections. He joined ONTV Network as documentaries filmmaker and established ONTV LIVE as the channel's executive producer responsible for setting the agenda and the editorial strategy, carrying on live coverages. Besides he worked for DW-TV Arabic service as video journalist covering the Egyptian revolution.

**Sultan Sooud al Qassemi**, social media commentator on political, social and economic issues in the Arab world, listed as one of the 140 best Twitter feeds of 2011 by Time magazine. Born in 1977, member of the ruling Family of Sharjah in the UAE and lives in Dubai. He holds a master's degree in Global Banking and Finance from the European Business School. Founder and chairman of a financial products company, as well as the managing director of Al-Saud Co. Lecturer at Dubai Men's College and columnist for international publications as The New York Times, The Financial Times, Foreign Policy and others.

**Aboubakr Jamai**, founder and former editor of the leading Morrocan weekly magazine Le Journal Hebdomadaire, started a web-based news service, Lakome.com during the Arab Spring-inspired 2011 protests in Morocco. Born in 1968 he holds a Master of Business Administration from Oxford University's Saïd Business School and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School and began his career in finance. In 1996, he joined the Executive Secretariat of the Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit as a financial and economic advisor. Since 2008, he is visiting Scholar at the University of San Diego where he teaches courses on Political Islam and Politics in The Middle East. His work was published in prestigious newspapers around the world and led to numerous awards. He currently stays in Berlin as Richard von Weizsäcker fellow at Robert Bosch Stiftung.

**Anne-Béatrice Clasmann**, correspondent covering the Arab World for dpa (German Press Agency) since 2001, based in Cairo and Istanbul. Born in 1968 in Cologne/Germany. 1992 MA Semitic Languages, Political Science, French (research interests: the post-colonial Arab order, literature and politics in North Africa, Arab dialects). Worked as a freelance journalist for several German media in 1992 and 1993. Editor and correspondent for dpa in Germany and Geneva/Switzerland (1993-2001). Author of a guide book on Egypt. Moderator and speaker for the Goethe-Institute and other institutions.

**Hani Shukrallah**, chief editor of the weekly edition of Al-Shorouk and senior editorial consultant with Welad Elbalad Media Services. Born in 1950, he is former managing editor of Egypt's top newspaper, the daily Al-Ahram; founder and former Chief Editor of Ahram Online and Al-Ahram Weekly. During 2008 and 2009 he was founding co-Chief Editor of the Egyptian daily, Al-Shorouk and consultant with the Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, one of the leading think tanks in the Middle East and was a visiting lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley. He is a founding member of the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Network for Human Rights Information, and a board member of the Center for Arab and African Studies in Cairo

**Host:**

**Constantin Schreiber**, presenter for German news network n-tv. In addition, he hosts TV magazines in Arabic broadcast on Egypt's ONTV and Qatar TV. Born in 1979, he spent a long period in Syria as a teenager, where he learned Arabic. Constantin holds a law degree and was a fellow of the Reuters Institute at Oxford University. In 2006, he worked as a reporter for Lebanon's leading daily, the Daily Star in Beirut. From 2006 until 2009, he was the correspondent of Deutsche Welle's Arabic programme in Dubai. From 2009 until 2011 he worked for the German Foreign Office's cultural and media department, where he was handling media programmes, conferences and traineeships for journalists in the Middle East.

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