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# 2009 World Press Freedom Day Debate Programme

**Friday, 1 May 2009 (9:30 – 12:30 GMT)**  
**Frontline Club, 13 Norfolk Place, London W2 1QJ**

09.30 – 10.00	Tea and coffee served
10.00	All Seated
10.00 – 10.05	Presentation ceremony for the winner of the 2009 WPFDD Student Journalism Competition
10.05 – 10.10	Introductory remarks by Vaughan Smith, Founder and Managing Director of the Frontline Club
10.10 – 10.20	Welcome and Introduction by William Horsley, debate Chair
10.20 – 10.26	<b>Proposer 1:</b> Andrew Gilligan, Evening Standard columnist
10.26 – 10.32	<b>Opposer 1:</b> Jeremy Dear, National Union of Journalists (NUJ) General Secretary
10.32 – 10.45	Reactions from the audience invited
10.45 – 10.51	<b>Proposer 2:</b> Jamie Shea, NATO, Private Office of the Secretary General
10.51 – 10.57	<b>Opposer 2:</b> Alan Fisher, Al Jazeera English correspondent
10.57 – 11.40	Reactions from audience invited, named speakers called upon <i>Named speakers (not in speaking order)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sharif Nashashibi, Arab Media Watch co-founding Director</li><li>▪ Norbert Mbu-Mputu, former UN worker in DRC, writer and journalist</li></ul>
11.40 – 11.45	Summary of arguments
11.45 – 11.55	Vote on the Motion: Governments at war are winning the battle of controlling the international media
11.55 – 12.00	Conclusion of the Debate
12.00	Debate closes
12.00 -12.30	Tea and coffee served

## Debate Format

Today's debate adopts its format from an Oxford Union Debate. Proceedings aim to inform and persuade through the skills of debating on a particular view. As such, Oxford Union debates allow speakers to argue against their own personal convictions. A good deal of participation from the floor is encouraged, with the proceedings concluding with a vote on the Motion: "This House believes that **Governments at war are winning the battle of controlling the international media**".

There will be four panel speakers and two interventions from named speakers from the floor. Interventions and contributions from the audience will be moderated by the Chair, who will be keeping time very strictly to ensure adequate audience participation and discussion.