

**MEDIA IN IRELAND  
COVERAGE OF CONFLICT**

**9<sup>th</sup> CLERAUN MEDIA CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
23 & 24 FEBRUARY 2002**

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## Saturday 23 February 2002

- 10.30 Registration
- 11.00 **African conflicts, western media**  
Paul Cullen  
**Chair:** Daniel McConnell, Editor,  
*The University Observer*, UCD
- 12.00 **Church-media relations:  
bridging the gap**  
Ronnie Convery  
**Chair:** Martin O'Brien, Editor,  
*Sunday Sequence*, BBC Radio Ulster
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 **French media coverage of  
refugee and immigration issues**  
Jean-Pierre Tailleux  
**Chair:** Nuala Haughey,  
Social and Racial Affairs  
Correspondent, *The Irish Times*
- 15.15 **Coverage of courts and  
tribunals: guilty if reported?**  
Mary Wilson  
**Chair:** Ted Harding, Editor,  
*The Sunday Business Post*
- 16.15 Coffee
- 16.45 **Are the media soft on  
paramilitary organisations  
in Northern Ireland?**  
Martina Purdy  
**Chair:** Deaglán de Bréadún,  
Foreign Affairs Correspondent,  
*The Irish Times*

## Sunday 24 February 2002

- 11.00 **Ethical issues in photo-  
journalism**  
Rob Taggart  
**Chair:** Ger Collieran, Editor, *The Star*
- 12.00 **China and human rights:  
dilemmas facing foreign  
correspondents**  
Leo Goodstadt  
**Chair:** Carl O'Brien, Political  
Correspondent, *The Irish Examiner*,  
Young Journalist of the Year 2001
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 **Conflict in East Timor:  
the role of the media**  
Ronan Tynan  
**Chair:** Aoife Kavanagh, RTE News
- 15.15 **The Middle East: the media  
battle for hearts and minds**  
Abdel Bari Atwan  
**Chair:** Seamus Dooley, Irish Organiser,  
National Union of Journalists
- 16.15 Coffee
- 16.45 **After 11th September:  
understanding and  
misunderstanding America**  
Mark Little  
**Chair:** Professor John Horgan,  
School of Communications, DCU
- 18.00 Conclusion

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**Paul Cullen** is Development Correspondent at *The Irish Times*. He has reported from Rwanda, Burundi, Mozambique, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Turkey, Kosovo and the Lebanon. He is now the newspaper's main reporter at the Flood Tribunal where he has covered events at Dublin Castle since 1998. A graduate in engineering from Trinity College, he was awarded a Masters in journalism from Dublin City University in 1991. From 1993-96 he was Education Correspondent of *The Irish Times*. He was named Journalist of the Year in the European Year against Racism in 1997 and in the same year was the main category winner in the Religious Press Awards.



**Ronnie Convery** is Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of Glasgow and handled press and PR for the late Cardinal Winning, appearing regularly on TV and radio. He has a wealth of experience of the media from both sides. As a working journalist he has written and ghost-written for publications as diverse as the *Daily Record* and the *Spectator*. He is probably best known for his time at Scottish Television where he was a producer for GMTV news, and an in-the-field reporter, newsreader, and presenter of programmes such as *Scotland Today* and *Scottish Action*.



**Jean-Pierre Tailleur** is a French author and journalist. He has just published a book entitled *Bevues de Presse* (Press blunders), which includes a study of how French media reported on refugee and immigration issues in recent years. He is a correspondent for *Le Monde Diplomatique*. He has worked as a journalist for *L'Usine Nouvelle* and was Editor of *France-Amerique*, a weekly newspaper published in the US.



**Mary Wilson** has been RTE's Legal Affairs Correspondent since 1996. A graduate in journalism, she has worked in print, public relations and broadcasting over the past 20 years. She joined RTE in 1989, working for a short period in its local radio service in Cork before moving to the Dublin newsroom, where she worked on a variety of programmes. In 2000 she was named Journalist of the Year and was also the overall winner in the Justice Media Awards. Her work on the Catherine Nevin murder trial and on the Nora Wall case were selected for special mention.



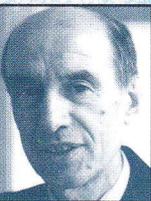
**Martina Purdy** is Political Correspondent for BBC Northern Ireland. Previously, she was Political Correspondent at the *Belfast Telegraph*, covering the multi-party talks that led to the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998. She has worked as a journalist in Belfast since 1991, where she began her career as Business Correspondent for the *Irish News* before becoming Business Editor of the *Belfast Telegraph*. Although born in Belfast, Martina left Northern Ireland in 1971 and was raised in Toronto, Canada. She is a graduate in International Relations from the University of Toronto, and from the Ryerson School of Journalism. She has won a number of awards for print journalism.

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**Rob Taggart** is Senior Photo Editor at Associated Press in London since 2001. He is responsible for the picture content and quality of the AP photo service from Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Prior to joining AP, he worked with Reuters for 15 years and had responsibility for the agency's Asia-Pacific service, covering an area from Afghanistan to New Zealand, including Japan. He has personally covered most of the major breaking stories in Europe, the Middle East and Africa over the last two decades. He was the first Reuters photographer into the Middle East after Iraq invaded Kuwait and a key figure in setting up an operational base in Saudi Arabia in advance of the invasion of Kuwait in 1990.



**Leo Goodstadt** After 35 years in Asia, he has an impressive record as a journalist, as well as considerable management experience with international publications. He began his journalistic career with the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, where he rose through the ranks to become Deputy Editor. Between 1981 and 1986 he worked with *Asiabanking* and covered the region's emerging financial markets. He also acted as Hong Kong correspondent for *The Times* (London) and *Euromoney*. His articles on Hong Kong, Chinese and Asian developments have been carried in the *Financial Times* and the *International Herald Tribune*. He hosted a weekly public affairs programme on Hong Kong television for 10 years and contributed regularly to the BBC World Service. He was the chief policy adviser to the Hong Kong government during the transition from British to Chinese sovereignty between 1989 and 1997.



**Ronan Tynan** is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, journalist and communications strategist. A co-founder of Esperanza Productions, he won the 1999 TV Journalist of the Year Award with co-producer Anne Daly for the documentary *Dropping the No. 10 for Dili* about the occupation of East Timor. It told how former Irish bus driver, Tom Hyland, became an internationally effective campaigner on the issue. Esperanza focuses especially on human rights issues. Other East Timor productions include *Grounding a Hawk with a Hammer*.



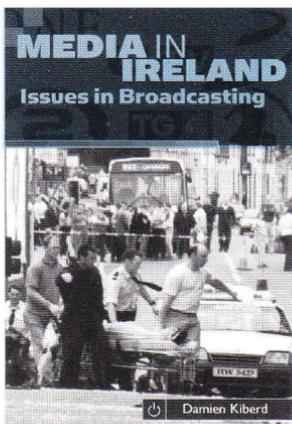
**Abdel Bari Atwan** has been Editor-in-Chief at *Al-Quds Al Arabi*, an Arab newspaper published in London, since 1989. Three weeks before the events of 11th September his newspaper received a call from followers of Osama bin Laden warning of an imminent attack. The newspaper had received similar warnings before but this time the caller spoke of an "unprecedented attack". Abdel Bari Atwan is a recognised expert on Middle Eastern affairs and contributes regularly to CNN, Sky, ITN, and BBC television and radio. He is a part-time lecturer on Middle East politics in British and Arab universities and has published several studies about Middle East politics and media. He was educated in Cairo.



**Mark Little** was born in Dublin and educated at Trinity College and Dublin City University. He joined RTE in 1991 as a television reporter and went on to co-present the *This Week* programme on RTE Radio. He was appointed RTE's first Washington Correspondent in 1995 and spent the next five years working on a range of stories including the US role in the Irish peace process, the Clinton impeachment saga and the chaos of the November 2000 presidential election. In January 2001 he returned to Ireland as RTE's Foreign Affairs Correspondent before joining the *Prime Time* programme on RTE 1 TV as a presenter/correspondent. In November 2001 he was named Television Journalist of the Year for his reporting in Afghanistan.

# Cleraun Media Conferences

The Cleraun Media Conferences, which take place every two years, began in 1986 and have steadily grown in stature. The conference themes have always been topical and stimulating. They have focused on issues such as newspaper coverage of the refugee question; broadcasting and suffering - the Omagh bombing and paramilitary 'punishment beatings'; the role of government press offices in the peace process; financial journalism; advertising during children's TV programmes; commercial versus public service broadcasting; social exclusion in the media; newspapers and litigation; the media on terrorism, violence and crime.



*Media in Ireland: issues in broadcasting* (ISBN 1-85182-624-6), a book based on the February 2000 conference, will be launched ahead of this year's event. It includes chapters by George Lee, Joe Duffy, and Adrian Moynes of RTE; Maggie O'Kane of *The Guardian*; Breda O'Brien of *The Irish Times*; and Ursula Halligan of TV3.

A book based on the 1998 conference, *Media in Ireland: the search for ethical journalism* (ISBN 1-85182-509-6), was launched by Liz O'Donnell TD, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, in the National Library in 1999. It contains chapters by Conor Brady and Andy Pollak of *The Irish Times*; Seán Duignan

of RTE; Robert Healy of the *Boston Globe*; and Professor Robert Pinker of the British Press Complaints Commission.

*Media in Ireland: the search for diversity* (ISBN 1-85182-315-8), based on the 1996 conference, was launched in 1997 by Micheál Martin TD, Minister for Education, and has since been reprinted. It included chapters by Bob Collins of RTE; Damien Kiberd and Colm Rapple of *The Sunday Business Post*; Professor Joe Lee of UCC and *The Sunday Tribune*; and Brian Feeney of *The Irish News*.

All three volumes, edited by Damien Kiberd and published by Four Courts Press, will be on sale at the conference. It is hoped that the 2002 conference papers will be published in another book.

Visit [www.cleraun.com](http://www.cleraun.com) for more details on the media conferences

# Cleraun

Cleraun is a university residence and study centre for third level students, located beside the UCD campus at Belfield. At Cleraun, students are encouraged to aim for excellence in their studies and to develop all the facets of their personality, so as to contribute to society. Cleraun has study rooms, lecture and seminar facilities which are open to resident and non-resident students.

## Cleraun and university life

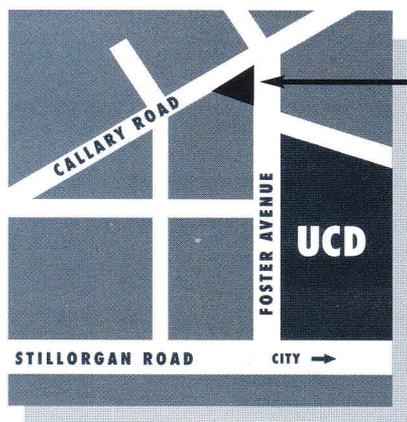
Since it opened in 1982, Cleraun has organised many cultural and educational activities for students. Guest speakers are regularly invited to discuss and debate topical issues.

Throughout the academic year social projects are organised by residents in the centre. Since 1992 Cleraun has been bringing university students and young professionals to some of the poorest parts of the developing world, giving them the opportunity to work in collaboration with rural communities. In recent years, these volunteer aid projects have taken place in Uganda.

Cleraun also hosts regular multi-disciplinary seminars and conferences on topics such as the media, philosophy and science.

## Opus Dei

Opus Dei is a prelature of the Catholic Church which helps ordinary lay people live up to their calling as Christians to strive for holiness in and through their everyday work, social and family commitments. Doctrinal and spiritual activities at Cleraun are entrusted to the Opus Dei Prelature. Cleraun has a small oratory and a resident chaplain.



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