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Aleksandar Trifunović is a media and civil activist from Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the founder and president of the Center for Informative Decontamination of Youth (CID). CID is an NGO that produces the Buka Media Project, which also runs a TV talk show, a magazine and one of the most popular political web portals in Bosnia and Herzegovina ([www.6yka.com](http://www.6yka.com)). The TV talk show Buka, which he hosts and edits, is one of the most influential political TV programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mr Trifunović has fifteen years of experience in projects dealing with issues such as hate speech, peaceful conflict resolution, war crimes, dialogue and media freedom. He is the author and the provider of a workshop on how to produce low-cost media products. He is the founder of MENSA Bosnia and Herzegovina. He is also a passionate photographer.

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Alexander Kashumov is the Head of the Access to Information (AIP) Programme Legal Team since 2002. He has been working in the access to information, freedom of expression and other human rights areas since 1997. In the period AIP team has given legal advice in more than 4.000 cases of journalists, citizens and NGOs and represented around 400 court cases. He is an advocate for better legislation taking part in projects, working groups and preparing more than 50 comments, statements and analyses. Apart from access to information, he represented cases in the area of freedom of expression, personal data protection and other human rights before national and international tribunals including the European Court of Human Rights.

## *Amelia Arsenault*



Amelia Arsenault is an Assistant Professor of Communication at Georgia State University. Her academic research focuses on how different international and domestic actors have attempted to leverage the changing dynamics of communications systems, and the ramifications of those activities for international relations, political and social power relationships, and north/south inequality. While a resident fellow at CMDs, she is working on a book project that explores the nascent industry of digital "information warriors," who provide contract services to political actors seeking to influence the online media agenda.

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Amy Brouillette is the Director of the European Media Project at the Center for Media and Communication Studies at Central European University in Budapest. She leads the Center's research on European media policy, which includes the Center's current "Strengthening Journalism in Europe" project, co-funded by the European Commission. She is also manages the Center's monitoring and projects on the Hungarian media, and served as the principal researcher and editor of the Center's 2012 study, *Hungarian Media Laws in Europe*. In addition to her work at CMDS, Amy also works as a researcher and consultant for the Iran Media Program at the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS), Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania.

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András Pethő spent much of his 12-year-long journalism career at Origo, a major Hungarian news portal, with some longer stints abroad. He worked for 15 months for the BBC World Service and did two journalism fellowships in the United States. In 2013 he spent 8 months with the investigative unit of The Washington Post. He is a two times winner of the Soma Award, the prestigious annual award dedicated to investigative journalism in Hungary. He also received the monthly Quality Journalism Award three times. He teaches journalism at the Mathias Corvinus Collegium of Budapest.

## *Andrei Soldatov*



Andrei Soldatov is an investigative journalist and an editor of Agentura.Ru, an information hub on intelligence agencies. In 1996 he began his career as a reporter. In September 2000 he launched with several colleagues the Agentura.Ru project. He covered the siege of Nord-Ost in Moscow and the hostage crisis in Beslan. Soldatov regularly makes comments on terrorism and intelligence issues for Vedomosti, Radio Free Europe and the BBC. In October 2012 Agentura.Ru, Privacy International and Citizen Lab launched the joint project 'Russia's Surveillance State' with Andrei Soldatov as a head of the project.

## *Andrej Petrovski*



Andrej Petrovski is a Cyber Forensic at Share Foundation, based in Belgrade, Serbia, with a background of education in Software Engineering and Master Studies in Electronic Crimes and Digital Forensics. He has conducted extensive research in the field of application of modern technologies in the traditional democratic processes, as well as the influence of new media in the uprisings in undeveloped countries in recent years. He currently focuses on different sorts of social issues and searching for solutions for the problems activists and people who want to take active part in society face every day, using modern technologies.

## *Antonija Letinic*



Antonija Letinić was born and lives in Zagreb. Since 2000 she is working with numerous cultural and artistic organisations on the independent cultural scene in Zagreb and Croatia. Co-founder of NGO Nemeza - Association for development of non-profit media. Since 2009 she is member of the organisation Kurziv where she is currently on function of editor-in-chief of the portal Kulturpunkt.hr, and is in charge of the educational programmes and programme Criticism - past, present, future

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Attila Mong is an award-winning Hungarian investigative journalist, a board member of an innovative investigative journalism and anti-corruption watchdog NGO in Hungary, Atlatzo.hu, which publishes investigative articles and fights for greater transparency. After finishing the John S. Knight Fellowships Program at Stanford University, he currently lives in Berlin working mainly with the Ashoka Foundation as a Storyteller-in-Residence on several social enterprise initiatives. He also has ongoing projects as a consultant with the Deutsche Welle Akademie (journalism trainings in Bangladesh) and the OSCE.

## Aurel Boba



Aurel Boba studied at Faculty of Law in Bucharest, Romania. Since 2003, he works for Albanian Radio Television, at the legal department as a lawyer. His daily work is with the judicial process, preparing or consulting on agreements in which the institution is a part of, resolving the misunderstandings between the directories or departments as for the competence on doing their work, consulting directories for the regular procedures in doing things to be in harmony and respect of law in general and especially with the Audiovisual Media Law, and giving opinion for any concrete norm of the law regarding the real situations or issue.

## Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick



Austin specializes in social movements and human rights in both the United States and in the Indian subcontinent. His current project, funded by the National Science Foundation, explores the impact social movements have on human rights violators in rural India. Recent work along these lines can be found in a volume co-edited with Alison Brysk: *From Human Trafficking to Human Rights: Reframing Contemporary Slavery* (University of Pennsylvania Press Series on Human Rights).

## Bea Bodrogi



In 2010 Bea Bodrogi co-founded the CivilMedia, a non-governmental organization that promotes freedom of opinion and the freedom of the press (<http://civilmedia.net/en/>). She provides legal assistance to journalists, persons who shape public opinion and to anyone whose freedom of expression has been unjustifiably limited. Her primary focus is the media coverage of disadvantage groups. Over the last 15 years, she has served as legal counsel before Hungarian and international courts in the defence of Romas, persons with disabilities, women, and members of the LGBT communities. A trainer and mediator, she has published widely in the field of human rights, and has also co-authored a commentary on the law of equal treatment. Currently she is writing a handbook covering all (Hungarian) legislation on freedom of expression.



## *Beata Biel*



Beata Biel is a Polish journalist and documentary filmmaker. For almost 10 years she worked for the biggest Polish commercial TV channel, TVN - as a journalist and editor. Later, as a freelancer, she worked for television and the printed press both in Poland and abroad (eg. USA, Sweden). Polish Grand Press Prize winner of 2008 in the category: best TV report (for: „Help in Death”), nominated for the award also in 2009 (for: „The Terrorist Prince”). She is the author of tens of TV reports and documentary films, focusing mainly on human stories, controversial social issues and investigative journalism. A 2011 Transatlantic Media Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC. After a year out of journalism, she is currently working on a new documentary crime series, does post-graduate studies and is soon to start a foundation dedicated to supporting journalism.

## *Besa Luci*



Besa Luci is the chief editor of Kosovo 2.0, an independent media that engages society in insightful debate through its multimedia website, print magazine, and public events. Besa co-founded Kosovo 2.0 in 2010, and it has created a space for a different and necessary discussion full of political, social and cultural commentary and reportage. As the only media project in the region working in three languages (Albanian, Serbian and English), Kosovo 2.0 brings together politically and socially aware, and active people.

## *Blendi Salaj*



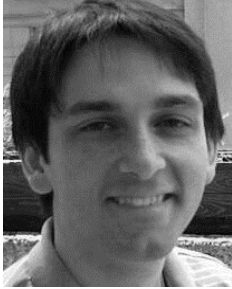
Blendi Salaj is an Albanian Journalist, Lecturer and Social Activist who has been on the forefront of Online Media since the late 1990's when he was a student in the United States. Mr. Salaj got started on the internet in 1998 when he was one of the founders of Albanian Web Ring and Albforumi.com. These were two of the first few Albanian message boards. Blendi's work took a new dimension when he and two friends created of Peshkupauje.com, (Fish Out of Water), one of the leading and most prominent Albanian language Blogs on the Internet. To this day Peshkupauje serves as platform for citizen driven media and a Censorship Free Zone. After 12 years in the USA, Blendi returned to Tirana in 2008 upon earning a degree in Communication Sciences and New Media from Worcester State University in Massachusetts. For the past five he has been hosting one of the most popular radio morning shows in Albania on Radio Club FM and lately has begun hosting a Weekly Talk Show on Friday Nights at 21:00 on Ora News TV.

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Bojan Perkov is a Policy Researcher at SHARE Foundation. He graduated from the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade (BA Journalism, MA Communication Studies). His interests and fields of work are freedom of expression, online/digital media and online content liability, as well as all other issues regarding expression on the Internet.

## *Charlotte Gill*



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Collin Anderson is a Washington D.C.-based researcher focused on documenting network degradation, electronic surveillance and Internet censorship across the world. This work has primarily focused on themes of content restrictions and the development of infrastructure in Iran. He has also been involved in identifying the international flow of surveillance equipment and exploring alternative means of communications that bypass normal channels of state-control. This interest in the free flow of information has led to advocacy regarding availability and legality of online communications services to the public under sanctions restrictions, as well as the ramifications of export regulations to democratization movements.

## *Cristina Lupu*



Cristina Lupu is the programs director of the Center for Independent Journalism in Bucharest, Romania. She has an experience of more than 10 years in the media field, having worked as a journalist and as a media developer with CIJ. At CIJ, Cristina Lupu coordinates various programs, from professional trainings for journalists, strengthening the journalist associations in Romania to advocacy for transparency and accountability of public authorities, press freedom and protection of journalists. She is also involved in (traditional and new) media literacy trainings for high school students, teachers, and activists.

## *Dalma Dojcsak*



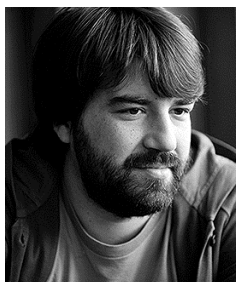
Dalma Dojcsák is a Budapest-based Hungarian lawyer. She is a freedom of speech expert of Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, a non-profit human rights watchdog NGO established in Budapest with the goal of building and strengthening civil society and the rule of law in Hungary and in the Central Eastern Europe region. Her work includes strategic litigation, legal analysis and communication in freedom of expression and freedom of media cases. She is a PhD student of the Doctoral School of Law at ELTE, Budapest. Her research focuses on the role of the media in a democratic society.

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Danilo Krivokapic was born in Belgrade in 1986. He graduated from the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law. Works at Belgrade City administration – Secretariat for finance since 2010. He is also interested in digital rights as well as the development of e-Government in Serbia, and was part of the team which worked on Draft Law on general rules of electronic administrative procedures. Participates in the work of Share Foundation from 2013.

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## *Domen Savic*



Domen Savic is an internet activist, passionate about free internet, public mass media and open communication channels. Creating and co-managing an independent online portal E-demokracija.si which deals with all the aspects of e-democracy and e-government since 2006, spearheading the anti-ACTA movement in Slovenia and organising an annual local conference on everything related to e-democracy, he's trying his best to get the best out of technology that surrounds us all.



## *Doriana Metollari*



Doriana Metollari is an Albanian journalist and writer. She is the editor of online journal Hermes News ([www.hermesnews.org](http://www.hermesnews.org)). She studied law in Albania and lived in Italy for 8 years, where she started building the online platform with other Albanian journalists. She's active in TV debates regarding Albanian politics and economic situation. She wrote an e-book "G - Online" (Online journalism), on new forms of interactive communication, Internet, and social media.

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Dorota Glowacka is a lawyer at the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland) dealing with freedom of expression and right to privacy issues. Coordinator of the HFHR's 'Observatory of Media Freedom in Poland' programme focused on increasing the protection related to freedom of expression in both traditional media and on the Internet. PhD candidate at the International Law and International Relations Department at the University of Lodz, Poland.

## *Dunja Mijatovic*



Dunja Mijatovic of Bosnia and Herzegovina took over the post of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media on 11 March 2010. Mijatovic is one of the founders of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2007 she was elected Chair of the European Platform of Regulatory Agencies. Prior to this, she chaired the Council of Europe's Group of Specialists on freedom of expression and information in times of crisis. Mijatovic is an expert in human rights; communications and media strategy; and regulatory and policy media framework. She has extensive knowledge of institution-building in transition states and many years' experience of issues related to journalist's safety and new technologies, with the emphasis on digitalization, convergence and Internet technologies.

## *Ellen Hume*



Ellen Hume is the Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media at CMDS. Appointed in 2009 by Michael Delli Carpini, Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, Ellen participates in research projects and workshops. She taught "News Media and Political Power: Global Lessons from the American Experience" for the CEU Political Science Department in 2010. Before coming to CEU, Ellen was the Research Director at the Center for Future Civic Media in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Previously, she founded the Center on Media and Society at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the New England Ethnic Newswire. She also served as executive director and senior fellow at Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, and as executive director of PBS's Democracy Project, where she developed special news programs that encouraged citizen involvement in public affairs. Ellen was a White House and political correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, national reporter for the Los Angeles Times and regular commentator on PBS's Washington Week in Review and CNN's Reliable Sources programs.

## *Elma Kurtanovic*



Graduated from a postgraduate in Judicial Studies at the Faculty of Law in Podgorica. In 2011 she started working as intern advisor in the legal department of LLC "Novito". In 2012 and 2013 she was employed as a legal officer at NGO Human Rights Action. She was working on the programme for free legal aid to homeless and socially vulnerable persons. She was also involved in projects "Freedom of Expression" and "Monitoring Journalistic Self-Regulatory Bodies in Montenegro". Within these projects, she participated in the development of a report on the prosecution of attacks on journalists. Since march 2014 she is a Lawyer at Harrisons based in Podgorica office.

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Emira Bajcinca completed Bachelor and Master studies in the Department of Journalism at the University of Prishtina. For a short time she worked in daily "Koha Ditore". Time to time she has published and presented in various Kosovo media several essays and research papers in the field of journalism. From the academic year 2012-2013 works as Assistant at the Department of Journalism in the University of Prishtina. Her specific field of interest is how new digital technological development influences new media.

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## *Eva Kubaniova*



Eva Kubániová studied journalism in Slovakia, France and the Czech Republic. In Prague, she took part in an investigative course for students of journalism, where she met Pavla Holcová, the founder of Czech Center for Investigative Journalism (CCIZ). She also participated at the course for investigative journalists Follow the money in Central and Eastern Europe led by Paul Radu from OCCRP (Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project) and Pavla Holcová from CCIZ. In present, she works for CCIZ and for the NGO "Zaostřeno", where she helps to organize courses for students of journalism.

## *Eva Ondřejová*



Eva Ondřejová, LL.M. is an attorney at law with her own office based in Prague. She graduated from the Law Faculty of Charles University in Prague in 2009. In 2012 she completed her post-graduate program at Queen Mary University of London where she received the title LL.M in the fields of Media Law, Internet Law, E-Commerce and Data Protection. Since 2008 she has devoted media law not only practically, but also theoretically. She received the 2013 Talent of the Year award in the Lawyer of the Year legal competition. She gained experience in representing major Czech publishing houses and a television station and in the British media as an in-house lawyer and from 2010 as a barrister trainee, while utilising her knowledge gained during her journalism and mass media studies. She is an external PhD student at the Department of Civil Law at Charles University in Prague and works with the Center for Comparative Law of the Law Faculty of Charles University. She also publishes in the leading academic legal journals and on her blogs.

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## *Filip Stojanovski*



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## *Gordana Jankovic*



Gordana Jankovic was appointed as Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia's Media Department in March 2014. She studied Media and Art Production at the Faculty of Dramatic Art, University of Belgrade. Ms. Jankovic spent over two decades in the Open Society Foundation (based in Belgrade, Prague – 2 years, Budapest – 7 years and London – 10 years) creating and leading the Foundation's Media Programme. She was Director of the Programme which covered media policy, law and self-regulation, freedom of expression, media development and investigative journalism for over 80 countries over the world. Prior to joining the Foundation, she worked on the production of various documentary films, TV, radio, theatre and public debates in various cultural and media organisations mainly in the countries of the former Yugoslavia.

## *Jakub Hein*



Jakub Hein is the Deputy director of Czech Center for Investigative Journalism (CCIJ), freelance journalist for Czech newsmagazine Respekt and Czech Radio 1 - Radiožurnál. Among others, recent publications include a story on a wind power plant farm of Czech businessman Daniel Křetínský and suspicious circumstances under which it acquired state subsidy. Recently working on an article mapping censorship of Turkey's digital landscape including a government purchase of software for illegal monitoring of user data with a price tag of 40 million Euro.

## *Jakub Slunecko*



Jakub is in his second year of journalism bachelor study at the Charles University. Besides school, he works for an ice hockey club HC Slavia Prague. Concerning investigative journalism, this autumn he's working on an article about Nemocnice na Homolce (Homolka Hospital), one of the elite Czech hospitals, whose financing is "not transparent" at least. He works in a group with Jaroslav Spurný, former dissident and one of the greatest Czech investigative journalists, working in Respekt magazine. Jakub sees a great opportunity in investigative journalism for helping our Czech society grow, as we still learn how to live in freedom.



## *John Shattuck*



John Shattuck comes to CEU after a distinguished career spanning more than three decades in higher education, international diplomacy, foreign policy and human rights. Before coming to CEU, he was CEO of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, a national public affairs center in Boston, and Senior Fellow at Tufts University, where he taught human rights and international relations. President Shattuck served as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor under President Clinton. Subsequently he served as US Ambassador to the Czech Republic. Prior to his government service, President Shattuck was a Vice-President at Harvard University, taught at the Harvard Law School, and was a Research Associate at the Kennedy School of Government. A graduate of Yale Law School, where he received a JD degree, Shattuck was awarded an MA from Clare College, Cambridge University, with First Class Honors in international law, and a BA from Yale College, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

## *Kate Coyer*



Kate Coyer is Director the Civil Society and Technology Project for the Center for Media, Data and Society in the School of Public Policy at CEU. Her research examines the complexities of media practice and policy, digital rights advocacy, community media and communication for social change, the intersection of online and offline activism, the opportunities and challenges of emerging technologies, as well as the resilience of 'old' mediums like radio. After concluding her five years of administrative service as executive director where she led the Center's growth and development into a leading media research center in Europe, Kate has returned fulltime to her research and contribute directly to scholarly pursuits and practical applications.

## *Konstantin Pavlov*



Konstantin Pavlov is known for his political blog in Bulgaria. His interests lie in the fields of rights and freedoms in the digital society - privacy, freedom of speech, etc. Since 2010 he is part of the team of Fourteenth January Foundation, which is a media NGO, specialized in measuring the sincerity of political speech, fact checking and free democratic debate in media and protection of privacy online. His career started in 1998 as a co-founder of a "dot com" company and since then he is an expert in online media and online publicity.

## *Krenar Gashi*



Krenar Gashi is a Kosovar researcher and policy analyst. He is the founding director of the Institute for Development Policy (INDEP) an influential think tank that focuses on democratisation and economic development. A former investigative reporter, Gashi worked for numerous Kosovo media. Later, he was the Kosovo editor for Balkan Insight, founded the only English-language newspaper in Kosovo - Prishtina Insight - and covered Kosovo for the Financial Times. Before establishing INDEP in 2011, Krenar Gashi led the Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development (KIPRED). He studied sociology at the University of Pristina, holds an MA in Media and Communication from Kijac Institute (Kosovo) and an MA in European Politics from the University of Sussex (UK). He is a PhD candidate at the Centre for EU Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Ghent.



## *Lenart Kucic*



Lenart is a Technology and Media correspondent, commentator and columnist at the biggest Slovenian national daily, Delo. He also works as a researcher and an invited lecturer for several academic institutions. He finished a MA programme at Goldsmiths College, London (with distinction) in Transnational Communication and Global Media. In his capacity as a researcher and journalist, Lenart follows the trends in information and communication technologies (ICT's) and analyse the changes brought about by the convergence of the communication and media industries. An author and co-author of several books, expert articles, and studies on the subjects of media ownership and new media.

## *Matija Suklje*



Legal Coordinator at the Free Software Foundation Europe and currently finishing his Master's thesis at the Law Faculty, University of Ljubljana. Worked in the Open Standards, Systems and Solutions Working Group at the Government Centre for Informatics of the Republic of Slovenia and represented the Linux User Group of Slovenia in front of the Slovenian Institute for Standardisation when it came to open standards issues. He is also a key member of the oldest Slovenian hackerspace Kiberpipa as well as Vice President of LUGOS.

## *Marijana Bojanic*



Marijana Bojanic is the Executive Director of Montenegrin TV "Vijesti" since the beginning of 2014, a journalist for the weekly „Monitor“ since 1999 and Editor-in-Chief for the "Security" magazine. Worked as a correspondent for international news networks, the London's IWPR and AIM from Paris, then collaborated with the Global Integrity in 2009. The author of the annual report on governance and corruption in Montenegro. Was awarded as an Honorable Environmental Ambassador by the BELLS coalition of regional environmental groups for her contribution in 2010. Also was awarded in 2004 for investigative journalism by Montenegro Media Institute and in 2011 for environmental journalism.

## *Mihajlo Lahtov*



His professional backgrounds are primarily related to media and human rights. Finished postgraduate studies in Human Rights and Democracy in Sarajevo and Bologna, graduating with the MA thesis "Images of Ethnic Minorities in the Bulgarian Press." He has been working in the field of media since 2001, initially for the NGO Macedonian Institute for Media and today as a member of the Media and Public Information Unit at the OSCE Mission to Skopje.

## *Milanka Kovacevic*



Milanka Kovacevic graduated in journalism at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade. She has been working as a journalist since 1996, first in print media and then on radio and television. In the last decade, Milanka works as an editor in the local radio station and for the last two years she is writing for "Moja Hercegovina" ("My Herzegovina"), an Internet portal that publishes information and content about Eastern Herzegovina. She lives in Gacko, a small town situated in the south-east of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## *Milos Stojkovic*



A Trainee Attorney at Law at Zivkovic Samardzic Law Office. Currently a member of the working group for drafting the new Law on Advertising and Law on Electronic Communications. A member of the Association of Independent Electronic Media (ANEM) Legal Department. Worked as a head of the Regulatory Department in the Sector for electronic communications at the Ministry of Culture, Media and Information Society. Was involved in the process of drafting bylaws for implementation of Law on Electronic Communications, drafting the Law on Electronic Media, and Media Strategy and drafting of the current Law on Electronic Communications (2010) as a member of the working group.

## *Mina Lazarevic*



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