



The Aid Industry in Syria, Ranking Digital Rights, Same-Sex Marriage in Ireland, Extremism in Southeast Asia, and Faculty Practitioner Career Talks

SPP's [Center for Media, Data and Society](#) is organizing a [certificate legal training program for journalists, civil society advocates, and media lawyers](#) from Central and Eastern Europe. **Deadline is coming up fast.** Find out more and apply [here](#).



What explains [the failures of the aid industry in Syria](#) and is there a way to help more people more effectively? That was the topic of this year's [Lemkin Reunion](#) at the [Shattuck Center on Conflict, Negotiation and Recovery](#) on March 20.



The Center for Media, Data and Society launched the [Ranking Digital Rights](#) (RDR) Corporate Accountability Index on March 23. The index ranks 22 telecommunications, internet, and mobile companies on their disclosed policies affecting users' freedom of expression and privacy.



Practitioner Chair [Eamon Gilmore](#) spoke about the changes in Ireland that led it to become the first country in the world to approve [same-sex marriage in a public referendum](#).



In her public lecture on January 31, George Soros Visiting Practitioner Chair [Sidney Jones](#) spoke about the nature of [violent extremism in Southeast Asia](#) - and on some of the initiatives that have been launched to combat it.



SPP Careers has organized a series of [faculty practitioner career talks](#) this term - a great opportunity for public policy students to learn about the roles both planning and chance can play as individuals chart their career paths.