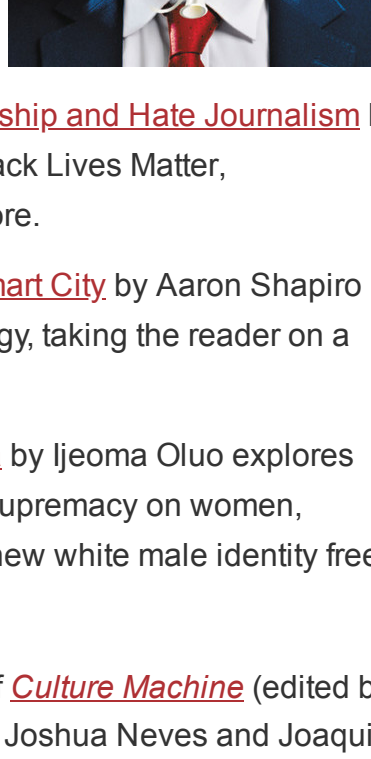
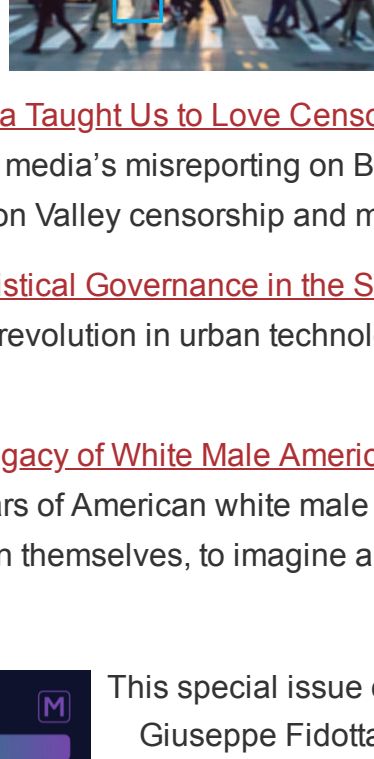
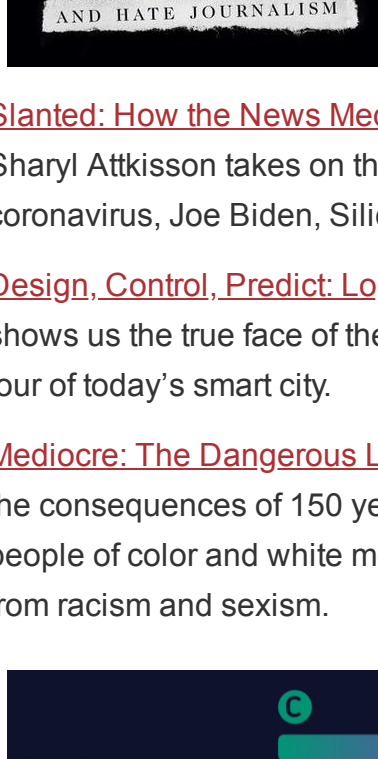


With risk surfacing everywhere around us, it's useful to have some cues about what's worth exploring. Here are our suggestions.

Have something to share? Email us [here](#) to submit announcements to appear in our next edition.

PUBLICATIONS



Slanted: How the News Media Taught Us to Love Censorship and Hate Journalism by Sharyl Attkisson takes on the media's misreporting on Black Lives Matter, coronavirus, Joe Biden, Silicon Valley censorship and more.

Design, Control, Predict: Logistical Governance in the Smart City by Aaron Shapiro shows us the true face of the revolution in urban technology, taking the reader on a tour of today's smart city.

Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America by Ijeoma Oluo explores the consequences of 150 years of American white male supremacy on women, people of color and white men themselves, to imagine a new white male identity free from racism and sexism.



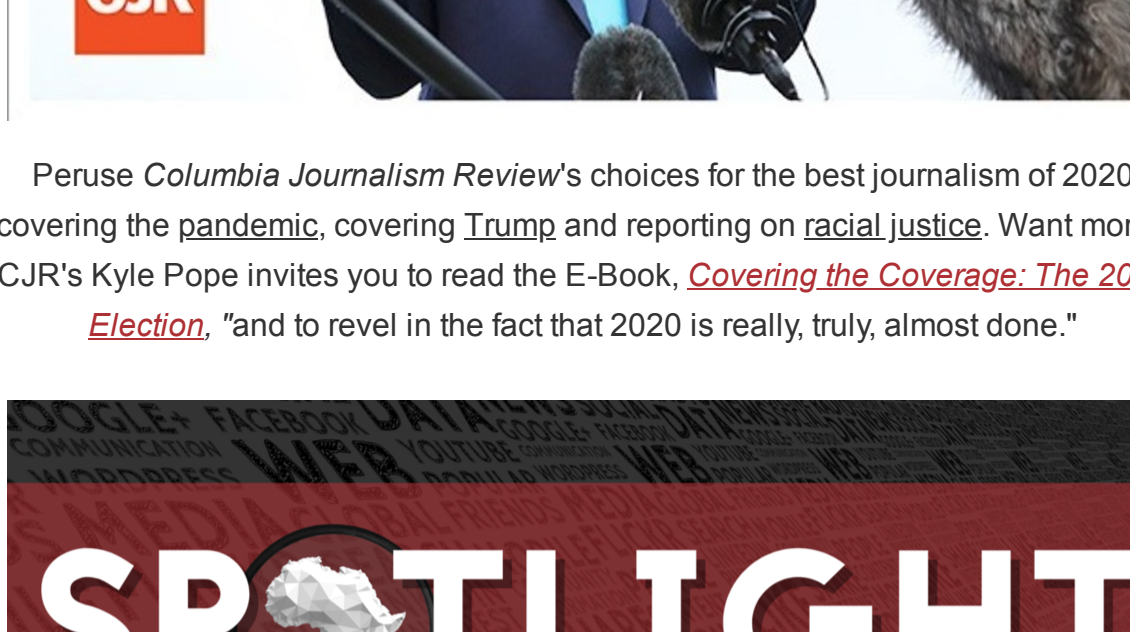
This special issue of *Culture Machine* (edited by Giuseppe Fidotta, Joshua Neves and Joaquin Serpe) includes nine essays on media populism, touching on a wide range of political problems and worlds. *ICYMI: check out our first E-book from the 2019 Lisbon Winter School on Media and Populism.*

NEWS

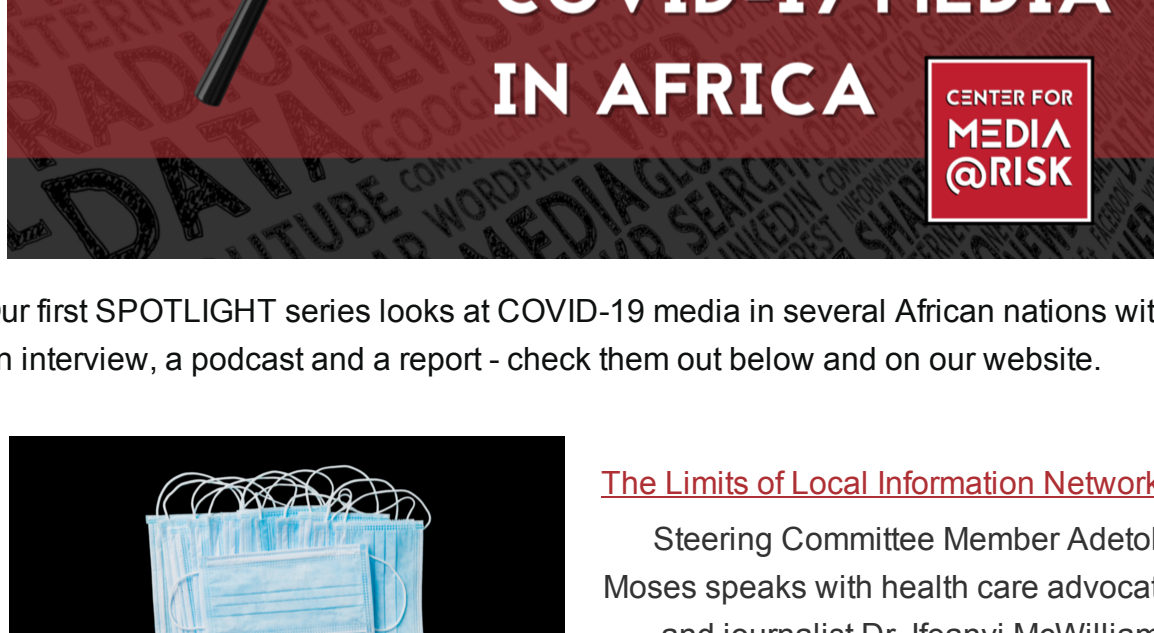


[U.S. Press Freedom in Crisis](#)

The Freedom of the Press Foundation released a report on the staggering number of journalist arrests in the United States in 2020. The report, based on data from the [U.S. Press Freedom Tracker](#), shows at least 117 verified cases of a journalist being detained on the job this year.



Peruse *Columbia Journalism Review's* choices for the best journalism of 2020 covering the pandemic, covering Trump and reporting on racial justice. Want more? CJR's Kyle Pope invites you to read the E-Book, *Covering the Coverage: The 2020 Election*, "and to revel in the fact that 2020 is really, truly, almost done."

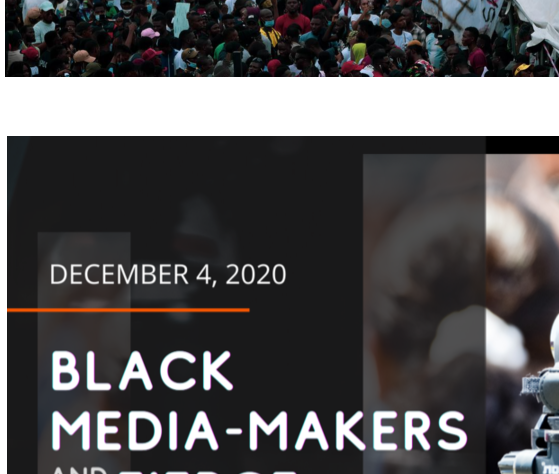


Our first SPOTLIGHT series looks at COVID-19 media in several African nations with an interview, a podcast and a report - check them out below and on our website.



[The Limits of Local Information Networks](#)

Steering Committee Member Adetobi Moses speaks with health care advocate and journalist Dr. Ifeanyi McWilliams Nsoforon about skewed pandemic coverage and challenges to local information networks across Africa.



[COVID & the African Newsroom](#)

Center Researcher Richard Stupart interviews journalists from South Africa, Nigeria and South Sudan for this podcast about how the pandemic has changed and challenged the way media practitioners work.



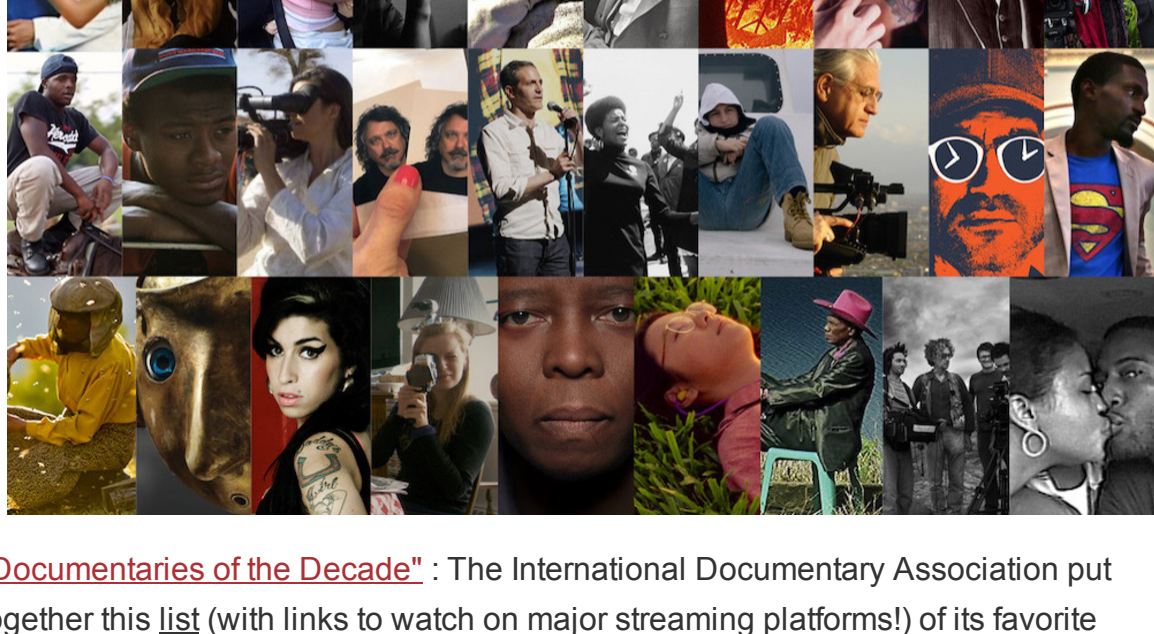
[Distress, Distrust & Disease: Nigeria 2020](#)

Annenberg Ph.D. candidate Chioma Woko traces how the Nigerian government's response to the #EndSARS anti-police brutality movement has cast doubt on the nation's ability to provide an equitable COVID-19 response.



Earlier this month the Center co-sponsored its [annual symposium](#) with Professor Sarah L. Jackson of MIC which focused on the unique challenges experienced by Black storytellers and the importance of the current moment. An overview of the event and its panel videos are now [available online](#).

FILMS

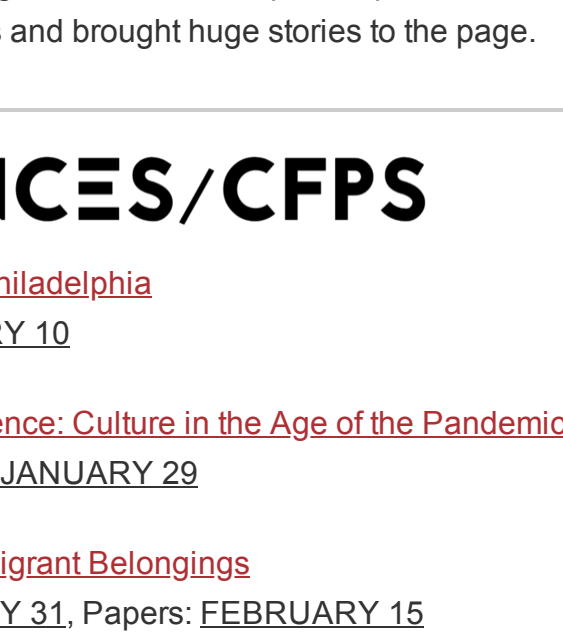
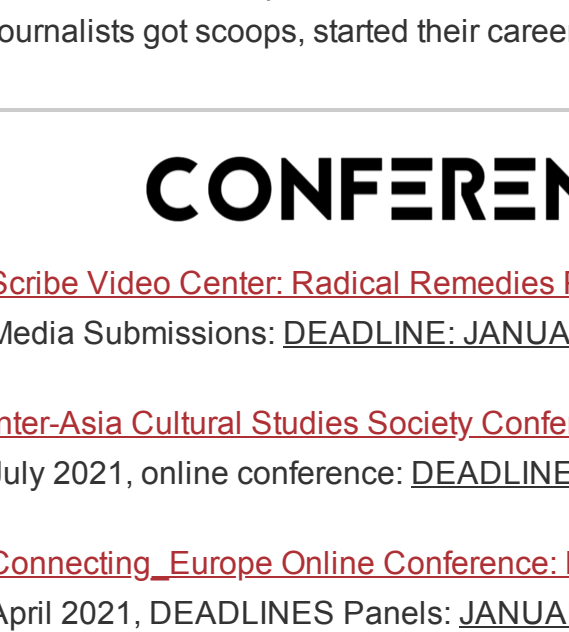


NASRIN is an immersive portrait of one of the world's most courageous human rights activists and political prisoners, Nasrin Sotoudeh, and of a crucial chronicle of Iran's women's rights movement.



"Documentaries of the Decade": The International Documentary Association put together this [list](#) (with links to watch on major streaming platforms!) of its favorite nonfiction storytelling from 2010 to the current moment.

PODCASTS



Hosted by NPR Music's Rodney Carmichael and Sidney Madden, [Louder Than A Riot](#) explores power from all angles, revealing the interconnected rise of hip-hop and mass incarceration.

[Longform Podcast](#) is a weekly conversation with non-fiction writers on how they tell stories. Within the span of 60 minutes, Longform's hosts attempt to unpack how journalists got scoops, started their careers and brought huge stories to the page.

CONFERENCES/CFPS

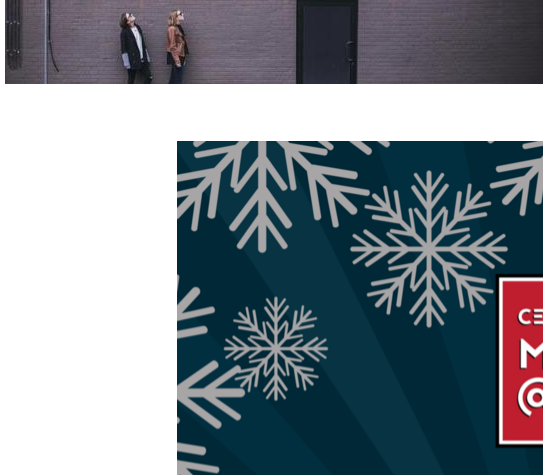
[Scribe Video Center: Radical Remedies Philadelphia](#)
Media Submissions: **DEADLINE: JANUARY 10**

[Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Conference: Culture in the Age of the Pandemic](#)
July 2021, online conference: **DEADLINE: JANUARY 29**

[Connecting Europe Online Conference: Migrant Belongings](#)
April 2021, DEADLINES Panels: **JANUARY 31**, Papers: **FEBRUARY 15**

[ICA 2021 - Pre and Postconferences](#)
May 2021, online conferences: **DEADLINES APPROACHING**

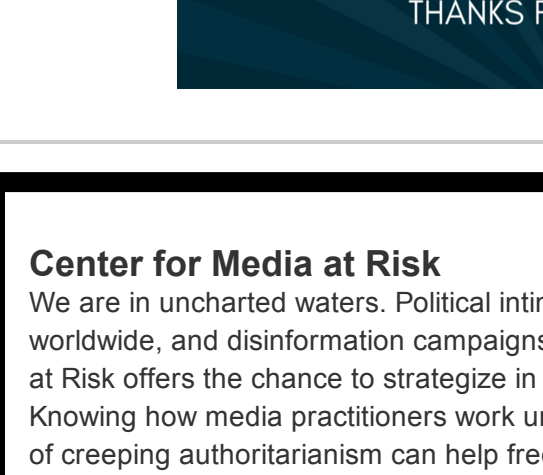
EVENTS



[The Disintegration of Trust: Restoring Confidence in American Institutions](#)

Presented by Celebration! of Benjamin Franklin, Founder

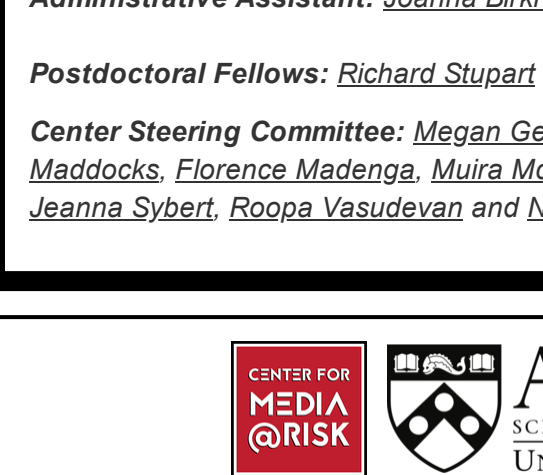
January 15, 9-11:15am
Live-streaming



[Free Speech Battles: "Hurt Sentiments" and Forbidden Speech in India](#)

Presented by The Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy

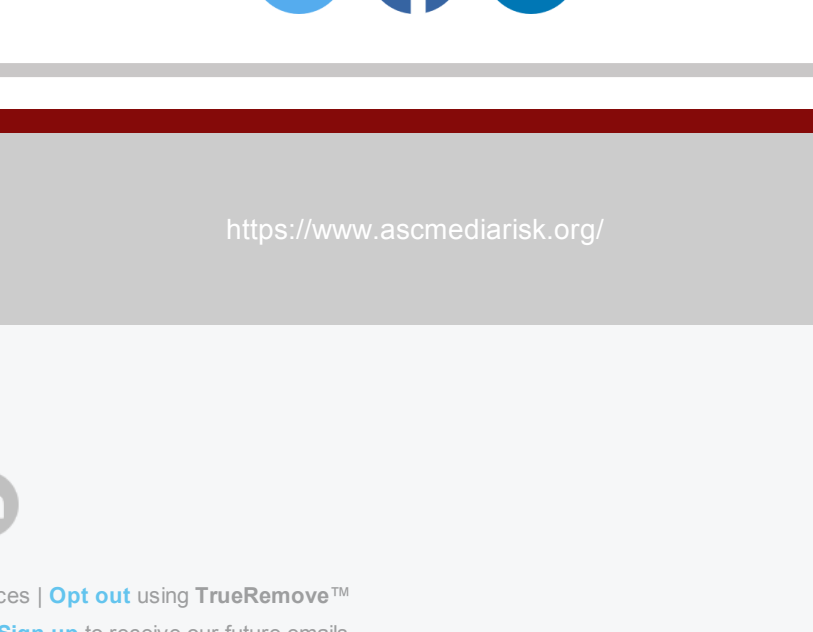
January 21, 5-6:30pm EST
Zoom Event



[Roundtable: Counter-Dataveillance](#)

Elif Ince, Burak Arkan, Jin Zhu and Zeyno Ustun

January 27, 12-1pm EST
Zoom Event



Center for Media at Risk

We are in uncharted waters. Political intimidation threatens media practitioners worldwide, and disinformation campaigns destabilize public trust. The Center for Media at Risk offers the chance to strategize in response to threatening political conditions. Knowing how media practitioners work under authoritarian regimes and circumstances of creeping authoritarianism can help free/defend/empower/protect/save the media.

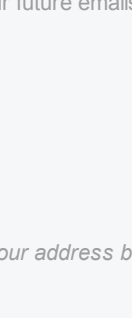
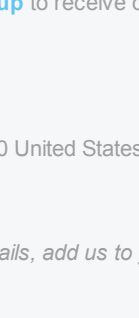
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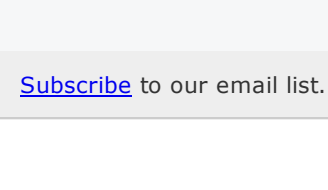
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