Freedom of speech under duress in Belarus, Poland and Ukraine

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Poland is descending on a path toward more and more authoritarian tactics to curb independent journalism, while Belarus has long been enduring direct repression, especially since last year's revolution. In Ukraine, however, the majority of mainstream media is owned by oligarchs, and public service is trying to gain ground to balance them out.

This online discussion is a continuation of a discussion held in July during the 2021 Eurozine Meeting titled ‘Watch your mouth: Journalism under duress’ which featured journalists from Russia, Turkey and Hungary. This time we will focus on three more countries that have been in the spotlight lately: Belarus, Ukraine and Poland.

Speakers:

Opening remarks by Joanna Stolarek, Director of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Warsaw Office

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Vitalii Rybak, Internews (Ukraine)

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The discussion is co-moderated: Réka Kinga Papp (Eurozine) and Adam Reichardt (New Eastern Europe).
Here you can see previous discussions in this series of talk on the topic of press freedom and editorial integrity: Watch your mouth: Journalism under duress.”

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