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Panel: Human Dignity Beyond Boundaries: Revisiting Global Journalism Ethics

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Defining Freedom of the Press: Understanding the approaches to freedom of the press in five European countries

The project, *Defining Freedom of the Press*, aims to identify a definition of “freedom of the press” as a normative principle in contemporary media ecologies. The paper will present findings from a qualitative analysis of the codes of ethics and in-person interviews with journalists and stakeholders from five countries that are at the top of the 2018 RSF press freedom index: Norway (1), the Netherlands (3), Finland (4), Switzerland (5), and Denmark (9); with a view to identify how they operationalise press freedom, and how they relate comparatively to the eight other countries in the study.