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# Creativity, Resilience, & Movements

MONDAY, MAY 23 • 14:30 - 15:20 • Oslo Konserthus, Lille Sal

## Defending the Defenders: The Right to Protect the Environment

Defending the Defenders is a global impact platform at OFF dedicated to raising awareness of the perils faced by environmental activists, journalists, and others who work to protect the environment in countries ruled by authoritarian regimes. Author and journalist Anjan Sundaram will moderate a discussion with environmental activists from Cambodia to Uganda.

ANJAN SUNDARAM  
Author and journalist  
(Moderator)

ALEX GONZALEZ DAVIDSON  
Environmental activist and  
President of Mother Nature  
Cambodia

MÓNICA LÓPEZ BALTONADO  
Nicaraguan human rights lawyer  
and environmental activist  
environmental activist

JOHN UNZIMA  
Ugandan journalist and  
environmental activist

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## Fighting Transnational Repression Against Journalists

Saudi Arabia's murder of *Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi, Belarus' hijacking of a plane to arrest opposition journalist Roman Protasevich, and Rwanda's forceful rendition of Hotel Rwanda hero Paul Rusesabagina are the most well-known examples of transnational repression by authoritarian regimes. They are part of a larger trend documented in a recent Freedom House report with more than 600 examples of regimes (most notoriously China, Iran, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey) aggressively reaching across the globe to silence or intimidate dissidents in exile. This panel will examine the practice of transnational repression, particularly as it targets independent journalists.

MEGHA RAJAGOPALAN  
Investigative journalist  
(Moderator)

RUSHAN ABBAS  
Founder and Executive  
Director of Campaign  
for Uyghurs

MASIH ALINEJAD  
Iranian journalist  
and activist

CAN DÜNDAR  
Turkish journalist  
and documentarian

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# LGBTQI+ Rights When Democracy Dies

Minorities, and in particular LGBTQI+ communities around the world, have often been used as a scapegoat for dictators and rising autocrats. Whether it is under the Taliban in Afghanistan or under Putin in Russia, the rights of LGBTQI+ people are among the first to get trampled. This panel will discuss the challenges faced by this community under authoritarian rule and how the democratic world can help champion their causes.

GEORGES AZZI

Lebanese LGBTQI+ activist  
(Moderator)

TINA ORBAN

Hungarian trans activist  
and Vice President of  
Transvanilla Transgender  
Association

KIMAHLI POWELL

Executive Director of  
Rainbow Railroad

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 14:30 - 15:30 • Oslo Konserthus, Breakout Room

# How to Talk to the Media [WORKSHOP]

This workshop will teach participants how to effectively answer interview questions, maintain control of the interview, get across key messaging, adapt talking points to appeal to various audiences, and prioritize media requests.

BOBBY GHOSH

*Bloomberg Opinion* columnist

JENIFER VAUGHAN (FENTON)

Spokesperson and senior  
media adviser at the UN  
Special Envoy for Syria

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 15:30 - 16:20 • Oslo Konserthus, Theater

# Putin's Wars: How to Defend Human Rights in Russia, Ukraine, and Beyond

This February, Vladimir Putin started a war against Ukraine. Heavy artillery, missile strikes, and bombs targeted civilian areas, destroying housing, hospitals, and orphanages. There are millions of refugees and many thousands of casualties. Putin bears full responsibility for this invasion, but the actions of the international community have been too little, too late in fighting authoritarianism in Russia. This panel discussion will examine the bloody consequences of enabling Putin in Ukraine and beyond, and seek to find strategies for overthrowing the Putin regime.

ANNE APPLEBAUM

Staff writer for  
*The Atlantic* and Pulitzer  
Prize-winning historian of  
Eastern Europe (Moderator)

GARRY KASPAROV

Chairman of the Human  
Rights Foundation

RICHARD SHIRREFF

Former Deputy Supreme  
Allied Commander Europe

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 16:30 - 17:30 • Oslo Konserthus, Theater

# The Myth of the “Efficient” Dictatorship

The economic development credited to regimes in China, Rwanda, and Kazakhstan has elevated the lure of “efficient” authoritarianism long symbolized by Singapore. This deep dive will examine how accomplishments credited to such regimes are often overblown or outright fabricated to whitewash corrupt and repressive dictatorships. Speakers will also discuss the historical evidence for why free markets and open societies are the best engines for human development.

KIMBERLY DOZIER  
Journalist and author  
(Moderator)

DAVID HIMBARA  
Rwandan-Canadian economist  
and author of *Kagame’s  
Economic Mirage*

JOANNA LILLIS  
Journalist and author of  
*Dark Shadows: Inside the  
Secret World of Kazakhstan*

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 17:15 - 18:00 • Oslo Konserthus, Lille Sal

# How Can Civil Society Counter a Coup d’Etat?

In the last year, we have seen several coups d’état across the world, from West Africa to Southeast Asia. While executive power usurpations are characterized by military support, there are several measures civil society and pro-democracy movements can take to counter and block coup leaders’ procedures. In this panel, we will hear from leading experts on nonviolent strategies, as well as civil society leaders who will share how advocates, non-governmental institutions, and the international community can help counteract coups and restore democracy.

SRDJA POPOVIĆ  
Nonviolence expert and  
Executive Director Center  
for Applied Nonviolent  
Actions & Strategies  
(CANVAS)(Moderator)

RANIA ABDULAZIZ  
Sudanese pro-democracy and  
women’s rights activist

JAMILA RAQIB  
Executive Director of the  
Albert Einstein Institution

WAI HNIN PWINT THON  
Burmese pro-democracy  
activist

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 14:30 - 15:30 • Konferansesenter, Resilience Room

# Using Creativity to Champion Change [WORKSHOP]

World-renowned cartoonist Øistein Kristiansen’s objective is to get “the whole world” to draw and unleash our creative selves. With a drawing style characterized by a simple, quick line, fun characters, and clear colors, Kristiansen will use this hands-on workshop to demonstrate how we can become more dynamic thinkers in the field of human rights by using our imagination and channeling our creativity.

ØISTEIN KRISTIANSEN  
Norwegian cartoonist  
and author

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 14:30 - 15:30 & 17:00 - 18:00 • Konferansesenter, Peace Room

# Building an Alliance for Freedom

## [WORKSHOP]

Tyranny is one of the most significant problems worldwide. Today, more than four billion people are living under authoritarian regimes, and collaboration and support between dictators from all continents — irrespective of their political leanings — is becoming the norm. By contrast, civil society in these countries often finds itself isolated and fighting for democracy alone. What, then, is the solution to this worldwide network of oppression? In this workshop, Venezuelan democracy leader Leopoldo López will guide activists on the importance of uniting and organizing a cohesive global movement for freedom. Based on his experiences as the leader of one of Venezuela's most prominent political opposition parties and a prisoner of conscience, López will explain the need for a strategic narrative used by democracy defenders worldwide, how to properly take advantage of new technology for effective activism, and how to rekindle the enthusiasm for freedom and democracy.

LEOPOLDO LÓPEZ  
Venezuelan opposition leader  
and pro-democracy advocate

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# Tanzania's Child Marriage Struggle

Although child marriage was outlawed in Tanzania in 2019, the law on marriage is yet to be amended and child marriage remains a serious issue in the country. Zuhura Abdul Sakaya is a young Tanzanian advocate for girls' and women's rights, focusing on the elimination of child marriage, gender-based violence, and female genital mutilation in Tanzania. In this fireside discussion, she will discuss the lifelong consequences for girls of child marriage, the current situation in Tanzania, and the next steps to be taken in the struggle against child marriage.

LEYLA HUSSEIN  
Somali psychotherapist  
and anti-FGM activist  
(Moderator)

ZUHURA ABDUL SAKAYA  
Tanzanian youth advocate

# Accountability, Justice, & Reform

MONDAY, MAY 23 • 14:30 - 15:30 • Oslo Konserthus, Theater

## Corruption, Rent-Seeking, and the Acquisition of Loot:

### The Central Objectives of Authoritarianism

From Venezuela to Congo, and China to Hungary, corruption hampers economic opportunity, erodes trust in institutions, corrodes the rule of law, and ultimately encourages regime officials to steal from vulnerable populations, safe in the knowledge that their ill-gotten gains can never be traced. In countries without independent judiciaries, free press, or free and fair elections to hold leaders accountable for their crimes, corruption thrives. In this deep dive, speakers will examine the toll corruption has taken on human rights, democratic values, and personal freedoms, as well as ways by which we can combat this scourge globally. The panel will be introduced by Bill Browder, originator of the Magnitsky Act, the law that seeks justice for the killers of Russian anti-corruption lawyer Sergei Magnitsky.

THOR HALVORSSSEN  
CEO of the Human Rights  
Foundation (Moderator)

JOICE ETUTU  
BBC Senior reporter

PAUL MASSARO  
Senior policy advisor for the  
US Helsinki Commission and  
counter-corruption expert

CASEY MICHEL  
Author and adjunct fellow  
at the Hudson Institute's  
Kleptocracy Initiative

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## The True Story of China's Genocide of the Uyghurs:

### A Conversation with Nury Turkel and Garry Kasparov

Nury Turkel was born in a re-education camp in East Turkistan — China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region — during the Cultural Revolution. Upon arriving in the United States in 1995, he was granted asylum and has relentlessly advocated for the rights of the Uyghur people. In conversation with HRF Chairman Garry Kasparov, Turkel will lay out the truth about the Chinese government's genocidal actions in the Uyghur Region.

GARRY KASPAROV  
HRF Chairman and  
pro-democracy advocate  
(Moderator)

NURY TURKEL  
Uyghur advocate and author  
of *No Escape: The True Story  
of China's Genocide of  
the Uyghurs*

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# Sportswashing:

## From the Beijing Genocide Games to Qatar's FIFA World Cup Migrant Workers' Crisis

2022 has been referred to as "sportswashing's biggest year," due to the Beijing Olympics and FIFA World Cup in Qatar. This session will share behind-the-scenes stories, tips, and know-hows on how we can all join to raise awareness about how authoritarian regimes weaponize global games to whitewash their abuses.

KARIM ZIDAN

Author and journalist  
(Moderator)

MALCOLM BIDALI

Labor rights activist  
and blogger

CHEMI LHAMO

Tibetan activist and  
community organizer

LISE KLAVENESS

President of the Norwegian  
Football Federation, lawyer,  
and human rights advocate

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 14:30 - 15:10 • Oslo Konserthus, Theater

# Authoritarianism, ESG, and the Impact of Foreign Investment on Global Human Rights

In countries under authoritarian rule, foreign investment has helped enable human rights abusers, including in countries such as China, Russia, and Saudi Arabia. This panel discussion will explore why it is important for stakeholders to not invest in autocracies and the steps that need to be taken to prevent these capital flows from reaching the hands of dictators, including revisiting our understanding of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) investing. Among other specific issues, the panel will address how investment tools such as EM ETFs allocate a large portion of funds to authoritarian regimes, and the consequences of such allocations, including the human rights implications they present.

JOSH ROGIN

*Washington Post* columnist  
and *CNN* political analyst  
(Moderator)

MARCOS BUSCAGLIA

Economist and author

PERTH TOLLE

Founder of Life+Liberty  
Indexes

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 16:10 - 17:00 • Oslo Konserthus, Lille Sal

# When Systems Fail:

## Understanding the Intersection of Authoritarian Regimes and Modern Slavery

This panel discussion, hosted by the Freedom Fund, will explore the correlation between the rise in authoritarian regimes and the rise in modern slavery. Looking to history and learning from the present, panelists will discuss how slavery has been wielded as a way for those regimes to maintain power and how affected communities have stood in resistance to change the future.

AMY RAHE

Managing Director at the Freedom Fund and anti-trafficking advocate (Moderator)

JESSIE BRUNNER

Associate Director of Strategy and Program Development at the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Stanford University

FILMON DEBRU

Eritrean human trafficking survivor

LEONARDO SAKAMOTO

Brazilian journalist and anti-forced labor advocate

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 14:30 - 15:05 • Konferansesenter, Justice Room

# Citizen Driven Corporate Accountability in Human Rights and Beyond

Corporations need to balance the interests of a multitude of stakeholders — not only their shareholders but also the communities they serve. The challenges imposed by major issues, such as climate change and global human rights, and the failure of many corporations to meet these challenges have made it imperative to rethink our current approaches to corporate governance. This conversation will discuss how citizens have more power than they think to hold corporations accountable, and how modern technologies and recent experiences can help bring more transparency and more effective corporate governance processes.

JONATHAN TEO

Engineer, agriculturalist, and venture investor

VIVAKE GUPTA

Software entrepreneur

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 15:00 - 16:00 • Konferansesenter, Truth Room

# Building Justice for Syria:

## Universal Jurisdiction and the Koblenz Trial

In January 2022, a court in the German town of Koblenz sentenced Anwar R., a former Syrian intelligence officer, to life in prison for crimes against humanity. Using this trial as a case study, this panel discussion will examine the use of universal jurisdiction as a legal mechanism to hold the Syrian regime accountable for its crimes. The discussion will assess both the significance and limitations of universal jurisdiction, as well as examine other legal mechanisms such as the International Criminal Court, International Court of Justice, and ad hoc criminal tribunals and special courts. International law experts, survivors, and victims' families will provide diverse perspectives and present our audience with a call to action — a victim-centered approach to justice.

ALIA MALEK

Author and journalist (Moderator)

OMAR ALSHOGRE

Syrian public speaker and human rights advocate, and Director of Detainee Affairs at Syrian Emergency Task Force

ALEXANDRA LILY KATHER

Lawyer, intersectional justice advocate, and co-founder of the Emergent Justice Collective

WAFI MUSTAFA

Journalist, activist, and advocate for Syria's disappeared

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 17:00 - 17:35 • Konferansesenter, Justice Room

# The Future of Palestine

Prominent activist and public speaker on Arab-Israeli affairs Fadi Elsalameen is a known critic of the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian Authority, due to their corruption and bad governance. Join him in this fireside chat covering the implications of the rise of corruption and decline of democratic practices, as well his vision for the future of Palestine.

BETHANY ALHAIDARI

Senior research fellow at the Human Rights Foundation (Moderator)

FADI ELSALAMEEN

Activist, political commentator, and adjunct Senior Fellow at the American Security Project

# Innovation, Tech, & Civil Liberties

MONDAY - TUESDAY • 14:30 - 17:00 • Oslo Konserthus, Citizen Lab Room

## Citizen Lab & the Community [OFFICE HOURS]

Worried about Pegasus? Come get your iPhone checked for signs of hacking! Leave with a coveted sticker. Citizen Lab researchers will also dispense advice and tactics tailored to the threats that you face.

**BILL MARCZAK**

Senior Researcher for  
Citizen Lab

**JOHN SCOTT-RAILTON**

Senior Researcher for  
Citizen Lab

MONDAY, MAY 23 • 15:45 - 16:45 • Oslo Konserthus, Twitter Room  
TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 14:30 - 15:30 • Oslo Konserthus, Twitter Room  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 14:30 - 15:30 • Konferansesenter, Innovation Room

## Twitter & the Community [OFFICE HOURS]

Through these office hours, Twitter will provide a private space for participants to share their concerns and provide feedback on Twitter. Limited to 15 guests/session.

**LAUREN CULBERTSON**

Head of US Public Policy at Twitter

**NICK PICKLES**

Senior Director of Global Public  
Policy Strategy, Development, and  
Partnerships at Twitter

**KAREN WHITE**

Head of Public Policy, EMEA at  
Twitter

MONDAY - TUESDAY • 17:00 - 18:00 • Oslo Konserthus, Meta Room  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 17:00 - 18:00 • Konferansesenter, Innovation Room

## Meta & the Community [OFFICE HOURS]

Representatives from Meta will host office hours for participants to voice their concerns and receive guidance on how best to use Meta's platforms for activist causes. Limited to 15 guests/session.

**MAZUBA HAANYAMA**

Head of Human Rights, Public  
Policy, Africa, Middle East,  
& Turkey at Meta

MONDAY, MAY 23 • 17:10 - 18:00 • Oslo Konserthus, Theater

# Tech Tactics of New Authoritarianism

For over a decade, Jigsaw has explored some of the biggest challenges facing democracies — shrinking civil discourse, rampant disinformation, the spread of extremism, polarization, and the growing use of technology to restrict the enjoyment of human rights. Inspired by their work with policy experts, academic researchers, technologists, and frontline activists, Jigsaw will host a panel discussion to address the technological tactics being used by authoritarian regimes today. The panel will explore multilateral strategies to uphold human rights and recommendations that can be used to defend democracy in the digital age. Jigsaw will also present specific examples that demonstrate their long track record of using technology to directly support democracy, with an emphasis on innovations that have had real world, measurable impact.

SCOTT CARPENTER  
Director of Policy and  
International Engagement at Jigsaw  
(Moderator)

YAFFA FREDRICK  
Senior Editor at *CNN*

BETH GOLDBERG  
Research Program Manager  
at Jigsaw

GLACIER KWONG  
Hong Kong political and digital  
rights activist

RAFAL ROHOZINSKI  
CEO of SecDev

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# Digital Security with Yubico

## [WORKSHOP]

In this workshop, digital security experts from Yubico will explain how to use Yubikeys (which you have already received in your OFF gift bag) to improve your personal digital security. The workshop will highlight the importance of digital security, particularly for activists operating in authoritarian regimes.

PER ERNGÅRD  
Director of Solutions  
Engineer for EMEA at Yubico

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 15:45 - 16:45 • Konferansesenter, Justice Room

# The Spyware That Came in From the Cold: Pegasus and Candiru

## [WORKSHOP]

The Pegasus and Candiru spywares have been unleashed upon activists, journalists, and opposition politicians in increasing numbers. Digital security research organization Citizen Lab has unearthed the many different ways these two exploits attack devices and steal data, while staying hidden and reporting back to the authoritarian regimes that use them. During this workshop, Citizen Lab staff will assist in identifying whether your devices have been targeted by these programs, how to purge them, and what to do to stay safe in the future.

BILL MARCZAK  
Senior Researcher for  
Citizen Lab

JOHN SCOTT-RAILTON  
Senior Researcher for  
Citizen Lab

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# Digital Safety Training for Artists and Human Rights Defenders

[WORKSHOP]

Digital technologies are transforming the world, affording artists and human rights defenders new platforms to display and promote their work. However, such realities have also posed threats to artists and advocates, ranging from government surveillance and censorship of online platforms, to intimidation by internet trolls, to hacking of artists' online content and personal data. Drawing from the Artists at Risk Connection's "Safety Guide for Artists," this training session will dive into these threats, and offer strategies to help individuals mitigate and prevent risk by bolstering their cybersecurity practices. It will pay particular attention to online harassment such as hate speech, threats, impersonation, doxing, and message bombing, equipping artists and advocates with an understanding of how and why online harassment occurs, how to prepare for and react to it, and how to establish a cybercommunity.

JULIE TRÉBAULT

PEN America's Director of the Artists at Risk Connection (ARC)

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# Can NFTs be a Helpful Tool for Human Rights Activists?

As NFTs — or non-fungible tokens — gain popularity as a way of owning digital art, one test of this innovation will be its impact for human rights activists and dissident artists. This fireside chat brings together dissident artists and crypto experts for a conversation on how NFTs have been used for human rights activism and what we can expect in the future.

LAURA SHIN

Crypto journalist and host of the "Unchained" podcast (Moderator)

BADIUCAO

Chinese dissident artist

# Financial Freedom

MONDAY, MAY 23 • 15:45 - 16:05 • Oslo Konserthus, Theater

## The Quest for Financial Freedom

Money and human rights are typically considered different topics. While issues of banking, currencies, and monetary policy are rarely ever spoken about at human rights conferences, these three entrepreneurs from Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Venezuela will tell us about their incredible life stories, and show us that money and financial freedom is in fact central to the struggle for human rights.

ALEX GLADSTEIN

Chief Strategy Officer at the Human Rights Foundation (Moderator)

MAURICIO DI BARTOLOMEO

Venezuelan financial freedom advocate and Co-Founder of Ledn

ROYA MAHBOOB

Afghan entrepreneur, CEO of Digital Citizen Fund, and Co-Founder of Afghan Girls Robotics Team

ABUBAKAR NUR KHALIL

Board member of Btrust and CEO of Recursive Capital

MONDAY, MAY 23 • 16:05 - 16:30 • Oslo Konserthus, Theater

## Can Bitcoin Reach a Billion People?

Bitcoin has grown from a 2008 concept posted on an obscure message-board to a trillion-dollar asset, and now boasts tens of millions of users everywhere, especially in authoritarian regimes from Cuba to China to Russia to Turkey. But how much farther can it grow? One of the world's leading macroeconomic analysts will sit down with the CEO of cryptocurrency exchange Okcoin, the founder of the popular Muun mobile wallet, and the CEO of Lightning Labs to discuss how Bitcoin can reach a billion people.

LYN ALDEN

Founder of Alden Investment Strategy (Moderator)

HONG FANG

CEO of Okcoin

ELIZABETH STARK

Co-founder and CEO of Lightning Labs

DARIO SNEIDERMANIS

Founder of Muun Wallet

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 15:15 - 15:35 • Oslo Konserthus, Lille Sal

# The Rise of Stablecoins in Emerging Markets and Authoritarian Regimes

One of the biggest new financial innovations in the past five years is the stablecoin: a virtual asset that is pegged to the dollar, but can be used by anyone. With a market capitalization north of \$150 billion, stablecoins are used heavily by individuals who cannot otherwise access dollars in Argentina, Cuba, Lebanon, and beyond. Join the creator of the world's biggest stablecoin, Tether, and a Nigerian entrepreneur who can attest to the remarkable rise of stablecoins in her own country.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 15:35 - 15:55 • Oslo Konserthus, Lille Sal

# Is Bitcoin Compatible with Democracy?

We have seen how pro-democracy activists in Belarus, Russia, and Togo have turned to Bitcoin to keep their advocacy afloat when their bank accounts get shut down. Simultaneously, we have also seen how a populist leader has imposed Bitcoin on El Salvador from the top down. Hear from activists from all three countries about whether Bitcoin is compatible with liberal democracy.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 • 17:45 - 18:10 • Oslo Konserthus, Theater

# Bitcoin, the Environment, and Human Rights

There is a hot debate right now about Bitcoin mining. Is it bad for the planet? Is it necessary? Can we use currencies that do not process transactions with electricity? A professor of philosophy and an environmentalist will sit down with a miner, data cruncher, and industry analyst to discuss the perhaps surprising link between Bitcoin mining and human rights.

PAOLO ARDOINO  
Chief Technology Officer  
at Bitfinex

IRE ADERINOKUN  
Co-Founder and VP of  
Engineering at Helicarrier

ANITA POSCH  
Host of *The Anita Posch Show*  
(Moderator)

JAROSLAV LIKHACHEVSKIY  
Co-founder of BYSOL

FARIDA NABOUREMA  
Togolese human rights defender

NELSON RAUDA  
Salvadoran investigative journalist  
for *El Faro*

LEONID VOLKOV  
Russian anti-corruption advocate

TROY CROSS  
Professor of philosophy and  
humanities at Reed College  
(Moderator)

LYN ALDEN  
Founder of Alden  
Investment Strategy

NIC CARTER  
GP at Castle Island Ventures, co-  
founder of Coin Metrics, and host  
of *On the Brink*

DARIN FEINSTEIN  
Founder of Core Scientific

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# CBDCs, Privacy, and the Cashless Society

Most governments today are researching or implementing a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC): a new digital form of cash. The Chinese Communist Party is furthest along, having launched their digital yuan in time for the 2022 Olympic Games earlier this year. Unfortunately, there is a big problem with these new forms of money: they allow for unprecedented surveillance, financial control, and censorship. Join a central bank scholar, a Bitcoin engineer, and two privacy advocates to discuss the civil liberties implications of CBDCs.

MATT ODELL

Privacy advocate and co-host of the TFTC podcast (Moderator)

MATTHEW MEZINSKIS

Founder of Porkopolis Economics

LISA NEIGUT

Lightning developer at Blockstream

JANINE ROEM

Cypherpunk, journalist, and privacy educator

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# A Sustainable Financial World

We live in a world with astonishing levels of credit and debt. When governments like the US surpass \$30 trillion in debt, orthodox thinking presumes that it is a natural product of our system, that this is just the way things are. Unfortunately, authoritarian regimes often abuse their financial power. Hear from an author, an educator, and a builder on how a different economic system could better restrain tyranny.

JEFF BOOTH

Entrepreneur and author of *The Price of Tomorrow*

JIMMY SONG

Bitcoin developer, educator, and author

OBI NWOSU

Co-founder, Coinfloor; board member, Btrust

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 • 15:00 - 18:30 • Konferansesenter, Bitcoin Academy

# Bitcoin Academy

## [WORKSHOP]

After attending the Financial Freedom programming on May 23 and 24, you will have a chance to attend the Bitcoin Academy at the Konferansesenter on the afternoon of May 25. Here, learn how to use this new financial technology in a safe and private manner, how to effectively fundraise with cryptocurrency, and how to resist confiscation when securing your digital assets. Sessions begin with "Bitcoin 101" and continue with deep-dives on best privacy practices, how to accept donations, how to use the Lightning Network, and how to integrate Bitcoin into your NGO.

ROCKSTAR DEVELOPER

Lead at BTCPay Server and Strike

RENE PICKHARDT

Co-author of *Mastering Lightning*

WOLF VON LAER

President of Students For Liberty

GLORIA ZHAO

Bitcoin Core Developer

# Meet the Author

## HRF Bookstore & Café

Complimentary books are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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### Iyad El-Bagdadi

Palestinian writer and activist, and founder of the Oslo-based Kawaakibi Center

### Ahmed Gatnash

Co-founder of the Kawaakibi Foundation and host of the "Arab Tyrant Manual" podcast

→ *The Middle East Crisis Factory: Tyranny, Resilience and Resistance*

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### Nury Turkel

Uyghur advocate

→ *No Escape: The True Story of China's Genocide of the Uyghurs*

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### Michela Wrong

Acclaimed author and journalist

→ *Do Not Disturb: The Story of a Political Murder and an African Regime Gone Bad*

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### Alex Gladstein

Chief Strategy Officer at the Human Rights Foundation

→ *Check Your Financial Privilege: Inside the Global Bitcoin Revolution*

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### Jewher Ilham

Uyghur advocate and daughter of imprisoned scholar Ilham Tohti

→ *Because I Have To: The Path to Survival, the Uyghur Struggle*