

#CIJSummer Investigative Journalism Conference 2025

CIJ Summer Conference 2025 DRAFT Timetable - Updated 15 June 2025

Abbreviations keys: B = beginner; I = intermediate; A = advanced; R = recorded.

Hands-On classes require a laptop. Please read Technical Requirements on the class's online description page.

Thu 26 June				
08:15 - 09:00 Professor Stuart Hall Atrium: Registration				
09:00 - 09:20 LG02: Welcome! James Harkin, CIJ Director and Miranda McLachlan, Goldsmiths, University of London				
09:20 - 10:00 LG02: Keynote: Rianna Croxford: Fast Fashion and Sex Trafficking In conversation with Sirin Kale.				
Time	Room: PSH 314	Room: PSH 326	Room: LG01	Room: LG02
10:20 - 11:20	Data Journalism Spreadsheets - 1. The Basics. Hands-On. [B] Helena Bengtsson and Matilda Davies Sign-up required. Laptop required. See technical requirements.	How to Avoid Getting Sued: Right to Reply/Invitations to Comment Gill Phillips	Companies House as a Tool for Investigative Journalism Diogo Augusto	OSINT: Building Investigations with Open Source Intelligence Guy Porter
11:30 - 12:30	Data Journalism Spreadsheets - 2. Pivot tables. Hands-On. [B+I] Helena Bengtsson and Matilda Davies Sign-up required. Laptop required. See technical requirements.	Data Journalism Putting Python into Practice - 1. Python 101: Embark on the Road to Code Hands-on. [B+I] Pamela Duncan and Anna Leach Sign-up required. Laptop required. See technical requirements.	Are the UK's Contempt of Court Laws Fit for Purpose in the Digital Age? Gill Phillips and Richard Danbury	OSINT: Uncovering Digital Footprints Sarah Cammarata

12:30 - 13:50

LUNCH

13:50 - 14:50	Data Journalism Spreadsheets - 3. Advanced Formulas Hands-On. [B+I] Helena Bengtsson and Matilda Davies Sign-up required. Laptop required. See technical requirements.	Data Journalism Putting Python into practice - 2. Pandas power: Python for Daunting Datasets Hands-on. [B+I] Pamela Duncan and Anna Leach Sign-up required. Laptop required. See technical requirements.	Story-Based Inquiry Method - 1: From Question to Hypothesis. Dr Mark Lee Hunter and Luuk Sengers	No, It's Still Not a Robot. How to Use Generative AI for Investigations. Hands On. [B] Paul Bradshaw Laptop required. See technical requirements. [R]
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15:00 - 15:40

LG02: **Keynote: Cathy Newman, Follow the Abuser: John Smyth and the Church of England**

Gavin MacFadyen Memorial Lecture
 In conversation with Jane Bradley. **[R]**

15:50 - 16:50	You Gotta Fight for Your Right... To Information Jenna Corderoy, Lucas Amin and Peter Geoghegan	Data Journalism Python and Pandas - 3 Scraping data from the Web with Python Hands-on. [I] Pamela Duncan and Anna Leach Sign-up required. Laptop required. See technical requirements.	Story-Based Inquiry Method - 2: Nailing the Timeline. Dr Mark Lee Hunter and Luuk Sengers	Digital Investigations: OSINT, Trade Data and AI Edoardo Anziano, Elfredah Kevin-Alerechi and Polina Bachlakova. Chaired by Adeolu Adekola [R]
17:10 - 18:10	More Than Just a Number: How do the UK's Data Desks Operate? Tom Calver, John Walton. Chaired by Pamela Duncan	Paul Foot Award 2025: Carer's Allowance Scandal Patrick Butler	How to Use LinkedIn to Find Spies: The Bulgarian Cell Daniel De Simone, Chris Bell, Tom Beal	Chasing Deforestation in Cambodia Gerald Flynn [R]

Fri 27 June				
Time	Room: PSH 314	Room: PSH 326	Room: LG01	Room: LG02
10:00 - 11:00	Data Journalism Investigating Data with R - 1. First Steps. Hands-On. B+I Jonathan Stoneman and Helena Bengtsson Sign-up required. Laptop required.	Understanding Company Accounts 1: Motivation to Commit Corporate Fraud Raj Bairoliya	Story-Based Inquiry Method - 3: Mapping the Stakeholders. Dr Mark Lee Hunter and Luuk Sengers	OSINT: 101 Places to Investigate Your Country Alexenia Dimitrova
11:20 - 12:20	Data Journalism Investigating Data with R - 2. Visualisation. Hands-On. B+I Jonathan Stoneman and Helena Bengtsson Sign-up required. Laptop required. See technical requirements.	Understanding Company Accounts 2: The Profit and Loss Account (also known as the Income Statement) Raj Bairoliya	Story-Based Inquiry Method - 4: From Masterfile to Masterpiece. Dr Mark Lee Hunter and Luuk Sengers	Digital Security Fundamentals Harlo Holmes
12:30 - 13:30	Meta and Me: Holding Tech Companies to Account with SARs Matilda Davies	Financial Shenanigans Hiding in Plain Sight Cynthia O'Murchu	Witnesses to War Crimes: British Special Forces in Afghanistan Hannah O'Grady and Joel Gunter	How to Make Your Investigative Journalism Connect with Readers Joshi Herrmann [R]
13:30 - 14:50	LUNCH			

14:50 - 15:50	Data Journalism Investigating Data with R - 3. Scraping. Hands-On. B+I Jonathan Stoneman and Helena Bengtsson Sign-up required. Laptop required. See technical requirements.	Understanding Company Accounts 3: The Balance Sheet Raj Bairoliya	Using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 1 Jenna Corderoy	COP30: How to Better Cover the Climate Negotiations? Tais Gadea Lara [R]
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16:10 - 17:10	Accessing the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive Luuk Sengers	Understanding Company Accounts 4: The Fine Print - The Devil's in the Detail Raj Bairoliya	Using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2 Jenna Corderoy	Four Rules on How to Survive and Thrive as an Investigative Journalist Martin Tomkinson. In conversation with James Harkin. [R]
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17:20 - 18:20	LG02: Keynote: Surveillance, Undercover Reporting and Source Protection. Dónal MacIntyre in conversation with Harlo Holmes [R]			
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18:30 - 20:00	Professor Stuart Hall Atrium: Drinks Reception			
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