

#CIJSummer Investigative Journalism Conference 2025

CIJ Summer Conference 2025 DRAFT Timetable - Updated 27 May 2025

Abbreviations key: B - beginner, I - intermediate, A- advanced. R - recorded.

Hands-On classes require a laptop.

Thu 26 June				
08:15 - 09:00	Registrations			
09:00 - 09:20	Welcome! James Harkin, CIJ Director and Miranda McLachlan, Goldsmiths, University of London			
09:20 - 10:00	Keynote. Rianna Croxford: Fast Fashion and Sex Trafficking			
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. [BI] 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			
13:50-14:30	Keynote: Cathy Newman, Follow the Abuser: John Smyth and the Church of England Gavin MacFadyen Memorial Lecture Moderated by Jane Bradley.			
14:40 - 15:40	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.
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
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	TBC	How to Use LinkedIn to Find Spies: the Bulgarian cell Daniel De Simone, Chris Bell, Tom Beal	Chasing Deforestation in Cambodia Gerald "Gerry" Flynn

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. See technical requirements	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	Information Security Harlo Holmes
12:30 - 13:30	Meta and Me: Holding tech companies to account with SARs Matilda Davies	TBC	Financial Shenanigans Hiding in Plain Sight Cynthia O'Murchu	How to Make Your Investigative Journalism Connect with Readers Joshi Herrmann
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
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	Lessons I Learned after Fifty Years' Experience of Investigative Journalism Martin Tomkinson
17:20 - 18:20	Keynote: Surveillance, Undercover Reporting and Source Protection. Dónal MacIntyre in conversation with Harlo Holmes			
18:30 - 20:00	Drinks Reception Professor Stuart Hall Atrium			