

Reporting on Syria – on the ground and to the world

We have all heard about the war in Syria and the conflict that started in 2011 and continues today, yet how many of us really understand the origins of the struggle or the reasons why it has gone on for so long?

This webinar will seek to answer some of the questions you may have through the perspectives of three journalists who have all reported on the war in Syria.

This event is for upper secondary pupils from any school on **Friday 11 December from 13.30-14.30** and may especially be of interest to pupils studying history, citizenship, politics and to others as an enrichment activity.

This event will;

- Provide information about the conflict in Syria
- Give students the chance to learn more about the role of a foreign correspondent
- Give understanding about why these matters are important in the UK and the rest of the world
- Give voice to an Arab journalist reporting from the ground and training citizen journalists.

There will be 3 panellists who will all speak and answer questions submitted by attendees in advance and during the event.

Zaina Erhaim, a Syrian journalist who was reporting on the Syrian war from within Syria. She has won multiple awards including the Press Freedom Prize from Reporters Without Borders. She is currently a refugee in the UK and the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR)'s Communications Manager. Working with print, TV and film, she reported on the Syrian civil war from within Syria. She trained hundreds of people whilst in Syria to be citizen reporters, a large proportion of them women

Nicolas Pelham is *The Economist's* Middle East correspondent. He started work in Cairo as editor of the Middle East Times and since then has spent 30 years studying, travelling and writing in the region. Taking occasional breaks from journalism, he has worked as a Middle East analyst for the International Crisis Group, the United Nations and the Royal Institute of International Affairs. In 2017 he won the Gerald Loeb Award for Distinguished Journalism.

Bill Law is a Sony award-winning journalist. He joined the BBC in 1995 and since 2002 has reported extensively from the Middle East. In 2003 he was one of the first journalists to cover the beginnings of the insurgency that engulfed Iraq. He then covered the uprisings in Egypt, Libya and Bahrain. Before leaving the BBC in April 2014, he was the corporation's Gulf analyst. He now works as a freelance journalist focusing on the Gulf

To express interest in this event, teachers will need to [register here](#) on behalf of their students.

If you have any questions please email TeachingArabic@BritishCouncil.org

The event will be streamed via Microsoft Teams Live and so students will not have access to video. All comments and questions will be moderated.