

Report on Sweden Visit

Description

The Global Investigative Journalism Conference held from 19-22 September 2023 at Gothenburg, Sweden. Co-hosted by The Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN), Fojo Media Institute (Fojo) and Föreningen Grävande Journalister (FGJ), GIJC is the largest international gathering of investigative and data journalists.

Since its first gathering in Copenhagen in 2001, the GIJC has been convened every two years. The GIJC 2023 brought together over 2,100 journalists from 132 countries. It featured workshops aimed at exchanging innovative techniques, and celebrated a global community increasingly facing censorship, corporate hacking, and authoritarian threats.

GIJC23 keynote speaker Ron Deibert, director of Citizen Lab, offered a harrowing reality check about the pervasive and effectively unstoppable digital hacking threats. But rather than give up or give in, he encouraged the assembled reporters to work together, turn the tables, and investigate the industry that was targeting them.

The conference hosted nearly 200 state-of-the-art sessions, with expert panels, cutting-edge workshops, and the best networking in the business.

The sessions covered many issues such as research on investigative journalism adapting to new technologies; data-driven journalism: a review of recent stories; women in investigative journalism: strategies for thriving together; coping with stress, trauma, & burnout: how to spread watchdog journalism in tough place; visual investigations: reporting techniques; how to use satellite images for investigation; the future of data journalism: new analytical tools, data visualization, and AI; networking: cross-border projects; digital security clinic; physical security: essential tips for protection; how mainstream media profit from investigative journalism on digital platforms and use of free google data tools. A number of networking sessions were also included in the conference.

This conference is widely credited with playing a key role in the rapid global expansion of investigative reporting over the past decade. By focusing on skills and training, it has helped spread state-of-the-art investigative reporting, data journalism, and cross-border collaboration around the world.