



Freedom House and ARTICLE 19 invite you to attend a ***World Press Freedom Day*** press conference and discussion on

“Libel Tourism”: The Chilling Effect on Free Speech

“Libel tourism” – the practice of filing lawsuits in another country with more restrictive libel laws in order to discourage free speech – is an increasingly common legal weapon. U.K. libel laws have become a tool of choice for a variety of powerful claimants, who have discovered the chilling effect these laws can have on reporters, authors and publishers within the U.K., and beyond its borders. This expert panel will examine the growing threat to the free exchange of ideas posed by “libel tourism.”

The discussion on Libel Tourism will be preceded by a presentation of Freedom House’s annual global findings on press freedom

Freedom of the Press 2008

Friday 2 May 2008

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Mall Room

Foreign Press Association

11 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AJ

Speakers:

Christopher Walker, Director of Studies, Freedom House

Julia Apostle, Legal Counsel, *The Financial Times*

Nick Cohen, Columnist, *The Observer*

Gavin Millar QC, Doughty Street Chambers

Mark Stephens QC, Finers Stephens Innocent

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