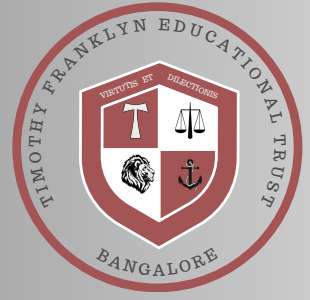




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“NSoJ’s mission is to train the next generation of public-spirited professionals who are committed to truth, justice and democracy.”



Dear Reader,

National School of Journalism and Public Discourse (NSoJ) is a not-for-profit college established in 2015 with a mission to train the next generation of public-spirited professionals, who are committed to truth, justice and democracy.

NSoJ prepares our students to pursue truth in a less than perfect world, recognise the wider contexts in which issues are framed and communicate this to the public in a responsible, balanced and fair manner. NSoJ alumni are already making an impact and raising the level of public discourse in India, particularly through their work in independent and mainstream local, regional and national newsrooms.

NSoJ currently runs two full-time programmes in Bangalore city: a one year postgraduate program as well as a four-year integrated undergraduate honors degree program in affiliation with BCU (formerly known as Bangalore University), one of the oldest public state universities in India. NSoJ recently expanded its mission by establishing NSoJ Law, which will be a centre of excellence for legal education in India. NSoJ Law has been approved by the Government of Karnataka to run a 5-year integrated law degree (BA,LL.B) by Karnataka State Law University (KSLU).

As you flip through these pages, I invite you to please get in touch with us if you feel inclined to share in our vision, and join our community of compassionate and courageous persons who are deeply committed to truth, justice and democracy.

Timothy Franklyn

Founder, NSoJ

Timothy Franklyn is the founder of the National School of Journalism and Public Discourse, Bengaluru (NSoJ).

Prior to founding NSoJ, Timothy worked as a corporate lawyer in New Delhi, Singapore and Hong Kong at the global law firms Jones Day, Allen & Overy and DLA Piper, respectively. He has advised governments, corporations and global investment banks on international corporate finance. He has published several articles in The Financial Times and has contributed a chapter on leadership in young organizations in the Palgrave Macmillan publication "Leadership and Role Modelling: Understanding Workplace Dynamics" (2018). He also serves as a trustee of The General K.S. Thimayya Memorial Trust and is a member of the Ethics Committee and Institutional Review Board of Bangalore Baptist Hospital. Timothy is a cancer survivor who lives life to the fullest, including by studying Biblical texts, hosting The NSoJ Tannoy Podcast, playing cricket and fronting an alternative rock band.

Timothy received an LL.M (Master of Laws) degree from the London School of Economics (LSE) and is qualified as an advocate in India and as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales. In 2020, he was named an Obama Scholar at Columbia University. He is currently partner at Tatva Legal Bengaluru and a BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt Responsible Leader.

Global Advisory Board

We are guided in our mission by leaders from around the world who share our values. Our board comprises lawyers, journalists, academics, administrators and business leaders. In addition to guiding our mission, members on our advisory board deliver talks at NSoJ. They also mentor our students, and provide them with opportunities for personal and professional development.



DR. ADITYA SONDHI
Senior Advocate at Supreme Court of India and High Court of Karnataka, former Additional Advocate General for Karnataka, and Chairperson of NSoJ Law's advisory board.



THOMAS ASHER
Director of Research and Engagement at Columbia World Projects, and former Senior Fellow at the White House Office of Management and Budget.



DEVASHISH BHARUKA
Senior Advocate at Supreme Court of India, graduate of Harvard Law School, and editor of Pollock & Mulla.



KIRSTEN BROSBØL
Former Minister of Environment and Member of Parliament of Denmark, Chairperson of The Political Academy, and CEO of 2030 beyond.



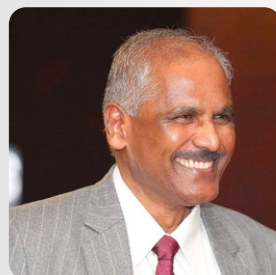
BOB CHARLTON
An accomplished leader in global law firm management. He has held leadership positions in Clifford Chance, Freshfields, DLA Piper, BLP and Addleshaw Goddard.



JULIEN LAURENT CHAISSE
Professor at City University of Hong Kong School of Law, expert in international economic law and dispute resolution.



PROF. NICK COULDRY
Professor of Media, Communications, and Social Theory at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



DR. ABRAHAM EBENEZER
Former Principal of Bishop Cotton Boys' School, founder of Ebenezer International School, and leader in education reforms in Karnataka.



FRANCESCA FOLDA
Award-winning journalist, former Editor in Chief of Sky Italia, and Global Communications Director at Amani Institute.



BILL GRUESKIN
Professor at Columbia Journalism School, former Deputy Managing Editor of the Wall Street Journal, and Executive Editor of Bloomberg.



ULRIK HAAGERUP
Founder and CEO of Constructive Institute, former Executive Director of news at Danish Broadcasting Corporation.



FRANKLYN JAMES
Newspaper veteran, former Vice President of The Times of India, and Senior Advisor of The Hindu Group.



MARK LIU

Corporate consultant at Akerman LLP. Mark has diverse corporate practice representing U.S. and international corporations and financial institutions.



NISHA MENON

Global General Counsel for M&A and Business Development at Diageo PLC, with expertise in corporate commercial transactions.



DAVID MURRAY

Fundraiser and philanthropy evangelist with 25 years of global experience. He is responsible for managing charitable relationships between Columbia World Projects and its supporters.



MANAV NAGARAJ

Equity Partner, General Corporate at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, specializing in private equity, mergers, acquisitions, and fund formation.



DAVID PENDERGAST

Partner in the Santa Monica office of the law firm Goodwin. He represents companies and investors in the firm's Technology practice.



RONALD PHILIP

International business leader with organisations including McKinsey and Company, WEF and World Bank with experience in strategy, investment, and consulting.



SUSHEELA RIVERS

Partner at DLA Piper, Global Co-Chair of Real Estate Sector and Leadership Alliance for Women, and Office Managing Partner in Hong Kong.



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Senior Partner at Vertices Partners, specializing in private equity, venture capital, and mergers & acquisitions.



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Executive HR Leader with experience in managing HR at global multinationals like Volvo and General Motors.



ANDREW RIDGEN GREEN

Co-head of the Asia International Arbitration practice of the law firm Stephenson Harwood.



ASHISH SEN

Editor of Community Radio News, advisor with RadioActive, and founder of AMARC Asia-Pacific region.



MAYA SHARMA

Television journalist with over 30 years experience. Maya has covered major news stories ranging from the devastation of the 2004 tsunami to the Mangalore air crash.



SAMANTHA SLATER

Director of Communications for Media Relations at Columbia University's Columbia World Projects.



PROF. GRAEME SIMPSON

Director of Interpeace USA, senior advisor to Interpeace Director-General, and adjunct faculty member at Columbia Law School.



STEPHEN TALL

Deputy Director of Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) with extensive experience in education, fundraising, and charity work.



ANIND TOMAS

Partner at AZB & Partners, representing clients in various legal forums including Supreme Court, High Courts, and arbitral tribunals.

Obama Commends NSoJ at Stanford



OBAMA
FOUNDATION

CHALLENGES
TO DEMOCRACY
IN THE DIGITAL
INFORMATION
REALM

“I’ve had the privilege of meeting young leaders in our Obama Foundation network, like Timothy Franklyn, who founded the National School of Journalism and Public Discourse in India, to train journalists who are committed to justice and democracy”

– Former US President Barack Obama in his speech 'Disinformation Is A Threat To Democracy' at Stanford University, April 2022

ACADEMICS

Postgraduate

PG DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM

PROF. BABA PRASAD

Prof. Baba Prasad is the director of postgraduate studies at NSoJ. A veteran journalist with over 35 years of experience, he was the former Associate Editor at The Hindu in Bangalore. He has also worked with the Indian Express and Mid-Day groups. He has authored the book, *Reporting: Principles and Practice*.



Undergraduate

BA (HONS) IN JOURNALISM

BSc (HONS) IN PSYCHOLOGY

BA (HONS) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

BA (HONS) IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

BA LLB



PROF. SIMON VARGHESE

Prof. Simon Varghese is director of undergraduate studies at NSoJ. He is a former journalist with the Times of India Group with over 20 years of experience in print and online journalism as well as television.

PROF. SHUCHI SRIVASTAVA

Prof. Shuchi Srivastava is editor of our digital publication, The Tannoy. She is a senior and experienced print, broadcast and digital journalist having reported on some of the biggest news stories of our times, including the Uri, 26/11 and 7/11 attacks. She has worked with the Economic Times, Bloomberg TV, Outlook Magazine and the Asian Age.



DEAN PRINCESS FRANKLYN

Mrs. Glory Princess Franklyn is the Dean of Studies at NSoJ. Mrs. Franklyn has more than 40 years experience as an educator, including as Principal of Bishop Cotton Girls' School and St. John's High School, Bangalore.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

NSoJ students participate in exchange programmes with various universities in the United States. The programmes are sponsored by the US State Department through the US Consulate General in India. As part of these programmes, our students spend up to a semester in a US university with all expenses paid, including travel, stay and tuition.



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City student selected for Global UGRAD

November 24, 2022 12:04 am | Updated 12:04 am IST - Bengaluru

THE HINDU BUREAU

Atul Ranjan, a BA student of the batch of 2023 of National School of Journalism and Public Discourse (NSoJ), has been selected for the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD). The process involved several rounds of interviews and an English eligibility test. Mr. Ranjan is among seven candidates from across India who was selected for this round of the Global UGRAD recruitment process, said a release.

The release added that the programme conducted for youngsters from around the world is funded by the United States Department of State and enables undergraduates to spend a semester at any American university. Mr. Ranjan is spending an all-expense paid semester at the Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi, and is expected to complete his course by mid-December when he returns to NSoJ.

NSoJ student selected for 2021 SUSI Women's Leadership Institute

Udbhavi Balakrishna (BA '22) secured the nomination for this prestigious exchange programme in the United States because of her commitment to social issues and strong academic record at NSoJ.

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Bengaluru: National School of Journalism and Public Discourse, Bangalore (NSoJ) is happy to announce that its student, Udbhavi Balakrishna (BA '22), has been selected to the 2021 Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) Women's Leadership Institute. This SUSI Institute is implemented by the Women's Global Leadership Consortium (WGLC), a collaborative effort by the University of Delaware, Green River College, the University of Kansas, and Saint Mary's College. SUSI programmes are funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Udbhavi was nominated by NSoJ for this prestigious exchange programme for her commitment to social issues in addition to her outstanding academic and extracurricular record at NSoJ.

OUR ALUMNI

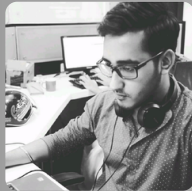
NSoJ alumni are recognizable names in leading newsrooms. Our small class size, global academic network, workshops, international exchange programmes, industry internships and newsroom training ensure that our students work in the leading newsrooms in India. Listed below is a selection of organizations where some of our alumni are making an impact.



Ayan Acharya
NSoJ PGDJ '17
Senior Sports Reporter
Hindu/Sportstar



Sumi Rajappan
NSoJ PGDJ '17
Principal
Correspondent
India Today TV



Sabya Chowdhury
NSoJ PGDJ '17
Senior Correspondent
Times Now



Aathira Konikkara
NSoJ PGDJ '17
Staff Writer
The Caravan



Rishika Kashyap
NSoJ BA '21
Video Journalist
Deccan Herald



Preetika Parashuraman
NSoJ BA '22
Reporter
The Times of India



Hita Prakash
NSoJ PGDJ '20
Sports Journalist
Deccan Herald



Roshini Jacob
NSoJ PGDJ '17
Content Strategy
US Consulate
General, Chennai



Udbavi Balakrishna
NSoJ BA '22
Journalist
Deccan Herald



Adline Minj
NSoJ PJDJ '22
Assistant Producer
Press Trust of India

“The National School of Journalism has nurtured my academic journey and equipped me for the dynamic realm of journalism. Exposure to national and international programs and fellowships enriched my academic endeavors. The institution's comprehensive media training sets it apart, giving students a competitive edge.”

Ashutosh Patki, BA '21
Television Journalist
CNBC-TV18



EVENTS, TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Our campus is designed to be a public square for learning, discussion, debate, media production, theatre and music. Our auditorium, seminar halls, plaza, studio and performance spaces host public and closed door events that enrich campus life, and expand the minds and hearts of our students. Our annual journalism, literary and cultural festival, *Slant*, is one of the highlights of our calendar.



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WE TRAIN JOURNALISTS
WHO CARE DEEPLY ABOUT
JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY.



CONSTRUCTIVE JOURNALISM: BRIDGING A POLARIZED WORLD
2 March 2021 | 6:30pm IST | 2:00
MR. NIKESH MURALI
The Tyranny of Circumstances
The Indian Noir Story
NOVEMBER 19, 2022
04:00PM IST
FRIDAY
Register: www.nsj.in/

MASTERCLASS Advanced Filmmaking Skills
June 9th, 2022
4:30 p.m. onwards
Mugun Briggs
Behavioral Scientist

In conversation with Billi Grueskin
11 May | Tuesday | 7:30 pm IST

India's Foreign Policy 2021
Ashok Sajjanhar
Former Indian Ambassador to Latvia, Sweden and Kazakhstan

#nsjtalks
Government Accountability and the Pandemic
NIDHI RAZDAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
NDTV
Friday | May 15 | 4:30 pm IST
www.nsj.in/vet

Slant MMXX
Journalism, Literary and Cultural Festival
"Tell all the truth but tell it slant"
- Emily Dickinson

WORKSHOP Indian Constitutional History
Vineeth Krishna
Mentor, Constitutional Culture Team

NSJ Professional Skills Workshop
May 10, 2022
1:30 pm

Television Anchoring and Reporting
Maya Sharma
Senior Consulting Editor NSJ

MASTERCLASS Advanced Filmmaking Skills
June 9th, 2022
4:30 p.m. onwards
Juliana Tufar
Emmy-nominated Producer

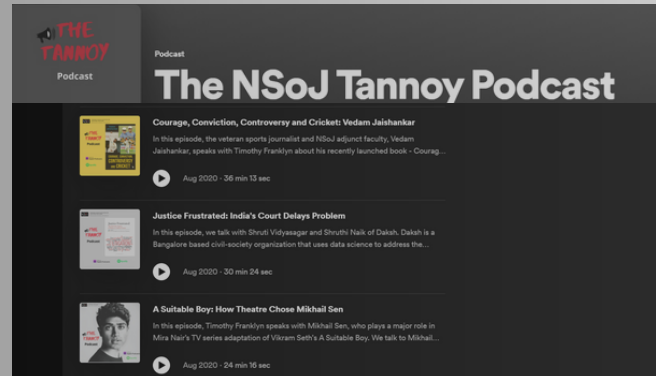
MASTERCLASS Impact Journalism
June 10th, 2022
10:00 a.m. onwards
Tanya Singh
Chief Editor, The Better India

PUBLICATIONS

Our faculty and students work together produce print, broadcast and digital publications that meet global industry standards for production quality, reporting, news gathering, editing and presentation.



The NSoJ Post is a tabloid sized fortnightly internal news publication that is designed and published by NSoJ student journalists. The Post is edited by Prof. Baba Prasad, former associate editor of The Hindu.



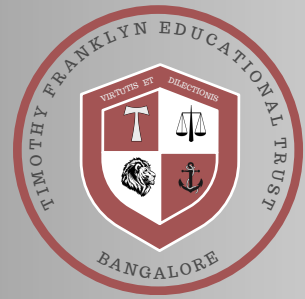
The NSoJ Tannoy Podcast is a research outcomes based podcast hosted by Timothy Franklyn on democracy issues, and the people and institutions that make Bengaluru.



The Tannoy is a digital magazine published by NSoJ. The magazine covers a wide range of topics, including news, politics, culture, sports and entertainment. The Editorial Board of the Tannoy is led by Prof. Shuchi Srivastava, a former senior journalist at The Economic Times, Bloomberg TV and Outlook Magazine.



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“NSoJ is regarded as one of the best institutions for providing journalistic education, including a newsroom-focused curriculum which enables students to become professionals in both print, broadcast and digital media.”

- The Telegraph (India)



“I have been impressed by the approach of NSoJ to revitalize the role of journalism to improve democracy. I am grateful to be able to work with NSoJ on establishing constructive international dialogues among politicians and journalists around sustainability. I warmly recommend NSoJ.”

- Kirsten Brosbøl, former Minister & MP, Denmark