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## Austrian Journalist Max Zirngast Detained in Turkey

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PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, AEJ, Index, IPI

Austrian journalist Max Zirngast has been detained on early hours of 11 September 2018 at his apartment in Ankara by anti-terror authorities. According to some media reports, he would be detained on "terror propaganda" charges. Allegations may be related to his political publications and involvement in civil activism against the Turkish government. He was arrested along with two other Turkish citizens.

Max Zirngast, a political science student at the Middle East Technical University (ODTÜ), has been contributing to left-wing publications such as Austrian magazine re:volt, US left-wing publication Jacobin, Turkish socialist monthly Toplumsal Özgürlük. He was publishing content often critical to Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. He has been politically active in the election campaign of pro-kurdish HDP (Peoples' Democratic Party).

### UPDATES

**NEW** 11 Sep 2019: On 11 September 2019, Ankara 26th Heavy Penal Court acquitted journalist Max Zirngast of all charges and lifted his travel ban.

**15 Apr 2019:** Max Zirngast's first hearing took place on 11 April 2019. Judicial control measure to sign weekly attendance at police station is lifted, travel ban remained. Hearing adjourned to 11 September 2019.

**04 Jan 2019:** On 25 December 2018, Austrian freelance journalist Max Zirngast has been released but is still under prosecution with a travel ban.

➡ Article published by Evrensel daily : "Avusturyalı gazeteci serbest bırakıldı"

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- ➔ Mapping Media Freedom report: "Turkey: Austrian journalist detained in Ankara"
- ➔ IPI statement: "IPI demands charges against journalist Max Zirngast to be dropped"
- ➔ Article published by Evrensel : "Avusturyalı gazeteci serbest bırakıldı"
- ➔ Mapping Media Freedom update: "Turkey: Zirngast imprisoned pending trial"
- ➔ Mapping Media Freedom update: "Turkey: Four-day arrest warrant issued against Zirngast"
- ➔ Jacobin magazine news article : "Free Max Zirngast"
- ➔ Deutsche Welle news article : "Austrian journalist arrested in Turkey"

## FOLLOW-UPS



**OSCE** 12 Sep 2018 | OSCE Representative strongly condemns detention of Austrian journalist Max Zirngast and urge authorities to immediately release him.

- ➔ Statement by Harlem Désir

## JOURNALISTS IN DETENTION



**Currently in detention (0):**

Max Zirngast