



In conversation with Elena Kostjutjenko

Russian journalist and author in exile

Time: 6 March 2026 14:00-16:00

Venue: Aarhus University Conference Center, M1 Building 1427-149, Frederik Niensens Vej 2-4

Join us for a public talk with **Elena Kostyuchenko** (b. 1987), a distinguished Russian investigative journalist and LGBTQ+ rights activist currently living in exile. She is the author of *I love Russia: Reporting from a lost country* and a longtime reporter for *Novaya Gazeta*, widely recognized for her fearless reporting on war, repression, corruption, and LGBTQ+ rights. Throughout her career, she has faced arrest, assault, and intimidation in retaliation for her work; in October 2022, while in exile in Munich, she survived a suspected poisoning attempt.

In this timely conversation, she will reflect on the realities of contemporary Russia, the human cost of conflict, and the role of journalism under authoritarianism. Her work stands as a powerful testament to the importance of courageous reporting in holding power to account and defending human rights.



photographer Julia Tatartjenko

The talk is moderated by Elena Beliaeva, Teaching Associate Professor at Aarhus University and playwright.

This event is organized by Comparative Literature department ([School of Communication and Culture](#)) and Global studies department (School of Culture & Society), and is open to all interested students and staff at the university.

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