

Mogens Schmidt

Mogens Schmidt was born in Holstebro, Denmark 15 February 1950. He studied Scandinavian Literature and Languages at the University of Aarhus, Denmark from 1968 to 1974 when he graduated. From 1974 until 1981, he was teaching Literature and Mass Communication at University of Aarhus. In 1981, he was nominated as Head of the Unit for development of curricula at the Humanistic Faculty of the University of Aarhus. He stayed in this position until he was nominated Managing Director of the Danish School of Journalism in 1988.

During his period at the School of Journalism, he was one of the initiators of establishing the European Journalism Training Association in 1989. His dedication to international collaboration was also expressed in the substantial media assistance projects run by the Danish School of Journalism, primarily in Central and Eastern Europe and in the Balkans, but also in Mongolia and Southern Africa.

In 1995, he was called to assume the position of Director at the European Journalism Centre in Maastricht, The Netherlands. He ran this further training centre for six years.

In 2001, Schmidt joined the World Association of Newspapers (WAN) as Assistant Director General with special responsibility for the press freedom work of WAN and for its editorial organisation, the World Editors Forum. He also served as Chief Financial Officer at WAN.

Mogens Schmidt has comprehensive experience from project work in developing countries and in countries in transition both in the design and the implementation phase. He is the author of many books and articles on issues related to journalism, mass communication and press freedom.