

# Editorial Intelligence announces shortlists for The Comment Awards 2011

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Editorial Intelligence, the media, analysis and networking business ([www.editorialintelligence.com](http://www.editorialintelligence.com)), is delighted to announce the category shortlists for The Comment Awards 2011, celebrating the achievements of the finest print and online commentators and their editors over the past year.

The judges, chaired by **Harvey Goldsmith CBE**, have narrowed down the record number of nominees for this year, across newspapers and the blogosphere, to decide upon shortlists for each of the 15 categories open for public nominations.

The category judges include **Louise Chunn**, Editor, Psychologies; **Damian Collins MP**; **Howell James CBE**, Vice-Chairman, Barclays Corporate Affairs; **Luke Johnson**, Chair, RSA and Chief Executive, Risk Capital Partners; **Baroness Helena Kennedy QC**; **Alexandra Shulman OBE**, Editor, Vogue and **Jon Sopel**, Presenter, BBC Politics Show.

Harvey Goldsmith said: *“Being part of the judging process for this year’s Comment Awards has been a privilege. Certainly, having listened to the ferocity of debate between the judges, it is clear that the UK comment media is so full of talent, and it’s important that we celebrate this by giving credit where it is due – The Comment Awards do just that.”*

The winners will be announced on Thursday 20th October 2011 over a special ceremony breakfast at the RIBA hosted by commentator, broadcaster and ei associate, Peter York. Harvey Goldsmith will also be announcing a special Chair’s Choice award.

The Comment Awards 2011 are being held in association with lead partners Jaguar Land Rover and Barclays, and category sponsors as listed below.

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## **The Comment Awards 2011 - Category Shortlists**

**Commentariat of the Year – Sponsored by Jaguar Land Rover**

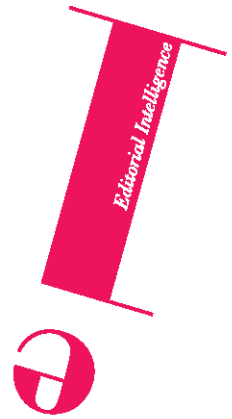
*Shortlist:*

- **Matthew d’Ancona – London Evening Standard & The Sunday Telegraph**
- **Suzanne Moore – Mail on Sunday & The Guardian**
- **Peter Osborne – The Daily Telegraph**

**Best Comment Pages**

*Shortlist:*

- **Financial Times**
- **The Guardian**
- **The Times**



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### **Best Online Comment Site**

*Shortlist:*

- **Mumsnet**
- **Reuters Breakingviews**
- **Coffee House @ The Spectator**

### **Columnist of the Year**

*Shortlist:*

- **Peter Hitchens – Mail on Sunday**
- **Sam Leith – London Evening Standard**
- **Hugo Rifkind – The Times**
- **Peter Wilby – New Statesman**

### **Cultural Commentator**

*Shortlist:*

- **Simon Kuper – Financial Times**
- **Ben Macintyre – The Times**
- **Suzanne Moore – Mail on Sunday & The Guardian**

### **Economics Commentator**

*Shortlist:*

- **Anthony Hilton – London Evening Standard**
- **Irwin Stelzer – The Sunday Times**
- **Martin Wolf – Financial Times**

### **Business Commentator – Sponsored by Vodafone**

*Shortlist:*

- **Alex Brummer – Daily Mail**
- **John Gapper – Financial Times**
- **Jeff Randall – The Daily Telegraph**

### **Foreign Commentator**

*Shortlist:*

- **Peter David – The Economist**
- **David Pilling – Financial Times**
- **Gideon Rachman – Financial Times**
- **Amir Taheri – The Times**

### **Media Commentator – Sponsored by Vodafone**

*Shortlist:*

- **Roy Greenslade – The Guardian**
- **Gideon Spanier – London Evening Standard**
- **Peter Wilby – New Statesman**

### **Independent Blogger**

*Shortlist:*

- **Guido Fawkes**
- **Sunny Hundal**
- **Tim Montgomerie**

### **Mainstream Media Blogger**

*Shortlist:*

- **David Allen Green – New Statesman**
- **Robert Peston – BBC**
- **David Rennie – The Economist**

### **Political Commentator – Sponsored by Weber Shandwick**

*Shortlist:*

- **Daniel Finkelstein – The Times**
- **Catherine Mayer - TIME**
- **Andrew Rawnsley – The Observer**

### **Sketch Commentator**

*Shortlist:*

- **Simon Hoggart – The Guardian**
- **Quentin Letts – Daily Mail**
- **Ann Treneman – The Times**

### **Sports Commentator**

*Shortlist:*

- **Mike Atherton - The Times**
- **Matthew Syed - The Times**
- **Richard Williams – The Guardian**

### **Twitter Commentator – Sponsored by Wardour**

*Shortlist:*

- **David Aaronovitch**
- **Martin Bright**
- **Paul Mason**
- **Stefan Stern**

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- 1) Editorial Intelligence is a media, analysis and networking business which runs an opinion former network including a range of thought leader events – the eiClub - for individuals and corporate members alike, and has a varied annual special events and publishing programme: [www.editorialintelligence.com](http://www.editorialintelligence.com).
- 2) Further details for the The Comment Awards 2011 including eligibility and judging criteria are on [www.commentawards.com](http://www.commentawards.com). Nominations were open 1st June 2011 – 31st July 2011 inclusive.
- 3) The judging process has been monitored for fairness by Harvey Goldsmith CBE – Chair of the judges.
- 4) Awards partners: Barclays & Jaguar Land Rover. Category sponsors include: Vodafone, Wardour & Weber Shandwick.
- 5) The judging process was monitored for fairness by Chair of the Judges Harvey Goldsmith CBE and Editorial Intelligence's Editorial Director, Charlie Burgess.