

## Editorial Intelligence announces the winners of The Comment Awards 2011 at RIBA, London.

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The media, analysis and networking business Editorial Intelligence ([www.editorialintelligence.com](http://www.editorialintelligence.com)), has announced the winners of The Comment Awards 2011. In their third year, The Comment Awards celebrate the work of the finest print and online commentators and their editors over the last twelve months.

The winners of the 15 categories, and the Chair's Choice award, were announced over a special breakfast at RIBA, London this morning in front of over 250 guests including the shortlisted candidates, category judges and key opinion formers across media, politics, business, academia and public life.

The ceremony was hosted by social commentator and ei associate Peter York and attended by Harvey Goldsmith CBE, Chair of the judges.

Category judges included Rory Cellan-Jones, Business Correspondent, BBC Economics & Business Unit; Damian Collins MP, MP for Folkestone & Hythe; Howell James CBE, Vice Chairman, Barclays Corporate Affairs; Baroness Oona King, Diversity Executive, Channel 4; Alexandra Shulman OBE, Editor, Vogue.

The ceremony was filmed and will be available on eiTV – [www.commentawards.com](http://www.commentawards.com) and [www.editorialintelligence.com](http://www.editorialintelligence.com).

The Comment Awards were held in association with lead partners Barclays and Jaguar Land Rover, as well as the category sponsors as listed below.

See [www.commentawards.com](http://www.commentawards.com) for further information on our category judges and sponsors.

### The Comment Awards 2011 – Winners

**Best Online Comment Site** *sponsored by Alpine Interactive UK*

Winner: **Mumsnet**

**Business Commentator** *sponsored by Vodafone*

Winner: **John Gapper**, Financial Times

**Cultural Commentator**

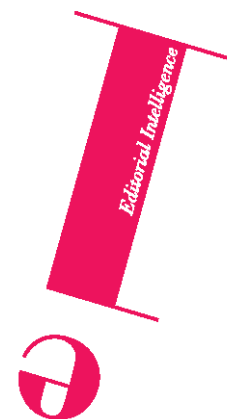
Winner: **Simon Kuper**, Financial Times

**Economics Commentator** *sponsored by ICAP plc*

Winner: **Irwin Stelzer**, The Sunday Times

**Foreign Commentator** *sponsored by Investcorp*

Winner: **David Pilling**, Financial Times



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### **Independent Blogger**

Winner: **Sunny Hundal**, [www.liberalconspiracy.org](http://www.liberalconspiracy.org) & [www.pickledpolitics.com](http://www.pickledpolitics.com)

### **Mainstream Media Blogger**

Winner: **Robert Peston**, BBC

### **Media Commentator** *sponsored by Vodafone*

Winner: **Peter Wilby**, New Statesman

### **Political Commentator** *sponsored by Weber Shandwick*

Winner: **Daniel Finkelstein**, The Times

### **Sketch Commentator**

Winner: **Ann Treneman**, The Times

### **Sports Commentator**

Winner: **Mike Atherton**, The Times

### **Twitter Commentator** *sponsored by Wardour*

Winner: **David Aaronovitch**, @DAaronovitch

### **Columnist of the Year** *sponsored by Chartwell*

Winner: **Hugo Rifkind**, The Times

### **Best Comment Pages** *sponsored by the ei Digest*

Winner: **Financial Times**

### **Commentariat of the Year** *sponsored by Jaguar Land Rover*

Winner: **Matthew d'Ancona**, The Sunday Telegraph & London Evening Standard

### **Chair's Choice** *chosen by Harvey Goldsmith CBE as Chair of the Judges*

Winner: **London Evening Standard**

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### **Notes to Editors:**

- 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 Chair of the Judges Harvey Goldsmith CBE and Editorial Intelligence's Editorial Director, Charlie Burgess
- 4) Awards partners: Barclays & Jaguar Land Rover. Category sponsors include: Alpine Interactive UK, Chartwell, ei Digest, ICAP plc, Investcorp, Vodafone, Wardour & Weber Shandwick.