

JOURNALISM, MEDIA LITERACY AND FREEDOM IN THE EU AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

ON-LINE TRAINING FORMULA

Component	Subject	Pre-recorded lecture	Self- study component	Live online session with the Training speaker	Team work
<p># 1: This component will give an input on balance in media reporting with practical exercises to facilitate the reflection on systems of power. The examples will include: human rights abuses, gender inequality, economic inequality, discrimination, etc. It will also refer to a question on where the line between objectivity, values, patriotism, and partisanship is.</p> <p>Lecturer: <i>Dominik K. Cagara</i></p>	Objectivity vs value-based reporting	<p>Media and systems of power (0,5 hr)</p> <p>Introduction to reporting conflicts (0,5 hr)</p>		<p>Political bias in reporting (1,5 hr)</p> <p>Reporting social and armed conflicts: Part 1. (1 hr)</p> <p>Reporting social and armed conflicts: Part 2. (1 hr)</p> <p>Debriefing and Q&A (1 hr)</p> <p>Debriefing and Q&A (1 hr)</p>	<p>Conflict-sensitivity workshop (1,5 hr)</p> <p>Gender-sensitivity workshop 1,5 hr)</p>
<p># 2: This component will be dedicated to investigative journalism. In the introduction part participants will learn about the basics of</p>	Investigative journalism	An introduction to investigative journalism		An introduction to investigative journalism	Journalistic investigation - workshop (part I –

<p>investigative journalism, what it is and what it is not, its goals, techniques, its limitations and importance of using proven facts. Participants will also learn about the investigative process and how to access open databases and other sources, while investigating i.a. tax avoidance of a person of interest.</p> <p>Lecturer: Blaž Zgaga</p>		<p>(0,5 hr)</p> <p>The investigative method (0,5 hr)</p>		<p>(1,5 hr)</p> <p>Investigative method and accessing open databases and other sources (1 hr)</p> <p>Security and ethics for investigative reporters (1 hr)</p> <p>Debriefing and Q&A (1 hr)</p>	<p>preliminary investigation) 1,5 hr</p> <p>Journalistic investigation - workshop (part II – deep investigation) 1,5 hr</p>
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Dominik K. Cagara is a co-founder of award-winning Open Caucasus Media, a digital platform focused on social issues in North and South Caucasus. He works with a broad network of correspondents to produce in-depth reports and set the agenda for regional debate. He conducts trainings in journalism, media literacy, and peace and conflict studies. Mr Cagara worked as a project manager and trainer at Caucasian House, Tbilisi, and as a reporter for numerous partners, i.a. Democracy & Freedom Watch, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, Open Democracy Russia, and the Chai Khana. He also worked for a project funded by the European Commission, the “Journalistic Craft for Neighbourhood”, dedicated to development of journalistic skills of media professionals from the EU and ENP countries. Mr Cagara has background in linguistics and global studies from the University of Gothenburg. He’s based in Tbilisi.

Blaž Zgaga is an investigative journalist from Slovenia who writes for the Croatian weekly news magazine Nacional. He is among 17 recipients of Deutsche Welle’s The Freedom of Speech Award 2020 for his journalistic work during coronavirus pandemic. He began his career at the Slovenian daily newspaper Delo and is an expert in national security, defense, corruption, tax evasion, and the business of sport. Mr Zgaga is the co-author of the investigative trilogy In the Name of the State, which explores arms trafficking into the Balkans during the conflicts of the 1990s. He’s a member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and works with European Investigative Collaborations (EIC). His articles have appeared in Der Spiegel, The Guardian, Mediapart, L’Espresso, and many other publications. Blaž Zgaga was named among Reporters without Borders’ 100 Information Heroes in 2014 and shares the New York Press Club award and the Scripps-Howard award, among others. He is incoming Journalist in Residence 2021 at Booth School of Business (University of Chicago).

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