



SELF PROGRAM 2024/2025

A History of Journalism and Its Multiple Crises in the Internet Age

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Course information

Number of credits : 6 credits

Contact hours : 30 hours

Hours taught per week : 2,5 hours (Thursday 14h-16h30)

Teaching period : Spring Semester 2025

Course description :

This course will examine first the emergence and codification of modern journalism as democracy develops in the United States, the UK, and Western Europe between 1850 and 1950. We shall then review the period of mature journalism (esp. radio, television, and print media 1950-1990) before turning to the multiple crises that arise during the Internet age (disinformation campaigns, collapse of local newspapers, erosion of the business model

based on advertising, undermining of public media, abolition of the “fairness doctrine”, effects of blogs and TikTok, etc.) and the problems that result for democracy and civil society when journalism is captured, muzzled, or broken.

Course topics will be treated via short written and video documents.

Prerequisites:

Course objectives:

Assessment:

Students will be graded on three assignments: mid-term quiz, short paper, final exam + optional oral presentation

Attendance:

In order to participate, students must be present. Nevertheless, a maximum of 2 (two) unexcused absences will be allowed; otherwise no mark will be given. An unexcused absence at a test (final test or continuous assessment) means no credits for the course.

Bibliography: