

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION JOURNALISM

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

MA in Digital Media, Communication & Journalism

Pathway 2: European Journalism

**Research Seminar: Reporting Europe**

**Spring Semester 2016-17**

**Wednesday 17:00 – 19:30**

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This course wishes to encourage students to work on several important political, economic, societal and global dimensions/challenges of Europe, which not only occupy a central position in the agenda of European Journalism, but also affect the formation of public attitudes towards European integration.

The challenges/problems that students will work on are:

1. Economy/debt crisis
2. Refugee/Migration Crisis
3. Brexit
4. Populism/Nationalism
5. Geopolitical changes/risks
6. Terrorism
7. Civil-military cooperation in refugee camps + election results Holland and France

Students will work on research projects in small groups.

***In so doing, they will not only have to develop the plan, methodology, bibliographical sources and organization of the projects themselves, but will also be expected to present (during the term) and submit project/journalistic articles/reports (at the end of the term).***

The objective of this form of work and evaluation is twofold:

* that students enrich their knowledge about the economic, social, political and global contexts of Europe/European Union, and in so doing improve their analytical skills and insight by researching and scrutinizing a problem/challenge of the EU
* To write projects/articles reflecting a critical and analytical ‘European perspective’

Working Plan:

Lectures

* 1st week: Current Challenges of the EU
* 2nd week: Prospects of the EU

Group Presentations

* 3rd week: Economy/debt crisis
* 4th week: Brexit
* 5th week: Populism/Nationalism
* 6th week: Geopolitical changes/risks
* 7th week: Terrorism

Guest Speaker

8th week: to be arranged

Develop/ Create an on-line blog, that concentrates on critical research of the EU, European Integration and contemporary internal/ external challenges/problems.

* Weeks 9-13