

Journalism: Critical ethical issues

An IAMCR Post Conference

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Conference Description

The digital transformation, emerging fields of practice and social, political and economic changes around the world are reshaping the practice of Journalism as well as threatening some of its core principles, challenging practitioners, educators and academics.

Not only the objectivity paradigm, widespread in Western societies, is being increasingly questioned, altering the balance between news and opinion; the capacity of the news media to correctly interpret social trends and movements is in question, and alternative models are being tested outside mainstream coverage. Strong criticism is also directed to the ability of news media to look at and make visible the reality of diversity with responsibility and more social actors and groups demand a fair representation. Other source of concern is the preservation of the specificities of news media systems in the various parts of the world.

Technology is a breakthrough in every field. The influence of algorithmic-based social platforms is surging and in the battle against the spread of fake news, at levels never seen before, the level of medium credibility is a weakness. The fight against fake news has fostered cooperation within international teams of investigative reporters and verification projects, but on the other hand we face a rise of independent fact-checking initiatives, social distrust and post-truth, as well as severe evidences of the limitations of accountability and self-regulation in media systems.

These and other challenges matter to journalists and academics, and notably to Journalism educators. Long-standing issues, such as the discussion about ethics and individual behavior are gaining more visibility. Discussing new production forms in an industry that transforms itself incessantly is important, but it is even more important to reflect upon the criteria and ethics of journalistic production, not restricting the discussion to the capacity, of lack thereof, of deontological codes to guide actions.

The Post Conference proposes “Critical ethical issues” as the main theme and invites proposals that address, but are not limited to, ethical issues related to journalism, such as:

- Journalism and the narrative of otherness
- Journalism and human rights
- Ethical Journalism education
- Journalists cultures and ideologies
- Journalism, hate speech and intolerance
- Journalism, fake news and disinformation
- Journalism and censorship
- Journalism and political/ economic pressure

Venue

Universitat Ramon Llull. Barcelona (Spain)

Date

12 July 2019

Proposals

Abstracts (300-350 words plus references) are due on April 10. Email to journalismethicsiamcr2019@gmail.com

Languages

The Post Conference “Journalism: Critical ethical issues” accepts abstracts and presentations in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese (all presentations with a PPT in English).

Registration fee

IAMCR Members: 25 euros.

Non IAMCR members: 35 euros.

Key dates

April 10	Deadline for abstracts submission
April 20	Notification of acceptance
May 15	Deadline to confirm participation
May 15 - June 10	Registration
Jun 20	Draft program
July 12	Post Conference

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