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Information and conflict I: the media and violence

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 16-07-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Communication and Media Studies Department

Coordinating teacher: MACIA BARBER, CARLOS

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 4 Semester: 2

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

News Reporting

Information Law in Interactive and Multimedia Context

Newspaper Reporting

Journalistic Information about Situations, Trends and Social Problems

Courts Journalism

Interpretative and Investigative Reporting

Opinion Journalism

Media Theory

Spanish Language and the Media

Theory and Analysis of the Audiovisual Documentary

Radio Journalism

Online Journalism

Television Journalism

OBJECTIVES

Preparation for treatment under the various journalistic genres, those topics of general public interest and relevance whose central axis are forms of violence and conflicts of a structural nature (terrorism, armed conflicts, racial conflicts, violence, social violence ...) in a given social context. Training for the analysis of conflict situations.

Recognize the differences between explaining, interpreting and giving opinions to beyond the fact of which are reported to be situated within the context in which their meanings are recognized. The meaning is the big difference between appearance and reality, between the news story and the framework in which the story makes sense.

Learn to develop their own stories of committed journalism not only the veracity of the facts about which reports, but with the search of the web of meanings that often hinder access to the source, the core, the essence that gives sense of the fact; origin without which its effects are blurred, diluted as mere noise and spread information without interruption.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- 1. Conflict as a criterion of journalism
 - 1.1. Conflict, aggressiveness, violence
 - 1.2. Storytelling and interpretation of violence
- 2. Journalistic principles in situations of violence
 - 2.1. Journalistic ethics and deontology: regulations, codes, recommendations, style guides
 - 2.2. The perspective of citizenship: characteristics and positioning of social demand
 - 2.3. The use of journalistic genres: trends and consequences
 - 2.4. Practice in the media: titling, style, language, images and sources
- 3. Journalistic coverage and violence
 - 3.1. The terrorism
 - 3.2. War and armed clashes
 - 3.3. ethnic and racial conflicts
 - 3.4. Domestic and gender violence

Violence and Media. Ethics and journalistic deontology

Reporting on:

- War and Conflict
- War and Conflict II
- Terrorism
- War on Terror
- Immigration
- Drugs
- Gender Violence
- Violence against children
- Violence and historic memory
- Hate speech

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

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The student must obtain a grade of 5.0 out of 10.0 to consider their minimum performance in the study accredited.

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% end-of-term-examination: 40 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 60

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