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## European Journalism Training Association's Teachers' Conference 2018

### Crisis Reporting

[www.ejta2018.com](http://www.ejta2018.com)

**Dates:** 18-19/10/18

**Working languages:** English, Greek

**Organizer:** School of Journalism and Mass Media Communications, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

**Venue:** Thessaloniki Concert Haul M2 building, Thessaloniki, Greece

Over the last few years, media organisations and journalists have to cope with major events in the form of crisis. The news is more often dominated by crises: sudden outbreaks of diseases, unexpected political and military crises, extreme weather crises, food crises, energy crises, environmental crises, financial crises. Journalists and news organizations have a unique and important role to play when covering national or international crises. What is the role of professional journalism in this? How well they cover crises (for instance during the financial crisis in Greece)? What can we learn from that? And most of all: what does it mean for our teaching and HOW (best practices, examples) can we prepare our students for this?

The aim of the conference is to discuss how journalists and media should report risk and crisis.

More specifically, we aim to bring forward challenges, opportunities and responses needed in a changing media ecosystem. The shift towards this new environment means that crisis journalism should be on focus. The core objective of the conference is to facilitate the exchange of undergraduate and post-graduate teaching resources and ideas.

#### Key questions that will be addressed in the conference

What are the core skills and knowledge that are required today? How can the theory and the practice of journalism be combined to complement the profile of contemporary multi-skilled

journalists? What is the role of technology in this contest? How should educational standards be revised taking into account the rapidly changing media environment?

**Topics to be discussed/Key questions:**

- Risk Communication and Crisis Journalism
- What is the role of professional journalism in this?
- What is the role of technology?
- What is the role of competencies/knowledge?
- What is the role of ethics?
- What does it mean for our teaching and HOW (best practices, examples) can we prepare our students for this in a better and future-oriented way.

The conference will also feature a young researchers section.

Please note that although we encourage all conference participants to submit abstracts, which will later be published in a book of abstracts and available to be downloaded online, this is completely optional for EJTA members. If you are an EJTA member and wish to attend without presenting a paper, please submit only the registration form. If you are unsure whether you are linked to any institution as an institutional member, feel free to contact EJTA at [info@ejta.eu](mailto:info@ejta.eu). Participation in the conference is free of charge to the EJTA members. The registration fee for non-EJTA members is 250 Euros.

Visit the conference website, <http://www.ejta2018.com/> in order to fill the registration form. In case you are interested in presenting your work in the conference include the necessary information in the registration form and send the abstract of your presentation in the conference email

***Deadline for registration and abstract submission is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (23:59 Greek time)***

*Decisions on acceptance of abstracts will be communicated to applicants in due time.*

**All questions can be addressed to the Local Organizing Committee:**

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