

## COURSE DETAIL

### CONSTRUCTIVE JOURNALISM IN TIMES OF CRISIS

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Free University of Berlin

**Program(s)**

Free University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Communication

**UCEAP Course Number**

122

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

CONSTRUCTIVE JOURNALISM IN TIMES OF CRISIS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CONSTRUCT JOURNALISM

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

As we observe increased news-avoidance, particularly among young adults, questions arise as to how journalists can counteract the trend and at the same time potentially redefine their role in public discourse. In this context, we will explore the role of constructive journalism in navigating and reporting on crises, such as natural disasters, pandemics, political upheavals, social and armed conflicts. Through a combination of theoretical discussions, case studies, and practical exercises, we will examine how journalism can go beyond traditional reporting to foster constructive dialogue, promote solutions, inspire change, and offer multiple perspectives during times of crisis. Thus the course objectives include: understanding the principles and concepts of constructive journalism, analyzing the challenges and opportunities of reporting on crises, examining case studies of constructive journalism in various crisis contexts, developing critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating media coverage of crises, as well as practicing constructive journalism techniques through hands-on exercises and projects.

### Language(s) of Instruction

### Host Institution Course Number

28571

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Medien- und Kommunikationswissenschaft

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