

## COURSE DETAIL

### CONTRADICTING IN AND AGAINST JOURNALISM

**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**

124

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

CONTRADICTING IN AND AGAINST JOURNALISM

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CONTRADICTNG JRNLSM

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

Contradicting is a fundamental practice in journalism's construction of reality. This ranges from showing "both sides of a story" to making contradictions themselves newsworthy. Yet, in a media environment where multiple competing claims exist side-by-side, how do journalists adjudicate between contradicting statements and sources? And how does journalism itself become an object of contradiction in this environment? This seminar tackles these questions by combining praxeological theoretical approaches with research on journalistic epistemology. First, the course discusses the key concepts and theories of contradicting as they relate to journalism as an institution of knowledge production. Building on this theoretical foundation, students analyze how journalism navigates contradiction in two ways: first, how it manages contradicting claims in its coverage, and second, how it responds when its reporting is contradicted by outside sources. For this, students analyze self-selected examples of journalistic reporting to apply these theoretical frameworks to concrete examples. By the end of the seminar, students are able to formulate a concise research question and critically analyze journalistic content.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

28574

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## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Institut für Publizistik- und Kommunikationswissenschaft

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