European Leadership & Debate Academy

"The critical state of a democracy can be measured by taking the pulse of the life of its political public sphere."
Jürgen Habermas

Seminar

Digital journalism between politics and propaganda

Call for Applications
29 June – 3 July 2016, Kyiv

Democracy requires more than only procedural rules, the aggregation of votes or mechanisms for holding politicians accountable. Democracy rests on a public sphere and, as an integral element of the former, free and independent journalism.

Addressing young journalists (between 20 and 35 years) from Ukraine, Moldova, Azerbaijan and Georgia, our workshop offers practical insights and strategic reflection on the role and relevance of journalism in modern democracies.

When, where and how?
29 June – 3 July 2016 in Kyiv.
The 5-day seminar is taught in English.

What?
Over the past years and due to the rise of the internet, we have witnessed a democratization of public communication. However, as individuals exercise their right to communicate through blogs, Facebook and Twitter, journalism as we know it has faced significant challenges. In times of communicative abundance, where information is readily available in real time and for free, the value of news is put into question: economically, but also culturally and socially. Against this background, the workshop turns towards the strategic question how independent journalism that meets certain professional and ethical standards can fulfill its functions for democracy and be profitable under changing technical and social conditions. The curriculum, designed and taught by leading scholars and practitioners from journalism and the think tank industry, consists of theoretical inputs and joint discussions on the challenges and competences associated with digital journalism.
Strong emphasis is placed on new concept and tools, international best practices and practical projects which are directly relevant to the participants' professional work.

Who?
Potential participants work as journalists, bloggers or in multimedia sphere. They should be passionate about their role in the democratic process and take an active interest in the future of a digital journalism – independent from propaganda and ideology.

Who are the organizers?
The European Young Leader Academy is organized by the European Leadership and Debate Academy (ELDA) in cooperation with Stahlmedien Germany, the Academy of Ukrainian Press, the award winning German blog CARTA. Funding is provided by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. More information about the project can be found at http://bit.ly/1W5bnoX

Costs?
16 participants will be selected and invited to Kyiv. The organizers will cover travel, accommodation and board during the workshop.

How to apply?
To apply, please fill out the attached application form and send it, together with a CV and a motivation letter

no later than May 27, 2016, to
cs@stahlmedien.com

Application Form

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Surname:
First name:

Professional position and institution:

Age:

Nationality:

Country:

Address:

Email:

phone (including country code):

Please, add a CV along with a motivation letter (5.000 characters, including spaces maximum) outlining why you want to participate no later than May 27, 2016: