**European Journalism Training Association’s**

**Teachers’ Conference 2017**

**JOURNALISM EDUCATION ACROSS BORDERS**

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**Dates:** October 19-20, 2017

**Working languages**: English, Russian

**Organizer:** Faculty of Journalism, Lomonosov Moscow State University

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The academic and industrial world is facing a change in the roles and functions journalists traditionally perform in society and in media companies. Globalization, digitalization, mediatization, deprofessionalization of journalistic activities, user empowerment, as well as the remaining national specifics of media systems across the globe, influence those roles and bring up the question of how journalism should be taught in a rapidly changing reality. Today, we see that the borders between audience and journalists, virtual and “real life”, facts and fiction, as well as between all kinds of communication platforms, have been irretrievably crossed. These new conditions influence media markets too, which in their turn lead to change in the professional competences journalists should possess, along with the demands that face them, in the 21st century*.* Given the fact that traditional borders have to be overcome, we should ask ourselves what professional attitude, skills and knowledge are required today? How can the balance between theory and practice in the education of journalists be reached? What are the new forms and techniques to be used in the preparation of future journalists (team work, project work, etc.)? How should educational standards be re-worked, taking into account that shifting reality?

This conference aims to discuss journalism education in a global context, putting particular emphasis on professional, social, ideological, cultural and economic conditions, influencing the way journalists are educated today across the world.

The event will coincide with the meeting of the Forum of European Journalism Students in Moscow (FEJS), which will facilitate discussions about journalists’ education from both academics’ and students’ perspectives.

**Topics to be discussed:**

* Crossing academic borders: how to bring together academic and professional demands?
* Crossing geographical borders: how to stimulate the mobility of students (higher and mid-career education)?
* Crossing ideological borders: how to contribute to depolarization within society and on a global level?
* Crossing social borders: how to represent all groups in the society?
* Crossing competence borders: how to teach hybrid competences?
* Crossing educational borders: how to adapt curricula to changing professional realities?
* Crossing professional borders: how to respond to non-professional journalism?

The conference will also feature a Russian-language section devoted to journalism education in Russia and CIS countries: its current state, challenges and trends.

**Keynote speakers:**

*TBC*

**Registration form should include:**

1. Full name;
2. Name of institution;
3. Position, title;
4. Phone number, e-mail;
5. Title of the presentation;
6. Abstract (up to 500 words) in .doc or .docx in English or Russian – *OPTIONAL for EJTA members*

Please note that although we encourage all conference participants to submit abstracts, which will later be published in a book of abstracts and available for free download online, this is completely optional for EJTA members. If you are an EJTA member and wish to attend without presenting a paper, please send in the registration form only. 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). All non-members should submit both their registration form AND an abstract.

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

**The registration form and (optional) abstract should be sent by e-mail to** [*ejta2017@mail.ru*](mailto:ejta2017@mail.ru).There are to be no email submissions of either registration forms or abstracts addressed to EJTA direct or any of EJTA’s board members.

**Deadline for the submission of abstract and registration form:** *July 25, 2017*

Please note that this deadline will not be extended. The Local Organizing Committee will need time to ensure all conference attendees, who need Russian visas, receive visa invitations as soon as possible and have time to obtain their visas in their home countries.

Decisions on acceptance of abstracts will be communicated to applicants no later than August 10, **2017**.

Submitted abstracts will generally be evaluated on the basis of:

1. quality of writing
2. relevance of the submission to the work of the conference
3. originality and/or significance of the work

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

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