Department of Media Studies

Stockholm University

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Journalism and Populism/Nativism
Journalistik och populism/nativism

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	JO7036
Valid from:	Spring 2022
Date of approval:	2021-06-09
Department	Department of Media Studies
Main field:	Journalism
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus has been established by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2021-06-09 approved by the Department Board at the Department of Media Studies 2021-06-09.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in social sciences, humanities or technical subject and English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
JP01	Journalism and Populism/Nativism	7.5

Course content

The course deals with the relationship between contemporary journalism and what has been defined as "populist" and "nativist" twists in modern politics. A study of the political, organizational, ideological and technical foundations of contemporary journalism will form the basis of this focus. Initially, the term "populist" is examined, as is research that critically examines "populism," in order to provide students with a basic understanding of a concept that has become widely accepted but often oversimplified and misunderstood. This is followed by an examination of the role that journalism (privately owned and public service), alternative media and social media platforms play by not only representing and reporting on the populist phenomenon, but also providing space for this political movement to develop and grow. The course will also address the development of related phenomena such as disinformation, "fake news" and "hyperpartisan media".

Learning outcomes

For a passing grade on the course, the student must be able to: - account for current research and theories about populism / nativism; - present current research and theories on the relationship between journalism, media and social media and populism / nativism; demonstrate the ability to critically examine the effects of media structures, practices, funding, use and reception on the development of populism and nativism.

Education

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Course requirements: seminars are compulsory elements of the course. Teaching is in English. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description is available no later than one month before the start of the course.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined through an individual exam and written assignments. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description is available no later than one month before the start of the course. b. Grading takes place according to a goal-related seven-point grading scale: A = Excellent B = Very good C = Good D = Satisfactory E = Sufficient Fx = Insufficient F = Completely insufficient c. The written grading criteria are communicated to the students at the start of the course. Announced goal-related grading criteria are binding. d. In order to pass the final grade on the course, a minimum grade of E is required on all examination assignments and completed course requirements. If there are special reasons, the examiner may, after consultation with the responsible teacher, grant the student exemption from the obligation to participate in certain compulsory teaching or fulfillment of compulsory tasks. The student can then be assigned a compensation assignment. Examination assignments that are not submitted on time are not assessed. e. For each course opportunity, at least two examination opportunities are offered. In the academic year in which a course opportunity is missing, at least one examination opportunity is offered. Students who have received the grade Fx or F on an examination twice in a row by one and the same examiner have the right to have another examiner appointed at the next examination, unless special reasons militate against it. Requests for this must be made to the department board. Students who have received the lowest grade E may not undergo a re-examination for higher grades. f. Opportunity to supplement the grade Fx up to a passing grade is not given on this course.

Interim

When the syllabus is revoked, the student has the right to be examined once per semester according to the present syllabus during a completion period of three semesters.

Limitations

The course may not be credited in a degree at the same time as a completed and approved course within or outside the country, the content of which fully or partially corresponds to the content of the course.

Required reading

For current course literature, please refer to the department's website at www.ims.su.se. The current bibliography is available no later than two months before the start of the course.