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Understanding through Media



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## From Post-Truth to Pseudoscience: Understanding the Impact of Disinformation on our Societies

INTERDISCIPLINARY INTENSIVE STUDY PROGRAMME (ISP)  
ONLINE, JULY 19-21 & SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2021

Changing media landscapes and dynamic flows of information have had an impact on how different topics are approached within society – not least because we have seen a rise in mis/disinformation in recent years, currently observable in connection to COVID-19, but also in relation to other widely discussed subjects such as 5G, climate change or migration. In this context the Erasmus+ project ERUM – “Enhancing Research Understanding through Media” would like to open up a space for discussion and mutual learning between students and researchers of different fields, media stakeholders and policy makers to reflect upon the role of universities and the media within our knowledge societies.

To foster this process, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) is hosting an ISP for students of different disciplines at master and PhD level. The programme will be guided by the following questions: **How can we debunk pseudoscience and fake news? How do different types of mis- and disinformation spread online? How are media stakeholders addressing the problem of mis- and disinformation in their everyday work and which challenges are they facing? How are controversial issues reported on and which impact does this have on our societies?** The aim is to help participants gain a better understanding of current scientific debates that attract large amounts of dis/misinformation and to train transversal skills relevant to tackle the spread of dis/misinformation within their field. The ISP will include exchanges with professional journalists and researchers. Additionally, participants will also have the chance to enhance their media literacy and give feedback to learning material prepared by the ERUM partner universities.

The ISP will be held online in two parts, July 19-21, and September 13-14, 2021. The programme offers free lectures, group work, hands-on activities and plenty of occasions for networking. The schedule will be available on the ERUM website by mid-June 2021. Participation will be awarded with **3 ECTS** (participation in both parts is a requirement). All students, journalists and teachers will receive a certificate of attendance.

**Participation in the ISP is free of charge.**

Deadline for registration: June 30, 2021

To participate please contact Theodora Saridou at: [saridout@jour.auth.gr](mailto:saridout@jour.auth.gr) and include a short paragraph explaining your motivation

We are looking forward to welcoming you online for an exciting ISP!  
Nikos Panagiotou and Andreas Veglis, AUTH

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