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# **“EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LITERARY JOURNALISM SCHOLARS”**

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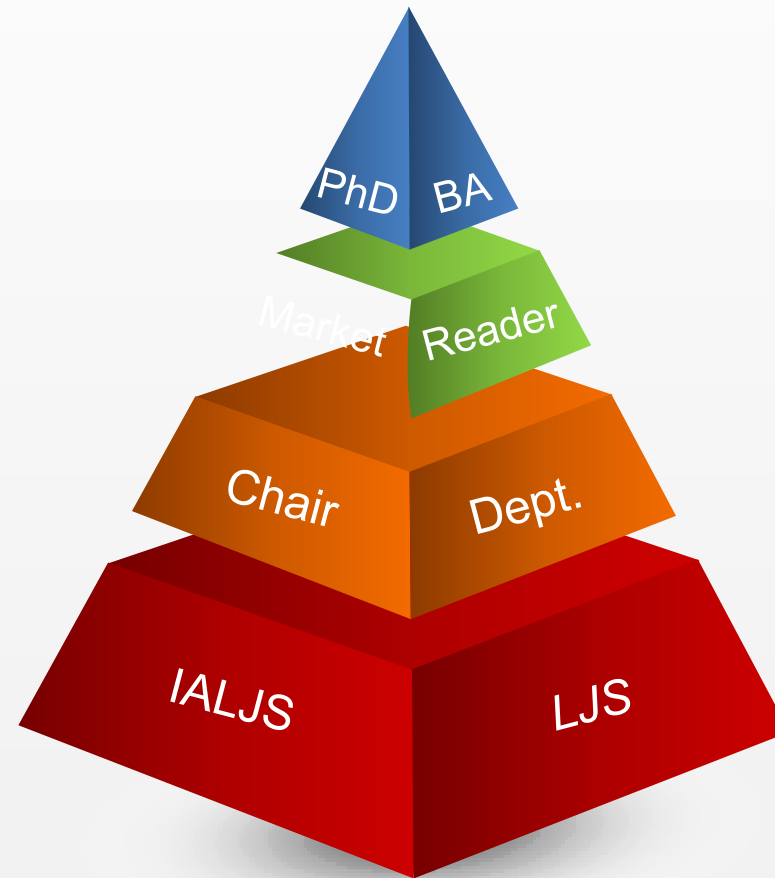
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Establish a community of like-minded scholars.

## Phase 2

Create a university Chair and Institute specifically for the study of Literary Journalism



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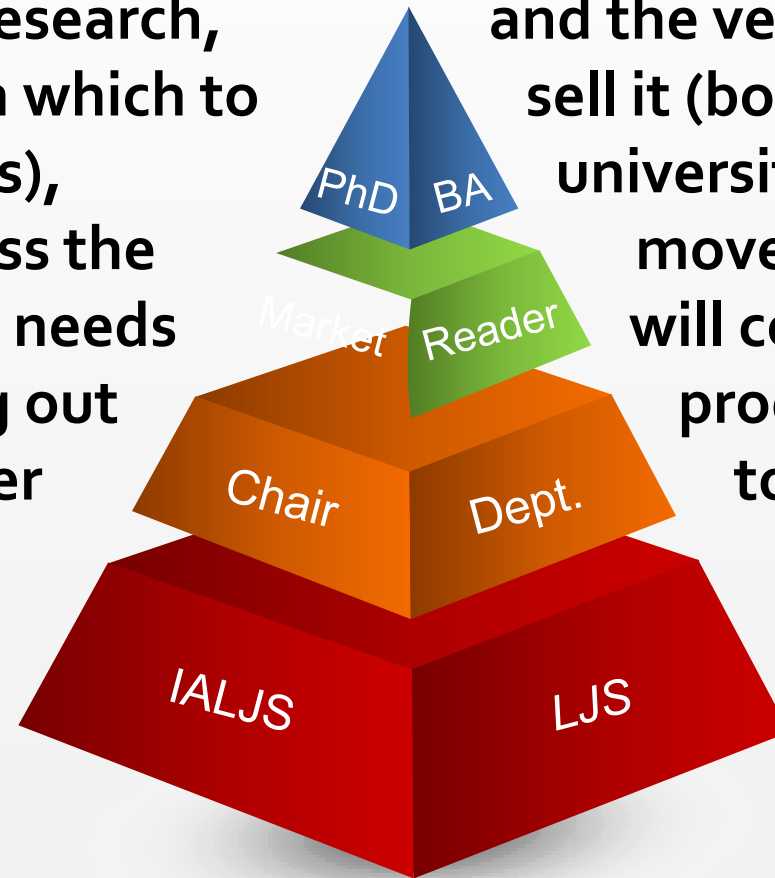
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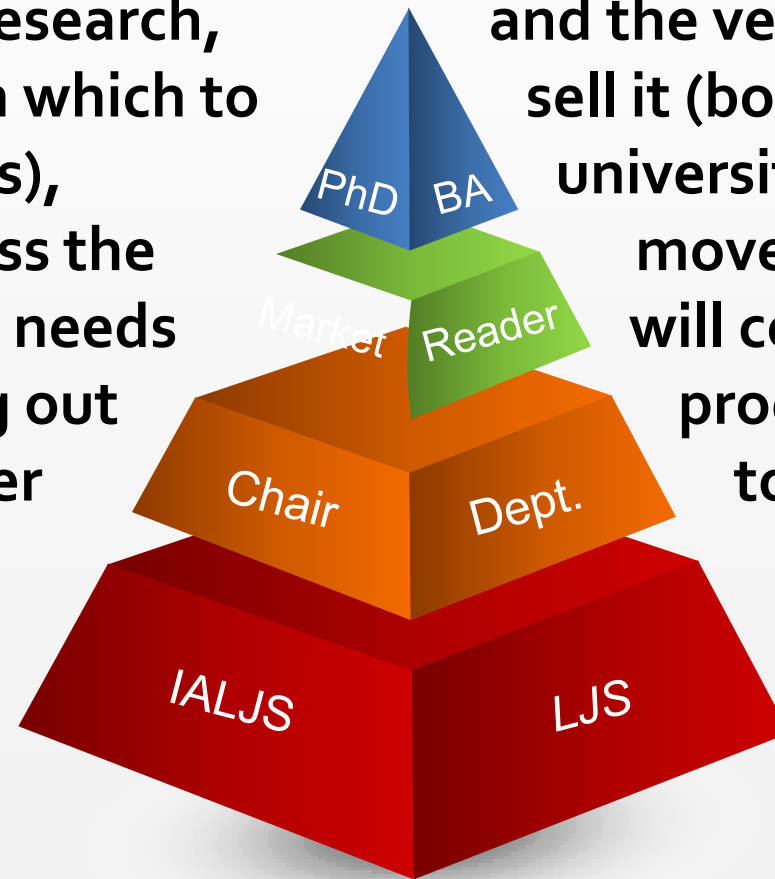
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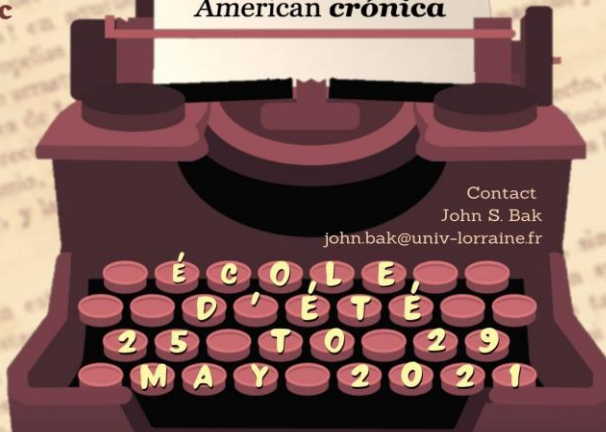
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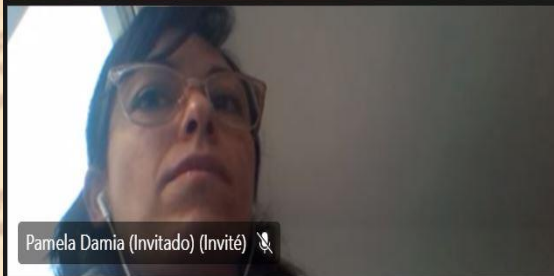
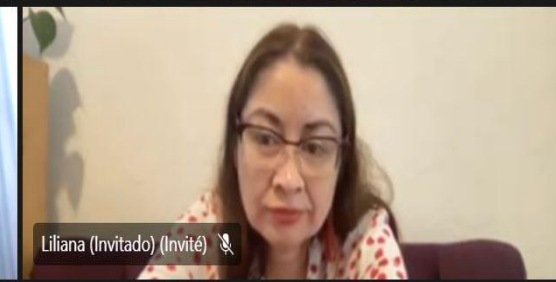
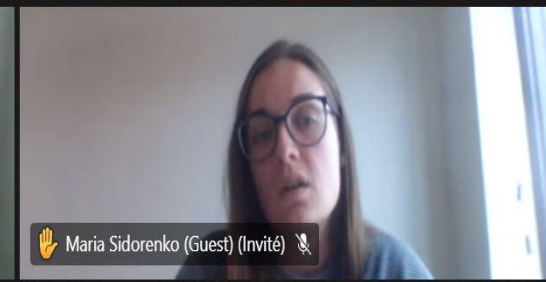
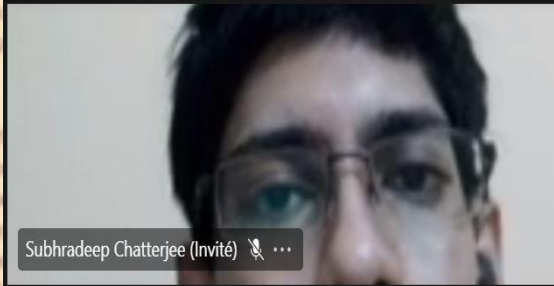
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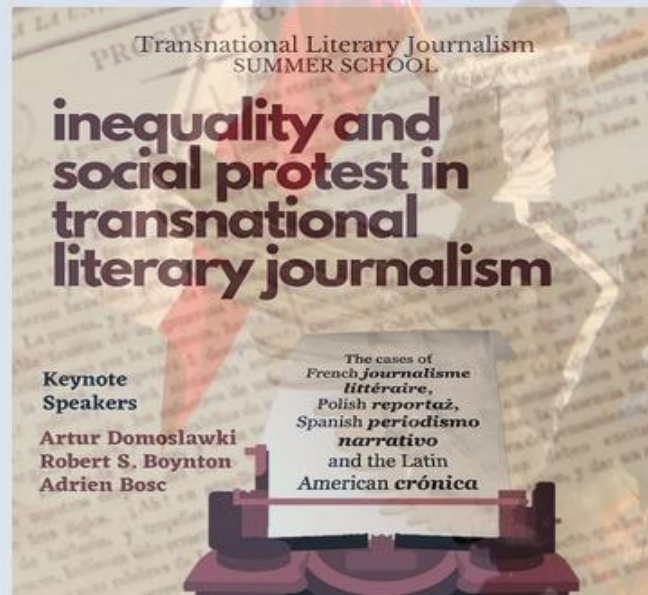
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## Course Description (online and in-person)

Literary journalism - or journalism as literature - is journalistic writing that reads like fiction but which is based entirely on immersive research, eyewitness accounts and verifiable facts as closely scrutinized as possible. Situated comfortably between two axes of media pedagogy and research, literary journalism (*journalisme littéraire* in French, *periodismo literario* in Spanish, *reportaż* in Polish and *crónica* in Latin America) represents a form of written communication that is both literary and journalistic in form and aesthetic but which informs and educates the public, provides detailed historical and cultural contexts and editorial commentaries and, potentially, alters socio-political policy and opinion.

This online and in-person five-day graduate course for Master's and PhD students - throughout Europe and, potentially, Latin America - of Journalism, Communications, Media Studies, English, Spanish, Polish or French Literature, Latin American History, Cultural Studies or Government Policy will explore how current trends in narrative literary journalism in France, Spain, Poland as well as in Chile are reshaping the media landscape of each country, providing a significant panacea not only to counter the decline in print media readership but also to placate the readers' growing distrust in that media's global message.

Following morning and afternoon workshops and lectures on seven principal themes treated in literary journalism (war, immigration, drug trafficking, autocratic politics and social inequalities), students (Master's, doctoral and postdoctoral) and interested faculty members will be introduced to the historical and cultural motivations behind the current popularity of literary journalism in France, Spain, Poland and Chile. Professional Polish (Artur Domostawski), French (Adrien Bosc) and American (Robert S. Boynton) literary journalist writers and editors will be on hand to speak to the graduate students and faculty about their experiences in research and writing reportages over the years and in currently editing magazines and books dedicated to the genre, *Polityka*, *Revue Feuilleton*, and *The New New Journalism*, and in running a graduate program at New York University, "Literary Reportage," dedicated to teaching and shaping the next generation of literary journalists.



At the end of the course, students will be required to develop their own pedagogical unit (modeled after one of the seven themes presented or based on an entirely different theme not addressed during the course) and present it orally in English, Spanish, Polish or French before the group.

The Summer School course is sponsored in part by the ECOS Sud/ANID "CRONICA" project N° C18H01 (Comparative Reportages: An Ontology of French Narrative Journalistic Influences in Chile and Argentina), RÉCOLTE (Comex, Lorraine Université d'Excellence), the research centers IDEA (UR 2338), CERCLE (UR 4372), CREM (UR 3476), and LIS (UR7305), the Humanities Faculty of the Université de Lorraine (UFR ALL), and the École Doctorale HNFB (ED 411). The Summer School is also partnered with the University of Warsaw's Centre de civilisation française et d'études francophones en Pologne – CCFEF | Ośrodek Kultury Francuskiej i Studiów Frankofońskich w Polsce – OKFISF.



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#### Instructors:

- John S. Bak, PR, Université de Lorraine, IDEA (UR 2338)
- Patricia Poblete Alday, PR, Universidad Academia de Humanismo Cristiano
- Roberto Miguel Herrscher, MCF, Universidad Diego Portales
- Marcela Aguilar, PR, Universidad Diego Portales
- Audrey Alvès, MCF, Université de Lorraine, CREM (UR 3476)
- Anna Saignes, MCF HDR, Université de Grenoble Alpes, LITTBARTS (UMR 5316)
- Aleksandra Wiktorowska, postdoc, Université de Lorraine, IDEA (UR 2338), and the Centre for French Culture and Francophone Studies, University of Warsaw
- Antonio Cuartero Naranjo, postdoc, Universidad de Málaga
- Loïc Ballarini, MCF, Université de Lorraine, CREM (UR 3476)

#### Professional Guest Speakers:

Artur Domostawski, Polish grand reporter: *Polityka*  
(<https://www.polityka.pl/TygodnikPolityka>)  
Adrien Bosc, editor: *Revue Feuilleton*  
(<http://www.editions-du-sous-sol.com/feuilleton/>)  
Robert S. Boynton, writer, editor and director of "Literary Reportage," NYU  
(<https://journalism.nyu.edu/graduate/programs/literary-reportage/faculty/>)

#### Course Content Modules:

Individual modules are intended to teach students via lectures and workshops, with specific reading assignments of the history and the function of *journalisme littéraire*, *reportage* and the *crónica* per the seven different themes. A group project is required by the end of the week-long course.



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### Module 1: Cultural Studies, Literary Journalism and Social Protest

Directors: John S. Bak & Aleksandra Wiktorowska (Languages: English, Español, Français, Polski)

1. *Shah of Shahs* by Ryszard Kapuściński (in original Polish, its Spanish translation, and its English translation), 1982
2. *Massacre in Mexico* by Elena Poniatowska (in original language and its English translation, there is no Polish translation available for this book), 1971
3. *Yo muero hoy* by Olga Rodríguez, 2012
4. *The Buried: An Archaeology of the Egyptian Revolution* by Peter Hessler, 2019
5. *Le peuple et le président: le récit inédit d'un face-à-face historique* by Cécile Amar and Cyril Graziani, 2019
6. *Le peuple de la frontière, 2000 km de marche à la rencontre des Français qui n'attendaient pas Macron* by Gérald Andrieu, 2017

## THE DEAD FLAME

The revolution put an end to the Shah's rule. It destroyed the palace and buried the monarchy. It all began with an apparently small mistake on the part of the imperial authority. With that one false step, the monarchy signed its own death warrant.

The causes of a revolution are usually sought in objective conditions—general poverty, oppression, scandalous abuses. But this view, while correct, is one-sided. After all, such conditions exist in a hundred countries, but revolutions erupt rarely. What is needed is the consciousness of poverty and the consciousness of oppression, and the conviction that poverty and oppression are not the natural order of this world. It is curious that in this case, experience in and of itself, no matter how painful, does not suffice. The indispensable catalyst is the word, the explanatory idea. More than petards or stilettoes, therefore, words—uncontrolled words, circulating freely, underground, rebelliously, not gotten up in dress uniforms, uncertified—frighten tyrants. But sometimes it is the official, uniformed, certified words that bring about the revolution.

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Revolution must be distinguished from revolt, *coup d'état*, palace takeover. A coup or a palace takeover may be planned, but a revolution—never. Its outbreak, the hour of that outbreak, takes everyone, even those who have been striving for it, unawares. They stand amazed at the spontaneity that appears suddenly and destroys everything in its path. It demolishes so ruthlessly that in the end it may annihilate the ideals that called it into being.

It is a mistaken assumption that nations wronged by history (and they are in the majority) live with the constant thought of revolution, that they see it as the simplest solution. Every revolution is a drama, and humanity instinctively avoids dramatic situations. Even if we find ourselves in such a situation we look feverishly for a way out, we seek calm and, most often, the commonplace. That is why revolutions never last long. They are a last resort, and if people turn to revolution it is only because long experience has taught

# Ecoles d'été

## École d'été Courrier

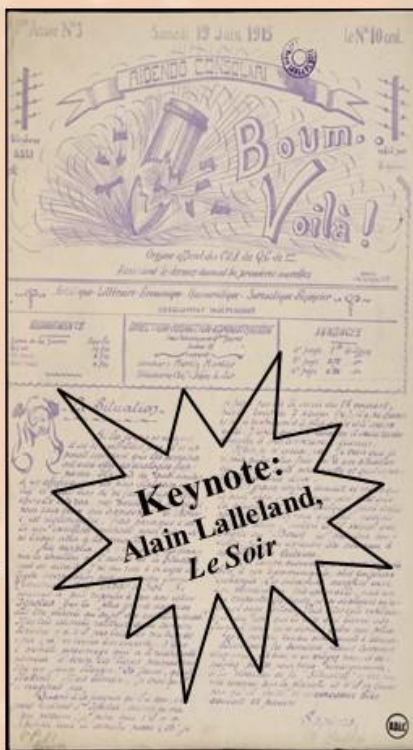
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### Literary Journalism of the Interwar Years

#### The Cases of France, Germany and England

The second Summer School of the ReportAGES research project, this six-day graduate course for Master's and PhD students will explore how historical trends in narrative literary journalism in France, Germany and other nations of the interwar years reshaped the media landscape of each country, distinguishing a European development of the genre not just from its Anglo-American cousins but also from each other.

Following morning and afternoon workshops and lectures on eight principal themes treated in literary journalism (war, immigration, autocratic politics, criminality and social inequalities), students (Master's, doctoral and postdoctoral) and interested faculty members will be introduced to the historical and cultural motivations behind the current popularity of literary journalism in France, Germany and other nations. Professional in the field of literary reportage, Alain Lallemand, will speak to the graduate students and faculty about their experiences in researching and producing reportages over the years for *Le Soir*.



**23–28 May 2022**  
**Nancy, France**

The Summer School is open to all Master's and PhD students, postdocs, and faculty members in Europe or abroad (retired, part- or full-time).

French PhD students will receive 5 crédits toward the *Formations disciplinaires, Formations transverses* or *Langues: Anglais-FLE* requirements of their *École Doctorale*.

Master's students cannot receive ECTS credits, but the hours could be applied to the completion of a *stage* or any similar pedagogical requirement.

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## 2ème Ecole d'été de journalisme littéraire transnational « Journalisme littéraire de l'entre-deux-guerres : Les cas de la France, de l'Allemagne et de l'Angleterre »

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The second European School of the Interwar Years (1918-1939) will explore how historical trends in literary journalism in France, Germany and England were shaped by the political and social context of the interwar period. The school will focus on the role of literary journalism in the interwar period and its impact on the development of the literary field.

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Following morning and afternoon workshops and lectures on eight principal German literary journals (from 'Die literarische Welt' to 'Die literarische Welt'), students will be introduced to the historical, political and social context of literary journalism in France, Germany and England. Professional in the field of literary journalism, Joha S. Hak will speak to the graduate students and faculty about the importance of literary journalism in the interwar period.



23–28 May 2022  
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The Summer School is open to all Master's and PhD students, postdocs, and faculty members in Europe or abroad (travel grant or full-time).

French PhD students will receive a 1000€ travel grant for the duration of the school.

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**Director: Sara Izzo (Languages: Deutsch, Français)**

**Module 2: Journalism as Space of Appearance: Documentary Aesthetics in the Inter-War Years | Journalismus als Erscheinungsraum: Dokumentarische Ästhetiken in der Zwischenkriegszeit**

**Director: Soenke Zehle (Languages: English, Deutsch)**

**Module 3: Soldier Trench Journals from WWI: British, French and German Literary War Journalism | Les journaux des tranchées de soldats de la Première Guerre mondiale : Le journalisme littéraire de guerre britannique, français et allemand**

**Director: John S. Bak (Languages: English, Français)**

**Module 4: *Das Tage-Buch* und *Die Weltbühne*: Rundschauzeitschriften in der Weimarer Republik und im Exil | *Das Tage-Buch* and *Die Weltbühne*: Highbrow Weeklies in the Weimar Republic and in Exile**

**Director: Hendrik Michael (Languages: Deutsch, English)**

**Module 5: The Rise and Fall of the Literary Reportage in the Interwar Period: The Case of Joseph Roth | Aufstieg und Fall der Literarischen Reportage in der Zwischenkriegszeit - am Beispiel von Joseph Roth**

**Director: Tobias Eberwein (Languages: English, Deutsch)**

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**Director: Sara Prieto (Languages: English, Español)**

**Module 7: British War Correspondence and Literary Journalism, 1914-1918**

**Director: Andrew Griffiths (Language: English)**

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**WP 4: A Transnational Summer School on Contemporary Franco-South African Literary Journalism:** confirming SAF's commitment to forming young scholars, this task will produce a week-long summer school at the end of May 2023 dedicated to the study of contemporary Franco-South African literary journalism from both a scholarly as well as a professional perspective. This five-day graduate course for Master's and PhD students – from France in particular but throughout Europe and, potentially, South Africa (through Zoom link-ups) – of Journalism, Communications, Media Studies, English, Dutch or French Literature, South African History, Cultural Studies or Government Policy will explore how current trends in narrative literary journalism in France and South Africa are reshaping the media landscape of both countries, providing a significant panacea not only to counter the decline in print media readership but also to placate the readers' growing distrust in that media's global message.

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## Teaching LJ . . .

### The Literary Journalism Doctorate: A Missing Piece in the Disciplinary Puzzle?

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**Abstract:** This edited discussion took place as a panel at the Fourteenth International Conference for Literary Journalism Studies, Stony Brook University, United States, in May 2019. Susan Greenberg proposed the topic for the conference as a way of exploring the question raised the previous year by the association's founding president, John S. Bak: Is literary journalism a full-blown discipline, or a more amorphous area of "studies"? One of the qualifying conditions identified by Bak was the existence of a recognizable body of doctoral work in the field. And so, the following question arises: What is the current state of doctoral-level research around the globe? To structure the response, Greenberg included doctorates in both the *practice of* literary journalism, and those involving research *about* the genre, or about related areas. She also widened the search to include all narrative nonfiction genres, and posed a few starter questions, namely: Where is doctoral research on literary journalism taking place within higher education throughout the world? How much research is being conducted? Is this still a minority interest? What kind of critical constructs are used, and how does that influence the field in general and doctoral work in particular? Each contributor drew their own conclusions, but a thread can be seen running through all four contributions: namely, the need for a critical discourse that not only informs the practice but also responds to it, in a bilateral dialogue.

## Conclusions

What can be learned from all of this? First, that at the doctoral level, literary journalism is still considered a media-centered field, even within non-media departments, and perhaps we should continue to focus on that angle. But I would not want to abandon the literature and language departments at all, because media scholars tend to focus too much on “canned” aesthetics from Tom Wolfe, as described earlier, and not on literary discourse analysis as such.

Second, one of IALJS’s early challenges was to get students writing PhD theses on literary journalism so as to insure the field’s growth. And as I have argued here, it has succeeded in doing so. But IALJS’s greatest challenge today remains in helping recent PhDs find suitable employment, ideally within a university. Nearly all of our recent graduates are working in precarious, short-term posts, which give them little job security and even risks their abandoning their research on literary journalism studies all together. This would be catastrophic for IALJS and the field of literary journalism.

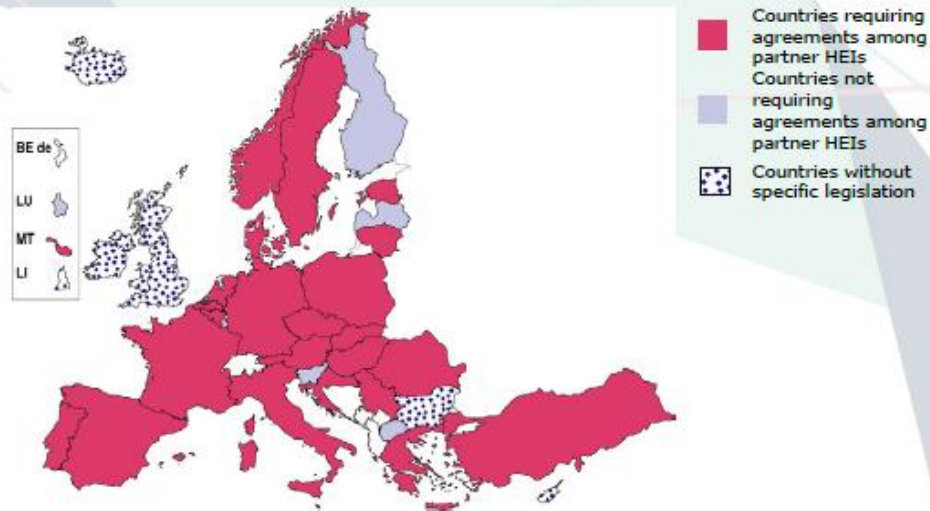
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A lack of permanent academic posts is a widespread problem across all of higher education, but the additional problem in our field is that they are not simply waiting for the older guard (in which I include myself) to retire so that they potentially could fill our vacant positions. The fact is that many of us who are senior scholars are *not* in posts tied to literary journalism that will need refilling. So, in all honesty, what are these young scholars to do? We have all involved them in research projects and published their work to bolster their already strong CVs, but that is not proving enough. More needs to be done, and sooner rather than later. That should be a panel for a future IALJS congress.

While all of us at IALJS can pat ourselves on the back for having brought an increasing number of students to the doctoral level, our work is far from complete. We need to help them get permanent academic posts, and that will be no easy task.



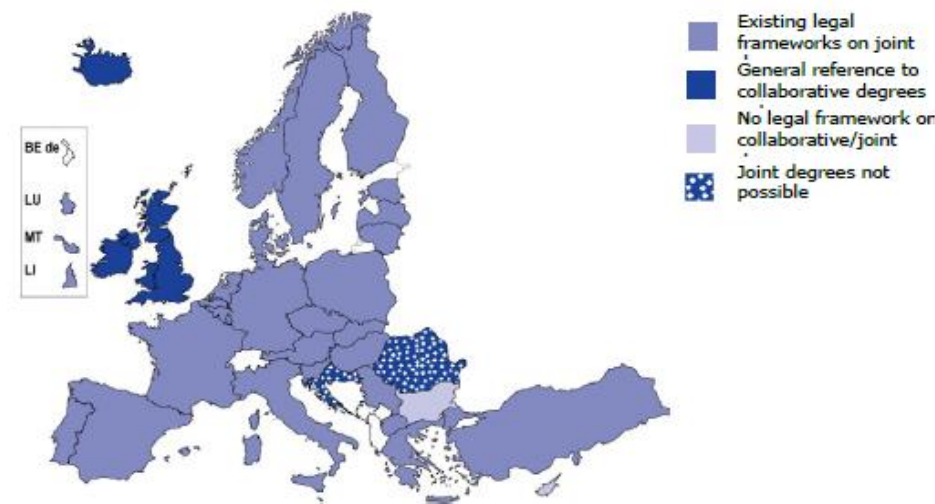
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Map 6 - E+ Programme Countries requiring agreements among partner HEIs

## 2.2. Joint/double/multiple degrees

The large majority of Erasmus+ Programme Countries propose a legal framework to award joint/double/multiple degrees (annex 6 and map 7). The situation has dramatically evolved since the beginning of the 2000s when Tauch and Rauhvargers noted that "very few countries have specific legal provisions regarding joint degrees"<sup>13</sup>.



Map 7 - Legal frameworks on joint degrees in E+ Programme Countries

<sup>13</sup> Tauch C, A. Rauhvargers (2002), Survey on Master Degrees and Joint Degrees in Europe, European University Association, 44 pages.

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EMECS	2015-2492	<a href="https://emecs.eit.uni-kl.de/">https://emecs.eit.uni-kl.de/</a>	2009	TYPE A - JOINT DEGREE
Emerald	2018-1078	<a href="http://www.emerald.ulg.ac.be/">http://www.emerald.ulg.ac.be/</a>	2013	TYPE C – MULTIPLE
EMISS	2019-1551	<a href="http://erasmus.omu.edu.tr/emissmaster/index.php">http://erasmus.omu.edu.tr/emissmaster/index.php</a>	2019	TYPE D - COMBINATION
EMLE	2018-1427	<a href="https://emle.org/">https://emle.org/</a>	2004	TYPE D – COMBINATION
EMlex	2018-1458	<a href="https://www.emlex.phil.fau.de/">https://www.emlex.phil.fau.de/</a>	2015	TYPE A - JOINT DEGREE
EMMA	2016-2279	<a href="http://www.mundusjournalism.com/">http://www.mundusjournalism.com/</a>	2005	TYPE B - JOINT PER RACK
EMPHID	2018-1044	<a href="http://publichealthdisasters.eu/">http://publichealthdisasters.eu/</a>	2013	TYPE B - JOINT PER TRACK
EMNANO+	2017-1921	<a href="http://www.eminnano.org/">http://www.eminnano.org/</a>	2005	TYPE B - JOINT PER TRACK
EMOTION	2018-1457	<a href="http://www.emotion-master.eu/">http://www.emotion-master.eu/</a>	2018	TYPE C – MULTIPLE
EMPLANT	2017-2020	<a href="http://emplant-master.eu/">http://emplant-master.eu/</a>	2017	TYPE C – MULTIPLE
EMSE	2015-2320	<a href="http://em-se.eu/">http://em-se.eu/</a>	2007	TYPE C – MULTIPLE



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Charles University in Prague is one of the oldest universities in the world, and the University's location in the capital of the Czech Republic in Central Europe makes it the ideal hub for the programme's new specialisation in **Totalitarianism & Transition**. Not only was the Czech Republic one of the focal points of the changes in 1989 that altered the political landscape of Europe, but the country also witnessed first-hand the severe effects of the marketisation of media and the consecutive undermining of the independency of journalism.

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Specialization in Literary Journalism?  
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De : John Bak <john.bak@univ-lorraine.fr>  
Objet : Specialization in Literary Journalism?  
À : mundusjournalism@au.dk

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Dear program coordinators,

I was just wondering if you have ever considered adding a Specialization (M2) year in Literary Journalism? I ask because I'm currently working on putting together a Double Diploma between my university (Lorraine) and Iberoamericana in Mexico City and thought perhaps we'd have a greater impact if we joined an existing Journalism degree such as Mundus Journalism. I have already put into place week-long summer schools on global literary journalism (<https://cronica.event.univ-lorraine.fr/> <<https://cronica.event.univ-lorraine.fr/>>) and thought it could be expanded into a full-time program.

Thanks for your time.

Best,

John

John S. Bak  
Université de Lorraine

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Thanks for reaching out to us and letting us know of your interest in cooperation.

As our Consortium begins preparing for our next grant application (due in 2023), we will evaluate our partnerships and global network, and decide at that point how many new partners we might try to incorporate. We very much value our network of global partners—both academic and professional—and seek to maintain a diverse network of experts in journalism and journalism studies. That said, there are also a number of practical considerations we must take into account in any partnership, including the logistics and feasibility of setting up potential student exchanges with our students in Denmark, as well as the strategic foci of our next application that may require particular strengths/areas from potential partners.

All that said, we would like to keep your name and contact information in mind, and will get back in touch once we've moved into the concrete strategic phase of preparing our next application. We expect that to be sometime in early 2022.

Thanks for your patience and interest.

Sincerely,

Penny Sheets Thibaut