VirtualStudyTour:

CLIMATE CHANGE JOURNALISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

PROGRAMME

[Due to the unpredictability of the global landscape at this time, speakers may change without notice]

Daily structure

All talks will be delivered TED-Talk style with individual speakers limited to 14 minutes, on occasion 20 minutes where material necessitates it. Panelists will be given 5-8mins each before opening up to the floor. Slides may be used for illustrative points, images and graphics.
Zoom Meetings is the platform to allow for robust engagement between participants and contributors via moderated Q&A, discussion and break-away, small-group, peer-to-peer work. Regular comfort breaks are built in.

WEEK ONE

Tuesday 27th July 2021

14h00 Welcome, Introductions & House-keeping

14h15 **Changing narratives on climate-change in Africa**
- Tunicia Phillips
Q&A session

15h00 **An update on current Climate Change Policy in South Africa**
- Dr Britta Rennkamp
Q&A session

[Short break]

16h00 **Structural and state capture-linked breaches of environmental law that are behind the onslaught on our biodiversity hot-spots, protected ecosystems and indigenous governance systems**
- Kevin Bloom
Q&A session

16h45 **Will this story make a difference?**
The journalists' role in shaping public opinion in favour of greater action on the climate crisis.
- Sara Schurmann
Q&A session

Day 1 closes by 17h30

Thursday 29th July 2021

14h00 Welcome, Review & House-keeping

14h15 Panel: **When stating facts feels like activism & is it necessary for journalists to take a 'position' on climate-change?**
A broad discussion on journalism's contribution to, or balancing of, dis- and mis-information about climate change, framing of environmental issues, and the socio- and cultural politics involved in such reporting.
- Sara Schurmann, Leonie Joubert & Sipho Kings
Q&A session

15h30 **Interdisciplinary journalism & tools for the future**
Why we need a convergence in the media between economic and environmental issues coverage and to create biomes of economic and environmental journalists willing to work together.
What other tools/training & collaborations do we need to develop to help journalists report on climate-change issues?
- Anne Tezenas du Montcel
Q&A session

[Short break]

16h15 Introduction to breakaway groups and sessions

16h30 **Peer session**
Breakaway Rooms for small group discussion with peers

17h00 **Feedback session**

17h20 Preparation for the next session

Day 2 closes by 17h30

Tuesday 3rd August 2021

14h00 Welcome, Review & House-keeping

14h15 Panel: **Constructive Journalism: Is it better to tell a solution story rather than focusing on the problem?**
Diverse approaches related to climate-change. Sharing our experiences.
- Simon Borchert & Katharina Kropshofer & Julia Migne
Q&A session

[Short break]

15h15: **Social media & climate change**
- Leonie Joubert
Q&A session

16h15 Brief for the breakaway session

16h30 **Peer session**
Breakaway Rooms for small group discussion with peers

17h00 **Feedback session**

17h20 Preparation for next session

Day 3 closes by 17h30

Thursday 5th August 2021

14h00 Welcome, Review & House-keeping

14h15 **Going Glocal with data journalism**
While climate change is a global issue, boiling it down to a specific person or community can help overcome issues of scale and proximity.
- Ornaldo Gjergji from OBC Transeuropa
Q&A session

15h00 **Data Journalism**
Resources available to South African writers.
- Adrian Kearns of OpenUp
Q&A session

15h40 **South Africa-EU partnerships to fight climate change**
What the E.U. Member State representatives in South Africa and their South African partners are currently working on regarding Climate Diplomacy.
- Ariane Lebat, Counsellor at the European Commission's E.U. Delegation to South Africa
Q&A session

16h00 [Break]

16h15 **3 things we have learnt & 3 things to be done**
Whole group exercise

17h00 **Survey**
Whole group exercise

17h15 **Closing remarks**
A few words by, and time for conversation with, the spokesperson for the E.U. Delegation's Ambassador to South Africa.
- Frank Oberholzer

Day 4 closes by 18h00

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