

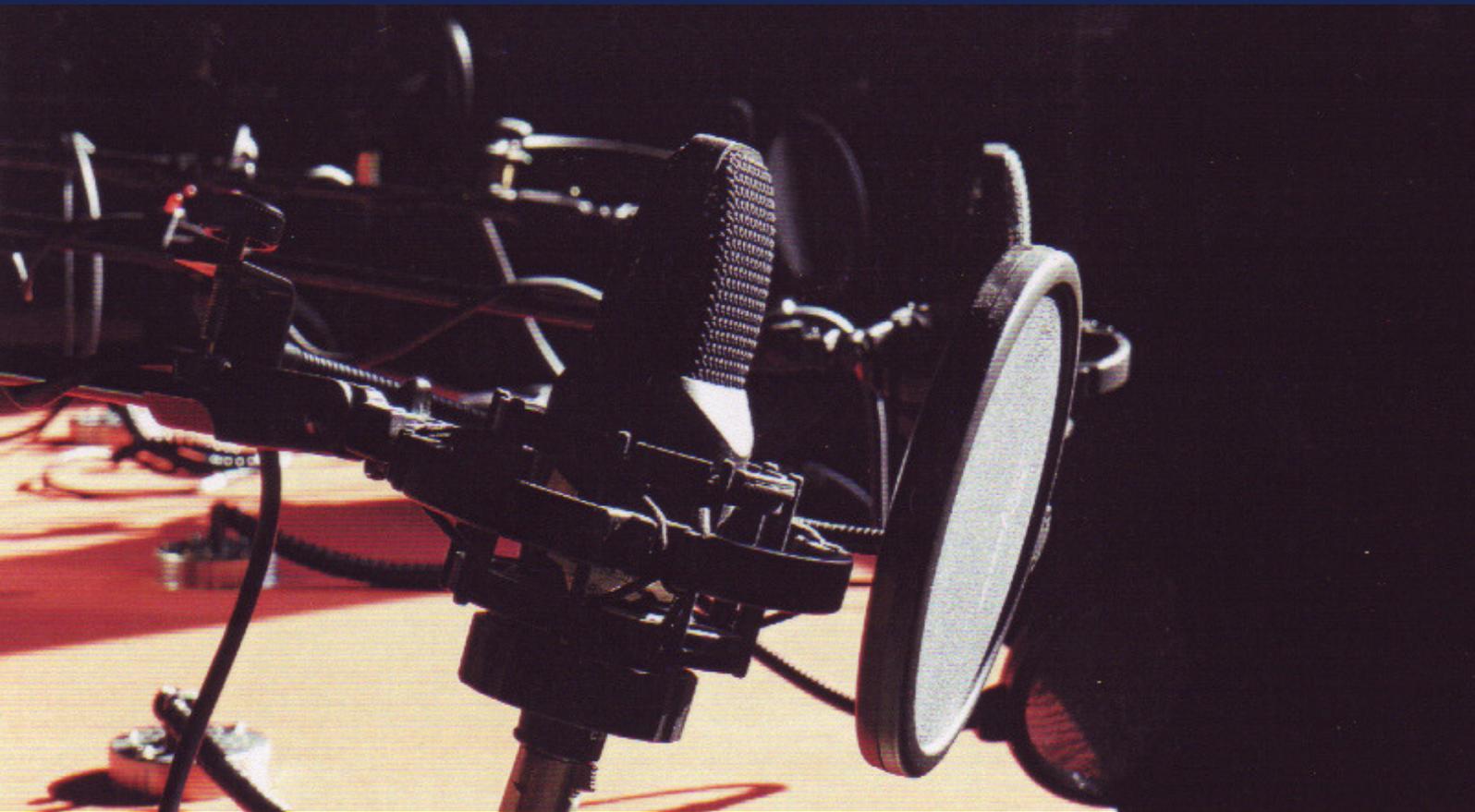
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# Flight and Displacement - Young Perspectives on Global Challenges

Journalistic Workshop and Training in  
Germany and Georgia



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**Deadline: 02nd October 2017**



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## BACKGROUND

Regarding territorial conflicts and the issue of migration media are playing a crucial role with regard to shaping the public opinion. Territorial and social conflicts can be fuelled by the media coverage, especially by online media. Media are even used as weapon in conflicts and might serve single interests. Fake News and Misinformation Campaigns are contributing to keep existing conflicts alive and are creating mistrust and hatred. For the audience and consumers of media who are not directly involved it is hard to distinguish between truth, propaganda and Fake News and to understand the real circumstances. As a result of territorial conflicts many people are becoming victims of displacement from their home communities and are witnessing flight experiences. On the one hand this applies for a global context, when people are flying to different countries. On the other hand people are also displaced in their own country. In case of Georgia this applies for the break-away regions Abkhazia and South-Ossetia and in Ukraine for the Eastern part of the country. Besides their historical experience with migration and displacement the issues of "migration" and "refugees" are also current crucial issues in Russia and Germany and are leading to social conflicts. When it comes to host and integrate people from other countries with another cultural and religious background, different attitudes, perspectives and opinions are colliding. This can lead into the segregation of a whole society and into the rise of populist voices and parties. These trends are endangering a pluralistic and vivid democracy and are making a peaceful conflict resolution even more difficult.

## Aims

This project aims to

- discover the importance of independent media
- teach journalistic radio skills and how to detect Fake News
- empower the participants to get active as citizen journalist or continue their journalistic work
- learn about different aspects and stories of flight and displacement
- produce radio pieces about personal flight experiences which will be published in Germany, Georgia, Russia and Ukraine
- create a network for future collaboration, research projects and ways for peaceful conflict resolution

# Content

The project consists of two parts: a one-week meeting in Erfurt/Germany, where the participants will discuss the relevance of free media, attend journalistic workshops and visit media outlets. We will share and discuss examples of misinformation and fake news, how they affect a society, create radio pieces and broadcast them.

The second meeting will take place in Tbilisi/Georgia. The programme will consist of study visits to media outlets and an IDP settlement. We will focus on personal stories of migration and produce audio pieces which will be published in German, Georgian, Russian and Ukrainian media. Furthermore future projects will be planned and a cross-border research network of journalists will be created.

# Participants

We are looking for 20 participants (5 from Germany, Georgia, Ukraine and Russia) aged 18-30 who are professional or semi-professional journalists, bloggers or have personal experience with flight and displacement and are willing to share their story. The working language will be English, so at least intermediate English skills are required. The participants are expected to take active part in both meetings.

# Practicalities

The accommodation and catering is fully covered. We can reimburse travel cost up to 250 EUR for each meeting. The participants are responsible for a valid health-insurance which covers the whole time of the project period and also for visa (if required). We can't reimburse costs which might result from obtaining visa.



## Project Dates

12th-18th November 2017 in Erfurt/Germany and 10th-16th December 2017 in Tbilisi/Georgia.

## Participation Fee

Georgia, Ukraine Russia: 25,00 EUR; Germany 75,00 EUR

## Application

In order to apply please fill the **online form** until 02nd October.

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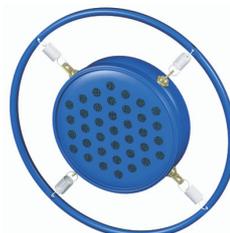
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