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## Newsletter November 2022

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### **EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

*(more info and details in this or the next Newsletter - December)*

**17 February 2023:** #EJTAIk9

**26-28 April 2023:** EJTA Teachers' Conference, Liverpool

(more info in December Newsletter)

**CANCELLED:** WJEC6, Beijing

**18-20 October 2023:** EJTA AGM, Vienna

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

With tons of gratitude and regret we say goodbye to ex-president and counsellor Nico Drok who is retiring from his university and wishes to do the same concerning his EJTA activities.

Underneath his own words:

*"Dear EJTA-Colleagues,*

*After having served EJTA for more than 25 years in various capacities, the time has come to say goodbye. Last week I retired from my work as a professor of Media & Civil Society and it felt like the right moment to end my involvement in EJTA too. Hopefully, my decision to leave EJTA does not mean we will never meet again. I will stay involved in some international activities and associations, such as the World Journalism Education Council. For now, I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for so many years of cooperation and friendship. Being part of EJTA has been one of the best experiences of my life.*

*Yours,*

*Nico”*

We're sure we'll indeed meet Nico at various places, in interesting publications and in inspiring conversations. This is certainly no definite good-bye.

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## **AGM + CONFERENCE IN TBILISI**

Some quotes:

“This was a fabulous combination of super important thought-provoking content and informal networking at the same time.”

“I will never forget how wonderful everything was organised at the Tbilisi conference, it was simply amazing.”

“I'm full of warm-hearted memories of all the useful input, the intriguing conversations, interesting meetings and beautiful events.”

Need we say more?

This was absolutely a great conference, thanks to our amazing and well-organized colleagues from the University of Georgia: Natia Kaladze, Leli Bibilashvili and their colleagues. Many, many sincere thanks!



@Carien Touwen



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Note: we'll try to gather the pictures and presentations on the EJTA website soon.

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## **DATA JOURNALISM TASKFORCE**

At the pre-conference day in Tbilisi, EJTA's Data Journalism Taskforce was officially launched. The mission of the Taskforce is to promote and facilitate the teaching of Data Journalism to Journalism students in regular programmes and mid-career programmes. To this end, a Slack group was created to discuss and exchange Data Journalism teaching ideas and didactic material. Please notify [frederik@marain.be](mailto:frederik@marain.be) if you want to join the Slack group.

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## **EUFACHECK 2022 AND BEYOND**

EUfactcheck is entering its 8th season and still going strong. Publication will start next week. Meanwhile we are working towards a more inclusive and sustainable model, from season #10 onwards. We hope to cover the EU-elections of May 2024 in cross-national cooperation. At the moment we are exploring ways to do this efficiently and we are looking for funding options to support it. Everybody is kindly invited to join this process with ideas and input (soon via LinkedIn too).

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## **INSPIRATION SEMINAR POZNAN**

EJTA organized a two days' Inspiration Seminar on 'How to Teach Inclusive Journalism', funded by the Evens Foundation, at Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland on 7-8 November 2022.

We welcomed more than 30 participants from more than 20 Journalism schools out of 13 countries, to answer the question 'What are we talking about when we talk about inclusive journalism?' With input from key-note lectures, in panel discussions, workshops and experience sessions we shared our thoughts and best practices and tried to co-create recommendations and tips on how to teach inclusive journalism. The wrap-up session teaches us there is still lots to be done, but we certainly took a great step towards a more inclusive future for media producers and consumers in Europe. This seminar will have a follow-up session in Liverpool (next EJTA conference) and hopes to come up with guidelines on what actually works.

Huge gratitude goes to the extremely hospitable and friendly hosts from Poznan: Jędrzej Skrzypczak, Krzysztof Duda and their students.



@Carlen Touwen

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## **DESTIN**

Also in Poznan during the same week, the final meeting of DESTIN, the EU project on curriculum building within Ukrainian journalism schools, took place. EJTA explained how the association wants to be a sustainable network for the Ukrainian consortium that has become a member in 2022 and stressed how valuable the cooperation between EJTA and the Ukrainian schools is and will be.

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## **#EJTAlk9: Green Travel Policy (not on 16 December but on 17 February 2023)**

In universities all over Europe green policies are designed and implemented. We would like to explore with you how this affects our events and the connections between EJTA member schools. The outcome will be input for the board to design some guidelines for an EJTA green policy. To give you the option to prepare and join this EJTAlk we will postpone it until after Christmas to **17 February, 12 am** and hope many of you can join. Outcomes can be discussed further in Liverpool (April 2023). Please send an email to Carien Touwen if you have input for our EJTAlk#9 and/or can tell something about your university policy and the consequences: [carien.touwen@hu.nl](mailto:carien.touwen@hu.nl).

If you have other suggestions for upcoming themes, speakers, best (or worst) practices in EJTAlks: do inspire us and send a mail to [director@ejta.eu](mailto:director@ejta.eu).

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## **WJEC 6**

The World Journalism Education Council decided to cancel the 2023 WJEC. Out of 28 member organisations, 18 representatives cast their votes electronically – all supporting the proposal to cancel the 6th WJEC, because of the lack of global outlook and the travel restrictions.

The next WJEC will be held in Perth (Australia) in 2025 so that makes our ‘regional’ EJTA conferences an important chance to gather journalism educators in the meantime.

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## **EJTA OFFICE**

From 1 September 2022 onwards Krishna Coenen replaces Leen Van Tolhuysen and also she works (only) one day a week for EJTA, so please show some understanding and don't expect an answer within 24 hours.

The EJTA fees 2023 will be sent out in the beginning of December, so institutions that want to pay in calendar year 2022 can do that. Do make sure

you check **before the Christmas holidays** with your administration whether they've received the invoice.

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## CONFERENCE BY EJTA MEMBER NEWCASTLE IN JUNE 2023

NEWCASTLE Sanctuary Songs: Refugees and asylum-seekers in/and the media: an academic conference and cultural festival – 19 - 21 June 2023.

This project grew out of the 2019 EJTA Teachers Conference at TU Dortmund and the work of Susanne Fengler and her colleagues in producing the UNESCO toolkit for Reporting on Migrants and Refugees. More info on the EJTA website, call for papers and deadlines [here](#).

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## FUTURE EJTA CONFERENCES

- **Teachers' Conference 2023:** 26-28 April 2023 in Liverpool
- **Annual General Meeting 2023:** 18-20 October 2023 in Vienna
- **Teachers' Conference 2024:** end of April in Porto
- **Annual General Meeting 2024:** mid-October in Cluj
- **Teachers' Conference 2025:** 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary - TBD

Members that are eager to organize an EJTA Conference in the future, please communicate this to [director@ejta.eu](mailto:director@ejta.eu).

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