

## HANDOUT

### Journalism Studies at the School of Communication, Media and Theatre of the University of Tampere

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#### Outline of the presentation

##### University of Tampere

- Founded in 1925 as Civic College; 1930 College of Social Affairs, 1966 University of Tampere
- Appr. 15 000 students
- Popular: 7,8 applicants / study place (highest among diversified universities in Finland)
- 1 200 MA degrees per year, 120 PhD degrees per year
- Staff of appr. 2 300 people

##### School of communication, media and theatre (CMT)

The School of Communication, Media and Theatre (CMT) offers education and research in journalism, communications and theatre. With its five disciplines - Journalism and Mass Communication, Speech Communication, Theatre and Drama Research, Music Studies, and Theatre Work - CMT combines the traditions of the social sciences, the arts and the humanities.

##### Journalism Studies at CMT

- The oldest j-school in Nordic countries
- Largest in Finland: 70 new students/year (BA + MA)
- 4000 journalists trained in 90 years; well placed in various media

##### Rationale of j-studies at UTA: Learning by doing – and reflecting

- Studying journalism in a multi-disciplinary academic environment
- Combination of practice oriented and theory oriented courses
- Students learn to do journalism and reflect upon what they do
- Mixing research and practice in studies
- Minor subjects are important: expertise in a substance field (politics, culture, economics...)
- Strong support from research community: COMET, the leading journalism and media research unit in Finland

**More at:** UTA: <http://www.uta.fi/en/>; CMT: <http://www.uta.fi/cmt/en/index.html>

#### About the Speaker

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