

What Happens to Journalists' Values in a Time of Flux?

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Outline of the Presentation

This presentation gives you an overview of Finnish journalists' professional values and attitudes and discusses the current pressures on journalists to re-evaluate them.

We will start by describing the basic pillar of Finnish journalists' self-understanding – the democratic corporatist system (Hallin & Mancini, 2004) and the values it has fostered among journalists.

Then we move on to recent changes in society, politics, and journalism, and try to describe how they have forced journalists to rethink their professional values.

Finally, we look at how journalists think about their professional values with the help of recent studies. There will also be ample time for your questions.

Useful reading:

Hallin, D. & Mancini, P. (2004) *Comparing Media Systems: Three Models of Media and Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (See especially pages 143–197.)

Herkman, J. (2009) The Structural Transformation of The Democratic Corporatist Model: The Case of Finland. *Javnost – The Public* 16(4), 73–90.

Nikunen, K. (2014) Losing My Profession: Age, Experience and Expertise in the Changing Newsrooms. *Journalism* 15(7), 868–888.

About the Speaker

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