

MEVIT4100 – Nordic Media in an International Perspective

Postponed take home exam,
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Monday 22 January– Thursday 25 January

The exam will be published on the semester page for the course on Monday 22 January at 11:00.

The exam paper must be submitted in Fronter no later than Thursday 25 January by 11:00.

The exam consists of three (3) pages.

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The Nordic countries are generally rated highly in regards to press freedom. In the article «Freedom of Expression and the Professionalization of Journalism» Arne Krumsvik states:

Freedom of expression and media plurality has been the two main objectives of Norwegian media policy, and the state's responsibility to create conditions that facilitate open and enlightened public discourse was written into the Constitution in 2004. This provided a justification for the use of different policy measures to guarantee a degree of media diversity it is often assumed the market would not be able to provide on its own. (Krumsvik 2013)

However the current Nordic media policies have come under pressure, as Hjarvard and Kammer state:

The Nordic countries' media systems are exemplary of the democratic corporatist model, and newspapers have occupied a very prominent position in the political public sphere supported by wide circulation and a political will to subsidize the press and still keep an arm's length distance. During past decades, these features have come under pressure due to – among other things – the spread of digital media. (Hjarvard & Kammer, 2015)

Based on the above statements and readings from the syllabus, assess and discuss whether current challenges to the Nordic media systems are also challenges to freedom of expression and media diversity.

References:

Hjarvard, Stig and Aske Kammer (2015), "Online news: between private enterprise and public subsidy", *Media, Culture & Society*. vol. 3 (1), pp. 115-123

Krumsvik, Arne H. (2013), "Freedom of Expression and the Professionalization of Journalism", in Carlsson, Ulla (ed.) *Freedom of Expression Revisited: Citizenship and Journalism in the Digital Era*, Nordicom, Gothenburg

Information about the exam

You must submit your exam in English.

The submitted paper may be up to 10 pages (one page is calculated to 2300 characters without spaces) excluding front page and references. The exam must be submitted in a widely readable format. We strongly recommend using PDF.

Your front page must include your candidate number, and the name of the file you upload should be your four-digit candidate number (1234.pdf/1234.doc)

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If you have questions about the exam assignment, you can email them to studiekonsulent@media.uio.no by Monday 22 January by 12:00. Questions will be forwarded anonymously and will be answered by the end of the day.

The exam results will be published in Studentweb no later than 15 February. Results will not be given by phone or e-mail.