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BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

The goal of the course is threefold:

- to bring together an international group of student-scholars in order to contribute to the emerging body of studies on the relationship between media and democracy, as well as on the democratization of the media itself;
- to unpack "the media" by focusing on civil society perspectives on media issues and asking which types of media have which kinds of democratic effects under what circumstances and conditions;
- to link theoretical debate with practical implementation through visits of civil society organizations and media projects.

The course will provide an overview of theories of transition and democratization, civil society and social movements, and media policy and reform; it will look at the recent developments in Eastern, Central and South East Europe and discuss the role of media and civil society; it will analyze current issues such as media pluralism, the emergence of public service media and the new political economy of digitalization; it will explore theories of policy-making with a focus on the involvement of civil society in policy processes regarding national, regional and global policies on media and online communication; it will explore the role of grassroots and citizen-based communication models, community media and community ICT networks, and consider ways in which contemporary democracies are inherently mediated by entertainment media and the extent to which people's democratic participation is filtered through popular pleasures.

The course will include debates with representatives of media and civil society organizations such as the South East European Network for Professionalization of Media (SEENPM), and it will offer field trips to independent media organizations like Budapest-based community radios. Theoretical basics, case study work, national perspectives, NGO experiences and community development will be integrated to a common perspective that will help participants investigate the theoretical and political implications of recent and highly ambivalent political/social/economic transformations. A particular focus will be on grassroots, participatory media that are at the heart of a pluralistic democratic media system.

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Application deadline: February 14, 2008 for scholarship places and April 30 for fee-paying places

For further academic information on the course and on eligibility criteria and funding options please visit the course web site on

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