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Public Debate on « Journalism at a crossroads: new media, new practices, new values? », 15 April 2019, 18:00-19:30, The Stanley Hotel

(salon ViKos, 1 Odisseos str, Karaiskaki Square, Athens, Greece, near to metro Metaxourghio).

The Communication Institute of Greece (COMinG), with the endorsement of King Graduate School at Monroe College, USA, is organizing a Public Debate on Journalism at a crossroads: new media, new practices, new values. The discussion will take place on Monday 15 April 2019, 18:00-19:30, at the Stanley Hotel, salon ViKos (1 Odisseos str, Karaiskaki Square, Athens, Greece, near to metro Metaxourghio). The working language will be English, without interpretation.

Description of the public discussion theme

Today journalism, as an industry and a profession, is characterized by ever-increasing turbulence and change, for better and for worse. Today more than ever, journalism and reporters, have to adapt to an increasingly networked world, which presents them with a host of new challenges, threats as well as opportunities. The universality of information can often lead to misinformation and fake news, a blurring between the roles of professional and amateur news reporters, and the decrease of public trust towards the institution of media and journalism. At the same time, fundamental shifts in the media ecosystem, primarily the domination of digital media in the news sector, and new forms of journalism, such as data journalism and robo-journalism, push journalism to redefine not only its practices but also the very values on which journalism has traditionally be based upon.

This public debate aims to **examine the present and future of journalism, the new practices and values that are being created and the multifarious challenges as well as opportunities that contemporary journalists are faced with.**

What are the new challenges we face and how can we benefit?

What should we take into consideration to avoid misinformation?

Are there any tools to delete the possible negative effects?

The Public Debate will be chaired by Dr. Katerina Diamantaki, Leader NMT2019 (ICCM2019), Communication Institute of Greece & Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, Deree-The American College of Greece Graduate Program Coordinator of the Master's in Digital Communication and Social Media, Greece. The discussion program is available at <http://coming.gr/index.php/events-3/> . The list of events/conferences organized by our Institute is available on the Institute's website: <http://coming.gr/index.php/conferences/>

The working language will be English, without interpretation. This event is designed for academics, journalists, media professionals, think tank experts, actors from organized civil society, as well as everyday people from all over the world. This event is free of charge but pre-registration is required. If you are interested in participating, please send your name, email, profession/position and telephone number to Mrs Evi Naki at info@coming.gr