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Foreign News and Foreign Policy: Evolving Practices and Impact from WWII to the Digital Era

given by Giovanna Dell'Orto, Associate Professor at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities,

on 28 April 2016, 11:30 – 13:00, in Seminar Room 4
(Department of Communication/Währinger Straße 29, 1090 Vienna/first basement level)

About the Lecture

What does it take for journalists to cover the world? How has reporting foreign news changed with the evolution of digital and social media? And what has the impact of foreign news been on international affairs? At a time of crisis for American journalists abroad as well as turmoil in international relations, this lecture will provide an answer to those questions based on the findings from 61 oral history interviews with Associated Press foreign correspondents in locales ranging from the Pakistani countryside to Washington, as well as from a discourse analysis of thousands of news stories published by American foreign correspondents since the mid-19th century. The analysis of foreign correspondence from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe highlights the grave constraints that journalists increasingly operate under as they seek to expose false narratives, often going viral online, and give a voice to the voiceless, while exploring the serious repercussions for both public opinion and the formulation of realistic, effective foreign policy.

About Giovanna Dell'Orto

Dr. Giovanna Dell'Orto is an Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota's School of Journalism and Mass Communication (Minneapolis, USA), where she teaches and researches the interplay between news, journalistic practices and international affairs, topics she has lectured about to academic and professional audiences from China to Chile. A former newswoman with The Associated Press, and fluent in four languages, she is the author of AP Foreign Correspondents in Action: World War II to the Present and American Journalism and International Relations (Cambridge University Press, 2015 and 2016), which analyze foreign correspondence's impact on American foreign policy by studying both news discourses and reporting practices over the last 160 years. She is also the author or editor of three other books on journalism and foreign affairs, including Reporting at the Southern Borders: Journalism and Public Debates on Immigration in the U.S. and the E.U. (Routledge: 2013).

We are looking forward to see you on April 28!

Best regards,
Irmgard Wetzstein & Nicole Wagner