

Become An Expert Fact Checker and Hoax Buster!

Learn the Latest Tools and Tactics for Identifying Fake News and Propaganda From Top Experts in the Field

Transitions (TOL), a Prague-based journalism trainer and publisher, is seeking participants for a semester-long course in information verification starting in February 2017 and lasting through mid-May. The course will provide future reporters with the means to effectively recognize propaganda and expose inaccuracies through training in the latest online tools and techniques. Participants will also gain a background in the roots of disinformation and how it works.

Top local and foreign instructors will lead three workshops throughout the semester (Prague, Brno, and Olomouc) and an online course. TOL will cover all travel expenses for all attendees.

Participants will be required to attend all three workshops, as well as take the online course, which will require approximately two hours per week in terms of commitment and include several assignments to complete at home. The first workshop will take place in Prague on 13-14 February.

Applicants must be second- or third-year undergraduates, either in a journalism program or having shown a strong interest in the profession. While much of the instruction will be in Czech, fluent English is a requirement.

To apply, please fill in this [form](#), which includes a statement of interest of not more than 300 words. **The deadline to apply is 17 January.**

If you have any questions, please email Jaroslav Valuch at jaroslav@pressstart.org

Partners for the project include [First Draft](#), an international nonprofit coalition that raises awareness and addresses challenges relating to trust and truth in the digital age; the Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism, Faculty of Social Science, Charles University in Prague; the Media Studies and Journalism Department at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University; and the Department of Journalism at the Faculty of Arts, Palacký University.

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