

**ECREA pre-conference –**

**Constructive Journalism: Where are we now – and what are the ways to a better future?**

**Date and venue: Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 10.30-17.00, Constructive Institute at Aarhus University**

**Pre-conference highlights:**

- **Present your research to engaged peers – and learn from their wise words and their work**
- **Visit one of the worlds premier hubs for the development of constructive journalism**
- **Be part of the conversation about the development of research in constructive journalism**
- **Form new collaborations with other scholars and practitioners within the field**

In recent years, many journalists and editors around the world have started experimenting with constructive journalism, and at the same time researchers have shown an increasing interest in the topic. Constructive journalism as a research field is rapidly expanding and it has resulted in conferences, seminars, and special issues in flagship journals within journalism studies. At this pre-conference – hosted at one of the major sites for the development of constructive journalism, namely the Constructive Institute – we want to explore new avenues for constructive journalism as a research field by bringing together researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas and discuss the potential of and challenges for constructive journalism.

In the first part of the day researchers will present and discuss their work in progress. The presentations will provide a status on the state of current and coming research and will serve as a starting point for discussing future avenues for research on constructive journalism.

The second part of the day will start with a presentation of the development of constructive journalism in different newsrooms around the world, to provide insights on the challenges and the potential experienced in the newsrooms working with constructive journalism. Among the presenters will be Ulrik Haagerup, CEO and founder, Constructive Institute, as well as editors and journalists from newsrooms working with constructive journalism.

After the presentation, we will discuss how researchers and practitioners can work closer together in the future in order to develop the field from both sides.

We invite all researchers with an interest in the field to apply for the pre-conference. But due to the venue there is only room for a limited number of researchers, and preference will be given to those, who have submitted an extended abstract on a study within the research field (max. 500 words). Deadline for scholars who would like a seat at the table at the Constructive Institute is the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2022, and abstracts should be sent to [journalism@journalism.sdu.dk](mailto:journalism@journalism.sdu.dk). Notice of

acceptance will be given by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Lunch and various refreshments will be served during the day.

For more information about this pre-conference please contact Peter Bro ([ppe@journalism.sdu.dk](mailto:ppe@journalism.sdu.dk)) or Morten Skovsgaard ([skh@journalism.sdu.dk](mailto:skh@journalism.sdu.dk)), both of whom are professors at the Centre for Journalism, University of Southern Denmark. For questions, comments etc. relating to the practical arrangement please contact CFOO Peter Damgaard ([pd@constructiveinstitute.org](mailto:pd@constructiveinstitute.org)) from Constructive Institute, directly.

Join us for this unique event and become part of an international network of scholars who study the growing field of constructive journalism. This pre-conference also offers you the opportunity to meet and perhaps partner up with some of the practitioners who apply constructive journalism techniques and thinking in their own work.

This pre-conference is organized and sponsored by:

- Centre for Journalism, University of Southern Denmark: The Centre is home to a bachelor- and two master programs in journalism, has 600+ students, 30+ full time researchers and lecturers.
- Constructive Institute, Aarhus, Denmark: An independent organization that helps journalists and news organisations apply constructive reporting in their daily work through providing access to a best practices portal, an international fellowship program, relevant training curricula, and research and development projects.