



Climate Investigations Masterclass

24 June Goldsmiths, University of London

This pre-conference Masterclass will be bringing together some key elements of our Climate Investigations Course (CIC) training. The CIC provides all the expertise, skills and tools required to conduct thorough investigative research into the climate crisis. The programme for the day will include a selection of our speakers covering this curriculum along with a chance to network with speakers and fellow journalists.

Programme

9.45 – 10.00 Registration and coffee

10.00 – 10.10 OCRI/CIC Introduction
Tom Sanderson and Adeolu Adekola

10.10 – 11.10 Session One

Understanding the Climate International Governance Framework and Reporting COP31, Lina Yassin

This first session will begin by providing an overview on the scientific knowledge around climate change. From there it will set out the current state of policy structures and intergovernmental debate, by giving practical tips and advice for preparations and best practice for reporting during COP31 happening in Türkiye from November 9-20 whether in attendance or remotely.

11.10 – 11.20 Break

11.20 – 12.20 Session Two

Fighting Climate Dis and Misinformation, Aditi Tandon

Misinformation and disinformation on climate change are growing and are one of the major obstacles inhibiting or delaying progress in tackling the issue. The objective of this session is to enhance the capacity of participants to counter misleading information around climate change. It provides the means to identify climate mis/disinformation and the techniques being used to distract action on climate change. It also goes through tools from image and footage verification to document analysis and corroboration. Through exercises, participants will use these methods to



analyse climate mis/disinformation.

12.20 – 13.40 Lunch break

13.40 – 14.40 Session Three

Reporting with a climate justice lens, Lina Yassin

The impacts of climate change and the necessary actions are not the same for everyone. This challenges our daily reporting. What are the different responsibilities of countries? Why is finance an issue of justice? What forms of historical and ongoing climate inequalities exist? This session invites us to answer these questions in order to improve our climate coverage.

14.40 - 14.50 Coffee Break

14.50 – 15.50 Session Four

Europe's toxic landfill crisis, Juliet Ferguson and Leana Hosea

Prior to the 1990s Europe's landfill sites were simply unlined holes in the ground where waste was dumped, buried and forgotten about. For some parts of Europe, they have been completely forgotten and data is scarce. Of those we do know the location, many are located in flood-risk zones, areas used for drinking water, or in sensitive conservation sites. Many could be releasing toxic waste into the environment around them. In this workshop we will look at the problems of gathering data and how to approach a cross-border story where data doesn't give an accurate Europe-wide picture. We will discuss how to develop a methodology and how to use different datasets to find a story.

15.50 – 16.50 Session Five

Investigating Corporations, Nimra Shahid

This session will focus on the steps required to pursue climate investigations with corporations as the focus. It will set out several methods for finding stories in data, reports and from specific sources. It will then use case studies to explain the major techniques for digging into these leads, through analysing financial documents, sustainability reports, and understanding information from free sources such as stock exchange terminals, SEC filings and EDGAR.

16.50 - 17.00 Closing remarks