

CALL FOR PAPERS – Special Issue on Minority Language Media and the Covid-19 pandemic

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Focus:

The upcoming Special Issue of the Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (JEMIE) intends to focus on the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on minority language media (MLM). We therefore invite scholars to submit articles tackling particular issues or highlighting best practices concerning MLM during the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting lockdowns.

Context:

Since early 2020 essentially all areas of social life have been to a significant degree affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Clearly, minority communities and MLM outlets run by them are not an exception in that regard. Therefore, during the summer and autumn of that year, the European Centre for Minority Issues implemented a research project intending to assess the effects of the pandemic on MLM outlets operating in 11 different socio-linguistic spheres across Europe.

Goal:

The main idea behind the proposed thematic issue of JEMIE is not only to update, deepen and systematise the initial analysis within its original parameters, but also to significantly expand it, both in terms of thematic and geographical *foci*.

Potential topics:

Consequently, we welcome submissions from all interested scholars addressing issues listed below, as well as other thematic areas relevant for MLM in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Both overview articles discussing MLM operating in a given linguistic sphere, and case studies concentrated on a particular media outlet, type of content or issue are encouraged.

- Adaptation of MLM outlets to different waves of the pandemic.
- Effects of the pandemic on the content covered by MLM.
- Analysis of content produced by MLM during the pandemic.
- MLM and majority-minority relations during the pandemic.
- MLM and education in minority languages during the pandemic.
- Social media in minority languages during the pandemic, including examples of online breathing spaces.

- MLM and their audiences during the pandemic.
- MLM vis-a-vis scapegoating and securitization of minorities during the pandemic.
- Financial implications of the pandemic for MLM outlets.
- Cooperation between MLM and majority language media during the pandemic.
- Media of indigenous communities during the pandemic.
- Training of MLM journalists during the pandemic.

The Journal and Submission Guidelines:

The *Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe* (JEMIE) is the flagship open access journal edited under the auspices of ECMI. Past JEMIE issues can be freely accessed online at <https://www.ecmi.de/publications/jemie>.

We welcome original and exclusive research articles between 5,000 and 10,000 words (including references). Each article should be accompanied by a short abstract (100-200 words) and a note on the author's affiliation, address and contact details.

All contributions undergo a rigorous review process, based on a review by both guest editors and a double-blind peer review by an anonymous referee.

Submissions should be prepared in accordance with the Style Guide (available at the above weblink) and send to willis@ecmi.de as an attachment.

Deadline for submissions: **31st August 2021.**

