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At the prominent [Sun Yat-Sen University](#) (SYSU) in the capital of the most economically prosperous Chinese province, Guangdong, the first ever series of Reporting Diversity modules has finished. The Reporting Diversity modules are a result of the cooperation between the SYSU's Journalism School and the Media Diversity Institute (MDI).

More than 150 Communication and Journalism students attended each module taught by five jointly selected lecturers by SYSU and MDI. From next year, students at SYSU will have an opportunity to attend the full semester course on Reporting Diversity.

In the autumn 2016, professor Jacqui Ewart from Griffith University (Australia), taught *Media and Religion*, professor Cindy Carter, Cardiff University (UK) addressed the issues in the *Media and Gender* module, while Dr Cait McMahon from Dart Center Asia Pacific (Australia) taught *Media and Disaster/Trauma*. In October 2016, the MDI Executive Director, Milica Pesic, taught the first module of the

Reporting Diversity series -

*Introduction to Inclusive Journalism*

, while associate professor at the Auckland University (New Zealand), Verica Rupar, participated with a block of lectures on *Media and Migration*.



“We are all looking for the new ways of teaching journalism, one that moves from the crisis rhetoric and opens a door for the upcoming journalism, journalism of the future. There is no doubt that existing forms of journalism are unable to capture complexity of social life and media treatment of migration is just one of the examples. We have to prepare our students to enter the newsrooms with knowledge and skills that open a door for regaining trust, reconnecting with community and reinvigorating profession fundamentally,” says Rupar. She adds that the partnership between SYSU and MDI opens new possibilities for enriching journalism curriculum worldwide.

MDI Executive Director Milica Pesic, who opened the series at the SYSU, said that “it was a great pleasure watching the students passionately discussing the ways Chinese media report on different diversity issues – from gender to LGBT, as well as on age and ethnicity. I hope this is only a start of a long and fruitful collaboration which will be especially beneficial to future journalists”.

