Working title

***Your name here***

*This document has been prepared to help you write a project-description that meets the requirements for the term-paper in MEVIT4000 and JOUR4000. Delete the help-text (everything in italics) before submitting your term-paper.*

*Use a proper documentation-style (APA, Chicago, Harvard or other) when referring to literature.*

# Theme or area of interest

*About 0,5 page introducing the research theme/topic.*

* *Brief account of topic/theme*
* *Why is this important? Societal importance? Theoretical and scientific importance?*

# Theoretical or scientific context

*About 2-3 pages*

* *Place the topic in an academic field/area in media studies/journalism studies.*
* *Revise and improve your literature review (from outline) and include in this section.*
* *Focus on what is already studied in academic literature on the topic*
* *Then: What do we not know, what is contested and debated in the academic literature?*
* *Have you chosen a particular theoretical perspective? Describe and refer to key books/articles*

# Research questions and/or hypotheses

*About one paragraph.*

* *Try to relate and motivate your RQs to the literature review, for example to what is* ***missing in existing research on the topic.***
* *Formulate descriptive research questions (What characterises X?)*
* *Formulate analytical questions (Why is this the case? How can it be explained? How has this evolved?)*
* *You can formulate hypotheses if you want. For hypotheses, it is particularly important that these are derived from the extant literature – you need to give an account of how and why you propose your hypotheses (e.g. why do you expect certain associations between variables).*

# Methods and information about empirical data

*About 1 page*

* *What methods are relevant to answer RQ?*
* *Why?*
* *Describe the planned research process: how do you prepare for data collection, how will you select your sample (of respondents, interviewees, texts, documents), how will you collect data, and how will you analyse data.*

# Research ethics

*About 0,5 page*

* *Describe briefly potential ethical issues.*

# References

* *Not included in the page-limit of about 5 pages (comes in addition)*
* *List of literature referred to in this project description. Use a proper documentation-style (APA, Chicago, Harvard or other).*

# Additional literature list if needed (not already included in references)

* *With self-selected literature (400-600 pages).*
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