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COVERING THE ATOMIC FILE

A three-and-a-half day interactive workshop for journalists to bring better reporting to renewed nuclear tensions from June 7–10, 2023, New Mexico. Join top experts to learn more about reporting the nuclear file!

All expenses paid, includes accommodation & travel

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Thirty years from the end of the Cold War the threat of nuclear weapons use has returned with Russia's war against Ukraine. Atomic Reporters, with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY) and in collaboration with the Outrider Foundation, invites US-based staff and freelance journalists, working for national and international media, to participate in a three-and-a-half day intensive workshop in New Mexico, all expenses covered. The course will revisit the nuclear file and bring more understanding and better reporting to an existential threat that shows no signs of going away.

THE LOCATION

The workshop will be hosted in the Department of Communication and Journalism on the campus of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. New Mexico is a nexus of nuclear activity in the US: the nuclear age was ushered in at the Trinity test site in 1945 near Alamogordo, where the world's first atomic bomb was detonated.

THE WORKSHOP

Participants in the workshop will work with senior journalists, prominent experts in nuclear history, policy, the impact and effects of nuclear weapons, non-proliferation and risk reduction. Places are available for 25 journalists working in the US for print, broadcast, and online news media and will be selected on the basis of an open call. All expenses are covered by the organizers, including travel and accommodation.

HOW TO APPLY

Please include in your application:

- Curriculum vitae
- Application video or letter of motivation
- Reference contact person who can confirm your track record, e.g. an editor, producer or supervisor

To be eligible as a workshop participant, applicants must:

- Be a US-based working journalist, staff or freelance, from or representing an established media outlet
- Commit to participating in all workshop activities
- Be fluent in English
- Submit all the application materials at atomicreporters.com/newmexico2023

WHY IT MATTERS

Russia's veiled nuclear threats after it invaded Ukraine in February 2022 were a reminder nuclear weapons remain firmly fixed as potential weapons of war. But awareness of their dangers and risks has declined, modernization and expansion of arsenals is ongoing for the first time in decades, and most of the guard rails of nuclear arms control have been removed.

Without basic knowledge about nuclear weapons journalists are prone to fall prey to false claims, as in the failure of the press in 2003 at the time of the US led invasion of Iraq. Disinformation from US and UK administrations about non-existent weapons of mass destruction went mostly unchallenged by journalists. To bridge the gap in knowledge about nuclear weapons the workshop will provide essential tools for journalists allowing them to approach the nuclear file critically.

WHAT WE OFFER / WORKSHOP THEMES

- Tips and guidance on reporting stories related to nuclear weapons
- The importance of providing essential information – to avoid scaremongering
- How nuclear weapons changed the course of history
- The consequences of their use - humanitarian, physical destruction, climate impact
- Who owns the world's nuclear weapons?
- Nuclear fault lines and tensions in a multipolar world
- Why negotiations providing insurance against the dangers and risks of nuclear weapons are currently at a standstill
- Lessons from the Cold War relevant today
- The new arms control kid on the block, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and the 50 year old Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

SUPPORT FOR REPORTING

As well as developing competence to cover a major but neglected story there will be opportunities for funding to support the cost of enterprise reporting about nuclear weapons related stories. Participants in the workshop will also be offered the chance to join a newly minted network of journalists reporting issues related to nuclear weapons.

For questions about the workshop agenda, speakers, application form or other details, please contact us at info@atomicreporters.com.



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