

## **Less time for researching, more work to be done: working conditions of Czech journalists**

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Based on the data from the 291 interviews with Czech journalists at various level of media hierarchy conducted between 2012 and 2014 for the *Worlds of Journalism Study* ([www.worldsofjournalism.org](http://www.worldsofjournalism.org)) the paper deals with the journalists' working conditions. It is interested in three areas of journalists' lives: 1) living conditions (e.g. percentage of permanent vs. temporary employment or necessity to have another paid job besides of journalism to struggle for living); 2) "proper" working conditions (e.g. time available for researching stories or working on specific beat vs. being a kind of "generalist"); 3) perceived influences on journalists' work (like business influence, media management and ownership influence, advertising consideration or profit making pressures) and their perceived changes. Results show that Czech journalists have to write more stories than in past, but on the other hand have less time for the research for their stories. In the same time they perceived higher advertising and economic pressures on their work that can definitely determine their choice of topics. They also perceived the ethical standards somewhat weakened during the past couple of years. Because the survey was done in two waves, between which significant media ownership changes happened, we could also watch the results of the concentrated media ownership for the employment of journalists (being forced to work more on temporary positions). The paper discusses the results in the wider social context.