

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NEW FINDINGS OF THE DOCTORAL THESIS

1. Title: ***“Protecting the Legal Professional Rights of Journalists in Contemporary Viet Nam”***
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First, theoretical and academic contributions: This dissertation is the first scholarly work in Viet Nam to systematize theoretical perspectives on the protection of journalists’ lawful professional rights. (1) It develops the conceptual framework of protecting the lawful professional rights of journalists, along with other related concepts such as “issue” and “journalist.” (2) It identifies the significance and content of the research problem, as well as the key factors affecting the protection of journalists’ lawful professional rights. (3) It systematically presents the political and legal foundations of the issue, highlighting key arguments concerning the improvement of Party and State policies and legal frameworks aimed at enhancing the protection of lawful professional rights of Viet Nameese journalists in the context of globalization and international integration. The study proposes a theoretical framework regarding the mechanisms and influencing factors shaping audience behavior toward journalistic products in the digital environment.

Second, contributions to practice: The dissertation provides an in-depth analysis of the current state of protecting journalists’ lawful professional rights in Viet Nam. It also examines the organic relationship between the provisions of the Press Law, relevant mechanisms and policies regulating press activities, and the overall safety of the professional environment for journalists. Furthermore, it analyzes the interconnection between journalists operating in the field and their editorial offices, regulatory agencies, the legal system, and society at large. Based on these analyses, the dissertation offers an objective assessment of the current situation regarding the protection of journalists’ professional rights in Viet Nam.

Third, new arguments: Identifying the factors that influence the protection of journalists’ lawful professional rights; clarifying key issues in the protection of such rights from legal, institutional, professional, and public perspectives; and proposing appropriate interaction strategies tailored to each of these issues. The dissertation also recommends the development of a Code of Conduct for the Protection of Journalists in Professional Activities **and a** Three-Step Emergency Protection Mechanism, designed to be applicable in both physical and digital reporting environments, in line with the practical realities of

journalistic work today.

Fourth, recommendations and applications: The dissertation analyzes current issues and provides an evaluation of both the positive aspects and achievements, as well as the limitations in the protection of journalists' lawful professional rights in Viet Nam. Based on this analysis, it proposes solutions and recommendations aimed at improving the legal framework and strengthening the scientific management of press activities, thereby creating favorable conditions for journalists to perform their duties lawfully, safely, and effectively. These proposals offer entirely new scientific insights in terms of research content, situated within the current political and social context, and have not previously been published in any existing academic work by other authors.

The dissertation not only provides a comprehensive and scholarly perspective on the issue of protecting journalists' lawful professional rights, but also opens up a new research direction on journalistic practices in the contemporary media environment, contributing to the development of sustainable strategies for the advancement of journalism in Viet Nam.

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