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REQUEST FROM THE CHAIR

I know you all believe in active citizenship. Our division also needs active members. We need you now. Therefore do at least one of the following things in the next days:

1. Nominate a recent article for the prestigious **Kaid-Sanders Award** for the best article in pol com. See call below (with extended deadline: February 15).
2. Nominate a **PhD dissertation** that was published between 2013-2016. Call below, deadline: February 15.
3. If you are PhD/graduate student: apply now for our fantastic **PhD pre-conference** in San Diego. All other members: forward this call to students that might be interested. Deadline is February 1. <http://politicalcommunication.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/CfP-ICA-PolComm-PhD-Preconference-2017.pdf>

Thanks.

Peter Van Aelst, Chair Political Communication Division

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POL COM ONLINE + PCR REPORT

Yes, We can. After many months of work we finally launched our new website today. It has more options, the style is up to date, clear and comprehensive.

The website also contains a new issue of the Political Communication Report. Check out the substantive symposium on political deliberation, interviews with all our awards winners of the last year, teasers to the upcoming [#ica17](#) preconferences sponsored by our division, and a tribute to our respected past ICA division chair Kevin G. Barnhurst.

We would like to thank **Eike Rinke** for this great accomplishment, and his service to our division during the past years. He made us the leading ICA division in terms of digital and social media. To keep this position we decided to replace Eike by two new, motivated people. **Björn Buß** is our incoming PCR Editor and webmaster (bjorn.buss@uni.leuphana.de) and **Louisa Imperiale** is our incoming Social Media Manager (louisaimperiale@gmail.com). Welcome on board.

Our new website is here: <http://politicalcommunication.org/>

The new PCR issue is here: <http://politicalcommunication.org/issue/fall-2016-issue-26-1-2/>

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Call for Nominations: **The Kaid-Sanders Best Article of the Year Award**

Every year the ICA Political Communication Division awards the best article published in our field. Until last year the winner was selected by a special committee who went through all articles on political communication published in established journals during the year before. Since this became too much work the annual award is from now on given on the basis of nominations.

We use the following criteria:

- Each person can nominate one article, which may include self-nominations.
- The nomination should include a short rationale (min. 100 words) for why the article is nominated.
- The article deals with an aspect of political communication in the broad sense.
- The article is published in 2016 in a journal that deals with communication, political science, journalism, or public opinion (see list at the end).

This year's award committee consists of Lance Bennett, Frank Esser, Kate Kenski, Sophie Lecheler (chair), and Toshio Takeshita. The award committee judges each article on several criteria including the importance of the topic it addresses, theoretical depth, the strength of evidence it presents, and the significance of its conclusions. The committee will also consider the overall contribution to the field of Political Communication.

Deadline: **February 15, 2017**. Late submissions will not be accepted. All nominations should be emailed to sophie.lecheler@univie.ac.at

The award, including a 500 USD cash prize, will be given during the division's business meeting in San Diego.

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Call for Nominations: **Political Communication Division PhD dissertation award**

Since 2013 the ICA Political Communication Division awards the best PhD dissertation in our field. The award is biannual, but since no award was given in 2015, we will except all dissertations defended in the years 2013-2016 (Jan 1 2013-Dec 31, 2016).

The award committee consists of Toril Aalberg (chair), Erik P. Bucy and Michael Xenos. The award committee judges each nominated dissertation on several criteria including the importance of the problem/topic it addresses, the strength of evidence it presents, and the significance of its conclusions. The committee will also consider the overall contribution of the research to the field of Political Communication.

Self-nominations are possible. All materials must be submitted in English. The nomination package should include:

- a) A publication from the dissertation. This can be an exemplary article or chapter from the dissertation. Both published and un-published articles can be submitted. Co-authored articles are permitted, but the PhD student must be the lead author on the article. Alternatively, a 35-page (max) outline of the dissertation can be submitted.
- b) A memo (max 2 pages) outlining the overall thrust and evidence in the dissertation as well as an overview of any other publications stemming from the dissertation (either published, under review, or in press).
- c) Dated evidence of successful defense

d) A nomination letter from a scholar outside the candidate's school outlining the merits of the dissertation.

Deadline: **February 15, 2017**. Late submissions will not be accepted. All nominations should be emailed to toril.aalberg@svt.ntnu.no.

The award, including a 500 USD cash prize, will be given during the division's business meeting in San Diego.

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CALL FOR SPECIAL ISSUE/SYMPOSIUM IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

Political Communication is launching a call for the publication of a symposium or full special issue on one or more current topics of broad interest to our readership and members of the political communication divisions in the ICA and APSA.

A symposium will typically comprise 3-5 short papers of around 4000-5000 words each, with a short introduction of no more than 1000 words by the symposium editor(s).

A full special issue would comprise of 6-8 articles (around 8,000 words in length). Other (hybrid) models may be proposed to the editors.

Proposals are max 2 pages. They should include a clear account of the research focus, a schedule of work, the names of the guest editor(s), the names of 2-3 proposed contributors and provisional titles, including a brief description of the proposed content of each article. All special issues will be open for general submissions and decisions about inclusion will be quality based, relying on peer reviewing.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is **1 March 2017**. Proposals and Enquiries may be addressed to: the Editorial Office, Editor, Claes de Vreese (c.h.devreese@uva.nl).

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Conference Call: 'Political Communication in Times of Crisis: New Challenges, Trends & Possibilities'

ECREA's Political Communication Section Interim Conference
22-23 November 2017 in Zurich

Deadline for abstract submissions: **28 February 2017**. Submissions should be sent to conference.zurich@gmail.com

More info here: <https://ecreapoliticalcommunication.wordpress.com/2017/01/02/conference-call-ecreas-political-communication-division-interim-conference-22-23-november-2017-in-zurich/>

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Call for nominations for the International Journal of Press/Politics Best Book Award

Nominations are invited for the annual International Journal of Press/Politics Best Book Award, to be sent to IJPP editor Rasmus Kleis Nielsen by email no later than **February 15**.

Rationale

The International Journal of Press/Politics Best Book Award honors internationally-oriented books that advance our theoretical and empirical understanding of the linkages between news media and politics in a globalized world in a significant way. It is given annually by the International Journal of

Press/Politics and sponsored by Sage Publications.

The award committee will judge each nominated book on several criteria, including the extent to which the book goes beyond analyzing a single case country to present a broader and internationally-oriented argument, the significance of the problems addressed, the strength of the evidence the book relies on, conceptual innovation, the clarity of writing, and the book's ability to link journalism studies, political communication research, and other relevant intellectual fields.

Eligibility

Books published within the last ten years will be considered. Monographs as well as edited volumes of exceptional quality and coherence will be considered for the award. (Books by current members of the award committee are ineligible and committee members will recuse themselves from discussion of books by members of their own department, works published in series that they edit, etc.)

Nominations

Nominations including a rationale of no more than 350 words should be emailed by February 15 to Rasmus Kleis Nielsen at rasmus.nielsen@politics.ox.ac.uk.

The nomination must specify why the book should receive the award by outlining the importance of the book to the study of news media and politics and by identifying its international contribution and relevance. Please include links to or copies of relevant reviews in scholarly journals.

Arrangements should be made with the publishers of nominated books for three hard copies to be sent by February 15 to the Rasmus Kleis Nielsen at the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, 13 Norham Gardens, OX2 6PS, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Award committee

The award committee consists of Rasmus Kleis Nielsen (the editor of the International Journal of Press/Politics), Peter Van Aelst (chair of the Political Communication Division of ICA), and Henrik Örnebring (chair of the Journalism Studies Division of ICA).

The award will be presented at the 2017 ICA Annual Meeting and will be announced on the IJPP website.

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