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INFO FROM THE CHAIR

November has been a special month.

First, there was the deadline for the ICA meeting in San Diego. We received **340 paper** and **16 panel** submissions, similar numbers as last year. Our program planner Kim Gross has been able to find 285 reviewers to do the job. Don't forget to submit the **reviews** before **December 2**. Because of the extended deadline there was little time for the reviews this year. Thanks in advance for the extra effort! The ICA meeting will have a lot to offer. For the young parents who will travel with their kids: we will have **childcare** in San Diego! More information here: <https://jotform.com/KiddieCorp/icakids>

In San Diego our division will also honor people that contribute to our field. This newsletter contains a call for nominations for two awards. Did you read a fascinating, innovative article published in 2016? Nominate it for the prestigious **Kaid-Sanders Award** for the best article in pol com. Or did you come across a brilliant **PhD dissertation**? Let the committee know! And don't be too modest self-nominations are allowed.

November is of course also the month of an unexpected election outcome. The 2016 US election campaign has been followed closely by people all over the world and will inspire pol com scholars to study what has happened for years to come. In The Forum of [our flagship journal](#) you find some recent analyses on the role of the media during the primaries. Even more recently there is an online publication containing more than 80 first reflections and insights of leading scholars on these remarkable elections. Food for thought. More info on this publication at the end of this newsletter. No doubt, the discussion will go on in San Diego.

Peter Van Aelst, Chair Political Communication Division

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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 1, 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 1, 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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US Election Analysis 2016: Media, Voters and the Campaign

Edited by Darren Lilleker, Einar Thorsen, Daniel Jackson and Anastasia Veneti.

Featuring 83 contributions from 90 leading academics and emerging scholars across the world, this free publication captures the immediate thoughts, reflections and early research insights on the 2016 US Presidential election on from the cutting edge of media and politics research.

Published just 10 days after the election, these contributions are short and accessible. Authors provide authoritative analysis of the campaign, including research findings or new theoretical insights; to bring readers original ways of understanding the election and its consequences. Contributions also bring a rich range of disciplinary influences, from political science to history, journalism studies to advertising.

The publication is available as a free downloadable PDF, as a website and as a paperback report.

Website URL: <http://www.electionanalysis2016.us/>

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