**ICA POLITICAL COMMUNICATION DIVISION NEWSLETTER (SEP 2017)**

* **Call for Prague 2018 is out!**

The paper submission site is now open for submissions for Prague (24–28 May 2018). The deadline for all conference submissions is 1 November 2017. The full Call for Papers can be found at [http://www.icahdq.org/page/cfp2018](http://www.icahdq.org/page/cfp2018)

If you want to apply for Political Communication, please read our call carefully and follow the guidelines. [http://www.icahdq.org/mpage/POLIT2018](http://www.icahdq.org/mpage/POLIT2018)

Remember we only accept **full research papers** (between 15 -30 pages; with no author information!) OR coherent **panel submissions** (that gather 4-5 papers on one topic or area).

We encourage all paper submitters to also volunteer as reviewers for the division. We need you! To facilitate the assignment of reviewers, we ask that everyone take a brief reviewer survey so we know how many papers you are willing to review and your areas of research expertise. The survey takes only a couple minutes and can be found here: [ICA2018PoliticalCommunicationDivisionReviewerSurvey](http://www.icahdq.org/mpage/POLIT2018)

If you have any questions concerning these formats, general enquiries regarding your individual submission or questions about the reviewer survey, please contact Kimberly Gross (kimgross@gwu.edu)

* **ICA ELECTIONS: VOTE!**

ICA elections have opened. You can now vote for people that will be active in the association (chair, student, regional member). Several people from our division are on the ballot.

Even more important, you can influence who will be part in leading our division. We have two strong candidates to become our new vice chair (Sophie Lecheler, U of Vienna and Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis) and two for the position of secretary (Nayla Fawzi, Ludwig-Maximilians-U and Emily Vraga, George Mason U). Read their candidate statements and vote!


Thanks to our selection commission (Jesper Strömbäck, Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt and Kjerstin Thorson) for doing an excellent job.

* If you have any information that you want to include in the next newsletter, please let me know: peter.vanaelst@uantwerpen.be If you have an announcements that need to be distributed more quickly, send it to our social media editor Björn Buß ([bjoern.buss@uni.leuphana.de](mailto:bjoern.buss@uni.leuphana.de)).
Do not forget to renew your **ICA membership before October 1**, which marks the beginning of the new membership year at ICA, and certainly also renew your membership in our division.

Best wishes, Peter Van Aelst (University of Antwerp)
Chair of ICA Political Communication Division