

Dear Pol Com Members,

Because of problems with the website the deadline for the next ICA annual meeting in SAN DIEGO has been extended to Saturday, 5 November (11:55pm UTC). The guidelines for submitting papers or panels to our division can be found here:

<http://politicalcommunication.org/ICA%20PolComm%20CfP%202017.pdf>

If you have any questions contact our program planner Kimberly Gross (kimgross@gwu.edu)

Thanks to the 150 members who acted as good citizens and filled in the **reviewer survey**.

However, we need much more people. If you have not yet done so, DO IT NOW, it only takes a minute: https://columbiangwu.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bygMHZlY8n5vuXX

The ICA meeting in SAN DIEGO will have a lot to offer. Besides the many political communication panels, our division organizes a preconference for pol com PhD students but also supports a wide range of fascinating pre-conferences that will all take place on May 25th. Read all about them below.

Finally, I am happy to congratulate the new **President-Elect of the ICA, Patricia Moy**. She has been a chair of the division (2006-2008), won the David Swanson Award for Service to Political Communication Scholarship in 2014 and served on many of our committees. Patricia, we are proud and wish you all the best with this new challenge in your career.

Peter Van Aelst

ICA Political Communication Division Chair

Political Communication Division PhD Student Pre-Conference

This preconference has three main goals. 1) Get feedback from senior colleagues and peers on your PhD research. 2) Provide insights on important aspects of academia such how to publish, research ethics, and building a CV. 3) Cultivating a network among young political communication scholars. To achieve these goals, the preconference will bring together a select group of PhD students working on political communication projects and provide them with the opportunity to present and discuss their projects in a constructive atmosphere. A great opportunity for political communication graduate/phd students at the advanced master's and doctoral levels. Find the full call of papers on our website:

<http://politicalcommunication.org/2017ICAPreconfPhDCall.pdf>

Other PRECONFERENCES that our division co-sponsors:

Media Performance and Democracy – The Debate Continues: After the great success of last year's ICA preconference on "Media Performance and Democracy" this year's preconference aims at intensifying the discussion by focusing on issues of transnational comparison and transnational standards of media performance, as well as comparisons of media performance issues across different media. This preconference is also supported by the ICA Journalism Division and touches upon issues we know are of interest to many of our members: the link between journalism and democracy, assessing journalistic quality, and comparing journalism across nations and media. A separate call will be issued soon. In the meantime, please contact organizers Josef Seethaler (josef.seethaler@oeaw.ac.at) or Linards Udris (linards.udris@foeg.uzh.ch) for information.

Online and Newsworthy – Have Digital Sources Changed Journalism? This preconference will serve scholars who are interested in how digitalization has changed journalistic news sourcing techniques. The use of reliable sources is one of the most important aspects of journalistic news production. However, when making news, journalists now increasingly use social media, websites, wikis, and online encyclopedias as sources. But, what are the consequences of online sourcing for the quality of news and the journalistic profession? Can all online sources be reliably verified? Do online sources change the power relationship between political actors and journalists? Our preconference is co-sponsored by the Political Communication Division and the Center for Politics and Communication (polcomm.org). Please see our [Call for Papers](#) for more information on how to submit an abstract (500 words) for the preconference or contact Sophie Lecheler (sophie.lecheler@univie.ac.at). Deadline for submissions is January 20th 2017.

Ordinary Citizens in the News (Deadline Nov 30th) – Over the past decades, scholars have observed a rise of ordinary citizens as actors in everyday news coverage. This trend is caused by several developments, such as personalization and the increasing importance of social media, and it has far reaching consequences for the audiences as well as political actors. The preconference will focus on the (journalistic) selection, perception, and effects of citizen depictions in news coverage. All details regarding the submission process and a detailed description of the conference theme can be found in the call for papers. In case of any questions, contact the organizers Christina Peter (peter@ifkw.lmu.de) or Thomas Zerback (zerback@ifkw.lmu.de).

Political Communication in the Online World: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Perspectives

The preconference addresses substantial changes in political communication that have resulted from an increasing relevance of online media. The preconference will include conclusions of the research on political communication in the online world up until now, and it will include outlooks on future research: both in respect to empirical research, theories, and methods. For this, distinguished scholars from different fields of research and countries are brought together to present and discuss their work. The presenters are invited speakers from different nations. To ensure topical and argumentative coherence, paper submission is not effective for this workshop. Contact: Prof. Dr. Herhard Vowe (U of Düsseldorf, Germany) / vowe@uni-duesseldorf.de

Normative Theory in Communication Research Pre-conference

Normative theories of democracy in communication research across its various subfields rarely receive explicit treatment. The normative implications of many of our concepts rest on implicit assumptions about democracy, how it works, and more importantly, how it *should* work. This pre-conference seeks to bring communication scholars together to spark a conversation on the normative foundations of scholarship and move the field towards more sophisticated models of democracy. Through invited speakers, peer-reviewed papers, and critical discussants, we seek to make democracy and normative theories our object of analysis.

See the full call for papers here: <https://democratictheorycommresearch.wordpress.com/>
The organizers - C.W. Anderson (CUNY), David Karpf (George Washington University), Daniel Kreiss (UNC-Chapel Hill), Rasmus Nielsen (Oxford University), and Matthew Powers (University of Washington) - will make decisions on accepted papers by February 15th.

Populism, Post-Truth Politics and Participatory Culture: Interventions in the Intersection of Popular and Political Communication

From the rise of Donald Trump to GOP presidential candidate, and the successful BREXIT campaign, via the rise of far right Freedom Party in Austria or the Front National in France, to the rise of new Left movements across Southern Europe or Corbynism in the UK, many longstanding democracies in Europe and the US are currently being confronted with dramatic and rapid transformations to the substance of political discourse, frequently summarised as 'post-truth politics'. Rapidly accelerating over the past two years, many of these changes to politics, political movements, political campaigning and political debate have been observed and explored in the field of communication studies. This preconference is co-sponsored by the Popular Communication division and aims to provide a forum for the presentation of current research on the rapid rise of political populism, political movements and post-truth politics in 2016 in different national and international contexts and thus to provide comparative perspectives on transformations of political discourse, participation and electoral behaviour. Contact the organizers for more information: Stephen Harrington s.harrington@qut.edu.au or Cornel Sandvoss C.Sandvoss@hud.ac.uk