

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

POLITICAL COMMUNICATION PhD STUDENT PRE-CONFERENCE

Thursday May 25, 2017

Aims: 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.

Submission guidelines:

Graduate students working on political communication projects are invited to submit abstracts of their research projects. Studies of communication dealing with government, political media, policy, political figures, citizens, campaigns, and advocacy groups are all welcome.

Abstracts should be no longer than 750 words of text that include research questions, the theoretical or conceptual foundations of the project, methods, preliminary findings (if available), and research significance. Abstracts will undergo review; please be sure to remove any identifying information. Projects at all stages will be considered, including research currently in the early stages of data collection or analysis. Evaluation criteria will include quality of argument, methodological rigor, and importance of project to theory building in political communication.

NOTE: Please follow these guidelines and indicate in the subject of the email: 2017 PhD student pre-conference. Please submit abstracts to peter.vanaelst@uantwerpen.be

Specify in the email itself the stage of work (e.g., writing of the research proposal, complete and defended proposal, initial data collection, advanced data collection, data analysis, final writing/defending) and include author names, institutional affiliation, name of promotor and email address.

The extended deadline for submissions is **February 1, 2017**.