

Minutes of the 2022 ICA Political Communication Division Business Meeting

Division Chair: Sophie Lecheler, (U of Vienna)

Vice-Chair: Frank Esser (U of Zurich)

Secretary: Lukas Otto (GESIS, minutes)

Student and early career representative: Sina Blassnig (U of Zurich)

International Liaison: Patricia Rossini (U of Liverpool)

Social Media Representative: Curd Knüpfer (FU Berlin)

1. Welcome & News from ICA & Division (Sophie Lecheler)

- ICA Engagement Opportunities; use: "Call for Expressions of Interest" form
- Dues drastically reduced for Tier B/C effective 1 July (exact reduction TBD)
- All Divisions will get a research escalator session for the next conference
- Future of conference: hybrid, but there will be changes and learnings!

2. Report from the Division Secretary (Lukas Otto)

- The division is financially (very) healthy (carry over from 2021 was 55,041\$)
- We will spend the money in 2022 for Milan Summer School, receptions, new logo, and travel grants
- We spend in total 3200\$ on travel grants, which go to:
 - o Ozen Bas (Kadir Has University)
 - o Minchul Kim (Chung-ang University)
 - o Spencer Goidel (Texas A&M University)
 - o Jack Lipei Tang (University of Southern California)
 - o Courtney Tabor (University of Oregon)
 - o Gilbert Kipkoech (University of Delaware)
 - o Ali Zain (University of South Carolina)

3. Report from the Joint Publications Committee (Patricia Moy)

- Reclaiming authenticity in communication: Toronto theme
- Information on conference hotel room role out: Day 1: Registration for Tier B/C countries day 2: Tier A countries
- Hiring of a new social media officer, Curd Knuepfer (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Future conferences:
 - o 2023 - Toronto, Canada (25-29 May 2023)
 - o 2024 - Gold Coast, Australia
 - o 2025 - Denver, USA
 - o 2026 - TBD (Latin America)
 - o 2027 - Chicago, USA

4. Report from the Social Media Officer (Curd Knüpfer)

- The new social media officers is introducing himself
- Presenting numbers on the social media channels: All numbers are on a high level and rising
- The social media officer presents the new logo and the voting process
- Future directions on online activities:
 - o Increased exchange of PolComm resources (syllabi, media-expert lists, etc.)
 - o PolComm Report reboot

5. Program Planner Report (Frank Esser)

- Record number of submissions: 494 submissions in total
- Acceptance rate lower than online, but higher than in Washington
- Works in progress: Pros and cons
 - o Added value and submission requirements are becoming clearer
 - o WiP are longer (= potentially more substantial) than extended abstracts
 - o We inform reviewers about WiP format in advance
 - o Full Papers partially published by time of conference , WiP add fresh and current flavor
 - o WiP's increase # of submissions → division gets allocated more session slots by ICA
 - o Some submitters would need to be educated better about requirements (e.g., length, content)
 - o Some reviewers would need to be educated better about requirements (what they can expect)
 - o The program planner asks for feedback on the format. Feedback from the participants is positive to keep the format
- Visibility in the program: Spread out over the day; keep the interest of our division in mind
- Thank you to all our reviewers
 - o 494 Reviewers (thank you!!)
 - o 87% papers had 3 reviewers (including PhD students)
 - o 13% had just 2 reviewers (both with PhD)
 - o Large # of reviewers kept burden on individual reviewer 'low'
- Senior scholars also need to fill the reviewer recruitment survey! Please volunteer when emails are sent out by Kate Kenski in Sep/Oct

6. Awards (Frank Esser)

- Outstanding reviewer Awards
 - o Emily Van Duyn (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
 - o Michael Hameleers (U of Amsterdam)
 - o Jörg Matthes (U of Vienna)
- Top Faculty Paper Awards
 - o **Kirsten Adams Eddy** (U of Oxford): "Beyond reason: Rethinking morality In political communication"
 - o **Kirill Bryanov** et al (formerly Higher School of Economics, St Petersburg): "What drives perceptions of foreign news coverage credibility?"
 - o **Cato Waeterloos** (Ghent U) et al.: "The role of multi-platform news consumption in explaining civic participation during the COVID19 pandemic"
- Top Student Paper Awards:
 - o **Chlo Jae-Kyungn Ahn** (U of Pennsylvania-Annenberg) & **Go-Eun Kim** (U of Missouri): "Online Backlash against feminism: Negative labelling of feminists discourages women from speaking about gender issues online"
 - o **Adita Gitomer** et al. (Northeastern U): "The speech we miss: (Re)examining young peoples' participation in US presidential discourse"
 - o **Jianing Li** (U of Wisconsin-Madison): "Framing Black Lives Matter: The persistence of language cues over identity, context, and media use"
- Top poster award:
 - o **Jessica Feezell** et al. (U of New Mexico): "Scrolling headlines and clicking stories: Differential content and consequences from enhanced scrollability of news"

7. Report from the Student and Early-Career Officer (Sina Blassnig)

- PolCom Student & Early Career Reception
- Peer exchange group on slack
- Other student and early career activities in Paris include workshops SECAC business meeting, student & early career reception
- Other activities of the PolCom division: Milan Summer School, July 11-16, 2022; PhD conference for ICA 2023
- Contact PolComm's Student & Early Career Representative if you have any questions or suggestions! Outgoing: Sina Blassnig, s.blassnig@ikmz.uzh.ch, @sina_jb / Incoming: Ernesto de León, ernesto.deleon@unibe.ch , @edeleonw

8. Report from our International Liaison Officer (Patricia Rossini)

- The divide of accepted papers is addressed
- Ratio of papers accepted
- Goals and activities of international liaison:
 - o No segregated panels: input in the program planning!
 - o Survey (in collaboration with ERC officers) focused on improving the ICA experience
 - o Polcom for Newcomers!
 - o 2 workshops in October 2022 (accommodating Americas/Europe/Asia/Oceania) to explain the CfP, conference & submission format, expectations, tips for successful applications.
 - o We had 196 people registered, mainly in the Americas/Europe timeslot.
 - o Implementation of communication channels to help networking/buddying-up (slack channel for Paris!)
 - o Results from the ICA survey organized by early career and international liaison officers are presented:
 - o The statistics for submissions and accepted papers for ICA are presented with focus on global distribution

9. Report from the Journal (Regina Lawrence)

- Content analysis of papers in PolCom
- The journal is discussing higher open science standards, but also whether this might affect inclusion in terms of submissions from non-western institutions and researchers
- The journal plans to establish an data transparency editor who focuses on matters of open science, but also inclusion and support when dealing with open science practices

10. Division Awards

- **The Kaid-Sanders Best Political Communication Article of the Year Award**
 - o Committee Chair: Esther Thorson (Michigan State U)
 - o **Kim, J. W., & Kim, E. (2021).** Temporal selective exposure: How partisans choose when to follow politics. *Political Behavior*, 43, 1663-1683.
 - o **Runner up:** Chadwick, A., & Stanyer, J. (2021). Deception as a bridging concept in the study of disinformation, misinformation, and misperception: Toward a holistic framework. *Communication Theory*, 32, 1-24.
 - o **Runner up:** Jungherr, A., Wuttke, A, Mader, & Schoen, H. (2021). A source like any other? Field and survey experiment evidence on how interest groups shape public opinion. *Journal of Communication*, 71, 276-301.

- **David Swanson Award for Service to Political Communication Scholarship** recognizes those distinguished in their sustained contributions to the field as planners, editors, and leaders and in other roles that require time and energy, innovation, and personal dedication.
 - o Committee chair: Claes de Vreese (U of Amsterdam)
 - o 2022 Leareate: **Yariv Tsfati**, U of Haifa
- **The International Journal of Press/Politics Hazel Gaudet-Erskine Best Book Award**
 - o **Nikki Usher**: News for the Rich, White, and Blue: How Place and Power Distort American Journalism (Columbia University Press, 2021)

11. New Leadership: Passing of the Gavel (Sophie Lecheler, Frank Esser)

- Welcome our newly elected division leadership:
 - o Kate Kenski (U of Arizona): Vice Chair
 - o Tabarez Ahmed Nyazi (National U of Singapore): International Liaison
 - o Ernesto de León, U of Bern: Student and Early Career
- Thank you and goodbye to:
 - o Sophie Lecheler, U of Vienna: outgoing chair
 - o Patricia Rossini, U of Liverpool: outgoing international Liaison
 - o Sina Blassning, U of Zurich: outgoing Student and Early Career