

Minutes of the 2023 ICA Political Communication Division Business Meeting

Division Chair: Frank Esser, (U of Zurich)

Vice-Chair: Kate Kenski (U of Arizona)

Secretary: Lukas Otto (GESIS, minutes)

Student and early career representative: Ernesto de Leon (U of Bern)

International Liaison: Tabarez Ahmed Nyazi (National U of Singapore)

Social Media Representative: Curd Knüpfer (FU Berlin)

1. Welcome & News from the board of directors meeting (Frank Esser)

- Frank Esser welcomes all new members of the division
- The ICA budget has passed
- ICA is putting forward a task force on the country tier categorization. The division officers appreciate the effort that is made here
- There are three new regional hubs and conferences: for instance in Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, Indonesia, India and China, South Africa, Poland, France
- To enable scholars from less well represented and less resourced contexts to travel more easily to ICA conferences, it has been proposed at the BoD meeting to establish a Global South Fund.
- At the BoD meeting, the two candidates running for the next ICA presidency have also been finalized. They are two long-time members of our division: Yariv Tsfati, Thomas Hanitzsch
- There are two new ICA fellows from our division: Magdalena Wojcieszak, Jesper Strömbäck
- Future conferences (Claes de Vresse)
 - o The next conference will be held in Gold Coast Australia. Claes explains the travel information and has some information on hotel prices, which could, however, still be subject to change
 - o Further conferences: 2025 - Denver, USA, 2026 - TBD (Latin America or Europe)
 - o 2027 - Chicago, USA, 2028 – TBD (Europe or Latin America), 2029 - Asia

2. News from the division and the conference

- Our division co-sponsored three pre-conferences
- We had our biannual PhD-preconference with almost 60 PhD students from around the globe and numerous colleagues acting as discussants and speakers
- We had the opportunity this year for research escalator panel, which did not count against the number of panels we could have at the conference. Also a great opportunity to receive mentorship.
- Milan Summer School in Political Communication will be held next year again under the competent auspices of G. Mazzoleni -- with 30 students receiving input and feedback from 10 experts.
- This fall we are searching for a new Vice Chair, International Liaison, and Student and Early Career Representative
 - o Please nominate and self-nominate!
 - o All nominations and self-nominations should be accompanied by a brief narrative of the individual's qualifications for and interest in the position. Individuals

nominating others should confirm that person's interest prior to submitting a nomination.

- Frank Esser talks about the division's goals (mentorship, internationalization, professionalization of communication) and how to achieve them
- He describes the idea of a task force for strategic planning since some of the officer tasks have extended a lot in the last years (e.g. program planning)

3. IJPP Best Book award

- **The *International Journal of Press/ Politics* Hazel Gaudet-Erskine Best Book Award goes to Gadi Wolfsfeld, Tamir Sheafer, and Scott Althaus: Building Theory in Political Communication: The Politics-Media-Politics Approach"**
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4. Report from the Division Secretary (Lukas Otto)

- The division is financially (very) healthy (2023 budget is around USD 107,600)
- The carry over is so high since we received royalties from the journal for 2 years together
- We will spend the money in 2024 for Milan Summer School, receptions, new logo, and travel grants
- The increased budget allows for higher and more travel grants, larger PhD conference, off-site reception, new division initiatives
- We had a record number of very diverse applications for the ICA PolComm travel awards, we were able to spend more on these awards than ever before.
- The ICA PolComm Travel Awards go to:
 - o Soma Basu, Yunis Mir, Isabella de Sousa Gonçalves, Xiting Tong, Yibin Fan, Syeda Mona Batool Taqvi, Pragya Yadav, Sonali Singh

5. 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 2024 - Gold Coast, Australia
 - o 2025 - Denver, USA
 - o 2026 - TBD (Latin America)
 - o 2027 - Chicago, USA

6. 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

7. Program Planner Report (Kate Kenski)

- Number of submissions: 448 paper submissions, 6 panels, 35 research escalators
- Acceptance rate 47% (52% for full papers, 29% for WiP, 23% for research escalators)

- Research escalators:
 - Goal is to connect early scholars to established scholars for one-on-one mentoring
 - Program slot provided by ICA and doesn't count toward our 43 session allotment
- Visibility in the program, 3rd largest division in the program
- Thank you to all our reviewers
 - 476 Reviewers (thank you!!)
 - 92% papers had 3 reviewers (including PhD students)
 - 7.9% had just 2 reviewers (both with PhD)
 - 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 in Sep/Oct

8. Awards (Frank Esser)

- Outstanding reviewer Awards
 - **Alon Zoizner**
 - **William Allen**
 - **Ashley Muddiman**
 - **Alessandro Nai**
 - **Lyubov A. Naydonova**
 - **Holli A. Semetko**
 - **Ant Woodall**
- Top Faculty Paper Awards
 - **Frank Mangold, David Schock, Sebastian Stier** (GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences): “More than meets the eye: How Ideological Selectivity Plays Out in Digital High-Choice Media Environments”
 - **Eike Rinke** (U of Leeds), **Charlotte Löb** (U of Mainz), **Hartmut Wessler** (U of Mannheim).: “Contexts of Contestation: How Political System, Sociocultural Divides and Media Types Shape Inclusion and Justification in Public Discourse”
 - **Fabio Votta, Tom Dobber, Natali Helberger, Claes de Vreese** (U of Amsterdam) Benjamin Guidnaudeua: “Algorithmic Microtargeting? Testing the Influence of the Meta Ad Delivery Algorithm in the Dutch Political Advertising Context”
 - **Kaiping Zhang** (Tsinghua U), **Shiyao Liu** (Peking U)), & **Zhongbin Huang** (Tsingua U): Does Social Media Propaganda Increase Affective Legitimacy of Single Party States?
- Top Student Paper Awards:
 - **Yingdan Lu** (Stanford U) **Yilang Peng** (U of Georgia): “The Mobilizing Power of Visual Media Across Cycles of Social Movements”
 - **Tobias Rohrbach** (U of Fribourg): “Disentangling Stereotypes Incongruity in Candidate Evaluations”

- Top poster award:
 - o **Danny Parker** (U of Wisconsin-Madison): “The Impact of the Criminalization of Poverty on Political Socialization: An Ethnographic Examination of Political Communication at the Margins
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9. Report from the Student and Early-Career Officer (Ernesto De Leon)

- Ernesto de León presents events and activities for early career & student members (Welcome meeting, PhD slack group, Twitter Hype train, PhD preconference)
- He presents the PolComm Newcomer Toolkit
- Milan summer school will be back in 2024
- Information on ICA Student & Early-Career Community (SECAC)

10. Report from our International Liaison Officer (Taberez Nayazi)

- o The international liaison office presents activities to promote international diversity in the division at the conference and beyond:
 - Program planning will continue to include diversity aspects
 - PolComm for Newcomers workshop with 192 participants in total
- o Breaking down of numbers on international submissions for ICA 2023 PolComm
- o Further activities to promote international diversity such as: improvements for timing of travel grant applications, international workshops, and global virtual mentorship

11. Report from the Journal (Regina Lawrence)

- Regina Lawrence welcomes new board members of Political Communication
 - o **Eugenia Mitchelstein, Universidad de San Andrés**
 - o **Sebastian Valenzuela, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile**
- New Data editor: **Bernhard Clemm**
- Breaking down numbers of submissions and acceptance rates
- Forthcoming special issues in Political Communication
 - o **Issue #3: “Campaigning in Dissonant Public Spheres,”** edited by **Karolina Koc-Michalska, Ulrike Klinger, Lance Bennett, & Andrea Römmele**
 - o **Issue #4: “Race and Ethnicity as Foundational Forces in Political Communication,”** edited by **Stewart Coles & Dan Lane**

12. Division Awards

- The Dissertation award goes to: **Andreas Nanz**, “Incidental Exposure in the Online World: Antecedents, Mechanisms, and Consequences
- **The Kaid-Sanders Best Political Communication Article of the Year Award**
 - o Committee Chair: Michael Chan (Hong Kong U)
 - o **Greg Chih-Hsin Sheen, Hans H. Tung, & Wen-Chin Wu: Power Sharing and Media Freedom in Dictatorship** *Political Communication*, 39(2), 202-221.
 - o Runner-up: **Sangwon Lee, Trevor Diehl, and Sebastian Valenzuela**

- Rethinking the Virtuous Circle Hypothesis On Social Media: Subjective versus Objective Knowledge and Political Participation. *Human Communication Research*, **48(1)**, 57–87
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13. New positions: Passing of the Gavel (Frank Esser)

- Goodbye to the outgoing secretary Lukas Otto and welcome to Ashely Muddiman (U of Kansas) our new secretary.