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)
     - 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
     - Further conferences: 2025 - Denver, USA, 2026 - TBD (Latin America or Europe)
     - 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
     - Please nominate and self-nominate!
     - 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**

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:
     - 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:
     - 2024 - Gold Coast, Australia
     - 2025 - Denver, USA
     - 2026 - TBD (Latin America)
     - 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:
     - Increased exchange of PolComm resources (syllabi, media-expert lists, etc.)
     - 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:
  o Goal is to connect early scholars to established scholars for one-on-one mentoring
  o 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
  o 476 Reviewers (thank you!!)
  o 92% papers had 3 reviewers (including PhD students)
  o 7.9% 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 in Sep/Oct

8. Awards (Frank Esser)
- Outstanding reviewer Awards
  o Alon Zoizner
  o William Allen
  o Ashley Muddiman
  o Alessandro Nai
  o Lyubov A. Naydonova
  o Holli A. Semetko
  o Ant Woodall

- Top Faculty Paper Awards
  o 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”
  o 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”
  o 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:
  o Yingdan Lu (Stanford U) Yilang Peng (U of Georgia): “The Mobilizing Power of Visual Media Across Cycles of Social Movements”
  o Tobias Rohrbach (U of Fribourg): “Disentangling Stereotypes Incongruity in Candidate Evaluations”
9. Report from the Student and Early-Career Officer (Ernesto De Leon)
   - Ernesto de Léon 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)
    - 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
    - Breaking down of numbers on international submissions for ICA 2023 PolComm
    - 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 bord members of Political Communication
      - Eugenia Mitchelstein, Universidad de San Andrés
      - 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
      - Issue #3: “Campaigning in Dissonant Public Spheres,” edited by Karolina Koc-Michalska, Ulrike Klinger, Lance Bennett, & Andrea Römmele
      - 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
      - Committee Chair: Michael Chan (Hong Kong U)
      - 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

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.