ECPR Standing Group on Political Communication

Dear members of the Standing Group on Political Communication,

We are delighted that Patrick Van Erkel (University of Antwerp) and Luzia Helfer (Geneva University) have submitted a proposal for a Political Communication Section at the 2020 ECPR Conference in Innsbruck. Fingers crossed! In addition, please find below several important announcements, including information on the winner of the ECPR General Conference 2019 Political Communication Best Paper Award, a call for unpublished experiments for a meta-analysis, various job openings, a call for papers for a special issue on visual politics in the International Journal of Press/Politics and a call for papers for Comptext 2020.

If you have any news for the next newsletter or would you like to introduce yourself (with a little information on your research and a photo) to the standing group, please email: loes.aaldering@univie.ac.at.

Kind regards,

The Steering Committee of the ECPR's research network on Political Communication

Katjana Gattermann (Convenor)
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Best Paper Award: Section Political Communication ECPR General Conference 2019

The standing group on Political Communication hands out a best paper award for the best paper presented at the ECPR General Conference of 2019.
Based on the suggestions of the chairs and discussants of the panels, the following papers were nominated for the best paper award:

Panel at the ECPR Conference	Nominee for the Best Paper Award
Political Communication in a Post-Truth Era	'They Can't Fool Me, but They Can Fool the Others!' Third Person Effect and Fake News Detection - Denisa Oprea and colleagues
Political Communication in Times of Elections	Reporting the polls. The quality of media reporting of vote intention polls in the Netherlands – Louwerse and Van Dijk
Populist Communication in a Digital Media	The Power of Emotions: Populist Communication on Facebook - Anna Bil-Jaruzeska
The Political Implications of Media and Journalistic Hybridity	Journalism under instrumentalized political parallelism: Between compliance and disruption – Kjetil Selvik and Jacob Hoighild
Campaign Effects in Contemporary Elections	How does party communication trigger instability in voters' perceptions of parties' issue competence? - Adrien Petitpas

Emotionality and Incivility	Political Incivility in Election Debates and Post-Debate News Coverage: How Does It Affect Political Trust and News Credibility? – Ine Goovaerts
Framing and Branding	Beat them with their own weapons: Making Human Rights "Cool" Again. How to Communicate Discrimination Issues to Adolescents - Jana Bernhard
Political Agenda Setting	When Media Matter for Consumer Confidence. A Study on the Effect of Negative Economic News Across the 28 EU States - Jeroen Jonkman and colleagues
Political Communication and Political Leadership	Do *Spitzenkandidaten* really make a difference? Disentangling nationality and gender effects in the study of personalized European Parliament election campaigns - Katjana Gattermann and Franziska Marquart
Political Communication and the Rise of Populism	Emotional Framing in Right-Wing Populist Communication on Twitter. A German Dictionary-Based Measurement – Daniel Thiele
Political Communication and Social Media	Why Do(n't) We Learn from Social Media? Studying Effects of and Mechanisms Behind Social Media Use on Political Knowledge - Patrick van Erkel
Political Communication in a Digital Era	OK Google: "When searching for political information, what is the importance of ranking in a search engine environment?" - Guillaume Zumofen

The best paper award committee (including Linda Bos, Michał Jacuński, Beatrice Eugster, Olga Eisele, Ana Langer and Dmitry Chernobrov) have read and evaluated all papers, and we have a winner!!!

The best paper presented at the Political Communication Section of the ECPR General Conference 2019 is….

'Emotional Framing in Right-Wing Populist Communication on Twitter. A German Dictionary-Based Measurement' by Daniel Thiele. The best paper award committee noted: 'Ambitious and well-designed paper, with a significant and innovative contribution', 'It could be a seminal study in the field', and 'The paper is extremely well-written, well-structured, easy to read, ticks all the boxes'.

Daniel Thiele, congratulations!!! On next year's ECPR general conference, during the Business Meeting, we will officially hand out the Best Paper Award 2019!

Incivility research: Call for unpublished experiments

Have you done experimental research on (political) incivility? Then we may need your help! My team and I are currently working on a meta-analysis of incivility research. After having done a systematic search of the published literature, we are now interested to find unpublished datasets, to be able to avoid (or potentially calculate) a file drawer effect. We are interested in:

-       experimental studies that manipulate incivility and contrast it with a control condition containing civil speech/communication.

-       The context can be anything: comments to Facebook posts, news articles, Tweets, TV talkshow, talk radio, etc.

-       Dependent variables including (but not limited to): political trust, political cynicism, willingness to compromise, willingness to talk with the other side, faith in democracy, but also political participation, willingness to engage in the discussion, willingness to post on social media, voting, etc.

If you have any (or know of any) data that may be relevant but is unpublished, either because you intend to publish it at one stage, but this hasn't happened yet, or because it is sitting in your archive somewhere, could you please let us know? We greatly appreciate your help!

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Job Opening

Where: **University of Vienna**, Department of Communication Science
Position: PhD
Topic: Systematic/Computer-Assisted Content or Text Analysis
Chair: Prof. Hajo Boomgaarden
Duration: 4 years, 30 hours a week
Deadline: 27-11-2019
More information:
https://univis.univie.ac.at/ausschreibungstellensuche/flow/bew_ausschreibung-flow?_flowExecutionKey=_c46CCBF3F-C974-45C6-82B3-FF6641FA9274_kAE4CE32B-D4A4-FFD6-521E-57A6B3613E96&tid=75742.28

Job Opening

Where: **Reuters Institute** for the Study of Journalism in the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
Position: Post-doctoral Research Fellow
Topic: Technology and Policy
Duration: 2 years
Deadline: 13-12-2019
More information:
https://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/vacancy/postdoctoral-research-fellow-in-technology-and-policy-143613.html

Job Opening

Where: **University of Manchester**
Position: Research Associate
Topic: Digital Campaigning and Electoral Democracy
PI: Prof. Rachel Gibson
Duration: 4.5 years, full-time
Deadline: 16-12-2019
More information:
https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/internal/displayjob.aspx?jobid=18250

Job Opening

Where: **University of Manchester**
Position: Research Associate
Topic: Democracy at Risk
PI: Prof. Rachel Gibson
Duration: 6 months, full-time
Deadline: 10-12-2019
More information:
https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/displayjob.aspx?jobid=18122

Call for Papers

Special issue: *International Journal of Press/Politics*
Title: **Visual Politics**
Deadline: 15-12-2019
The guest editors are Erik Bucy and Jungseock Joo
More information can be found here: https://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/cmscontent/HIJ/IJPP_CFP_VisualPolitics-1565624416847.pdf

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Call for papers: COMPTEXT 2020, The 4th Symposium on the Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data

Where & When: University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria, 15-16 May, 2020
Deadline for abstract submissions: 15 January 2010

The fourth International and Interdisciplinary Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data will be held in Innsbruck, Austria, on 15-16 May 2020.
COMPTEXT is an international community of quantitative text analysis scholars in political science, international relations and beyond. COMPTEXT is a legacy project of the 2018 POLTEXT Conference in Budapest (organized by Miklós Sebők) and the 2019 POLTEXT Conference in Tokyo (organized by Kohei Watanabe, Lisa Lechner and Miklós Sebők – for more information, see our official website at: http://www.comptextconference.org/). From 2020 the project continues on a new name, one that better reflects our approach.
We are seeking submissions that:
- Address the **complexity** of research problems at the intersection of social sciences (particularly political science and international relations) and information technology
- Use **computational** methods in analyzing **textual** sources
- Adhere to a **comparative** approach to solving these problems, such as multi-lingual comparative analysis

We strongly encourage all scholars who employ quantitative text analysis methods to submit abstracts for presentation at the conference, but priority will be given to proposals which are relevant to one or more of the abovementioned focus points. We accept both *substantive* and *methodological* papers for presentation: substantive papers may be on any studies in social sciences or humanities that utilize quantitative text analysis; methodological papers may cover, but are not restricted to, word embeddings, topic models, different machine learning approaches, or sentiment analysis.
COMPTEXT conferences embrace underline interdisciplinary and diversity of participants, and we encourage PhD students and early career researchers to submit.

In keeping with our tradition, on 14 May, 2020 a <u>tutorial day</u> will be held for registered participants for a registration fee of EUR 30. Courses will be offered for both beginner and advanced level participants.

Submission of Paper Proposals:
Proposals, along with an abstract of 250 words and a few substantive and methods-related keywords, should be submitted via the <u>submission form</u> by 15 January 2020.
Notifications of acceptance are due by 15 February, 2020. The registration deadline is 15 March, 2020. Full-length papers must be uploaded by 7 May, 2020.

The Organizing Committee consists of:
- Lisa Lechner (University of Innsbruck – lead organizer)
- James Cross (University College Dublin)
- Christoph Ivanusch (University of Innsbruck)
- Miklós Sebők (Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest)
- Thomas Walli (University of Innsbruck)
- Kohei Watanabe (University of Innsbruck)

For more information, please visit our website: http://www.comptextconference.org/
Questions related to Innsbruck 2020 should be directed to innsbruck@comptextconference.org
In case you have any questions with regards to the COMPTEXT project please contact us via info@comptextconference.org

Do you want to introduce yourself to the Political Communication community? Please send us a photo and a short text describing who you are, where you are based, what your research interests are and what you are working on at the moment (you can send it to loes.aaldering@univie.ac.at).