

ECPR Standing Group on **Political communication**



Dear members of the Standing Group on Political Communication,

Below please find a call for partaking in a survey of training and research needs in text analysis of OPTED, call for papers for the annual conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics, a call for papers for the international Colloquium of the French academic journal *Politiques de Communication*, a call for papers for the EPSAnet2022 conference, job openings for PhD positions and assistant/associate professorships, and a request for published and unpublished studies on social media use and political knowledge.

If you have news you want included in the next newsletter, please email: l.aaldering@vu.nl.

Kind regards,

The Steering Committee of the ECPR's standing group on Political Communication

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Call for participating in survey on training and research needs related to text analysis – OPTED

Dear Colleague,

We are contacting you on behalf of the OPTED network. [OPTED](#) is an EU-funded Horizon 2020 project aimed at creating a platform that will serve as a major hub for political text analysis in Europe.

At the moment, we are fielding a survey among academics and practitioners working on text analysis to better assess their training and research needs. These needs will be taken into account in the development of the platform, to understand better the type of resources and features that the user community would like to see on this research platform.

The survey is completely anonymous. It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please click the link below to start the survey.

[Take the Survey](#)

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

https://audencia.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bexMTf89MqrMpKu?type=ORG

If you have any question regarding the survey, feel free to contact any of the co-investigators: Prof. Susan Banducci (s.a.banducci@exeter.ac.uk) (PI), Prof. Karolina Koc-Michalska (kkocmichalska@audencia.com) (PI), Michele Scotto di Vettimo (m.scotto-di-vettimo@exeter.ac.uk), Amanda Haraldsson (aharaldsson@audencia.com).

The OPTED network greatly values your participation and feedback. We thank you in advance for your time.

Our best wishes,

The OPTED teams in the University of Exeter and Audencia Business School



Call for papers: 8th Annual Conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics

Where: Loughborough University, UK

When: 22-23 September 2022

Deadline for abstracts: 23 May 2022

On 22-23 September 2022, the Centre for Research in Communication and Culture at Loughborough University will host the 8th annual conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics, focused on academic research on the relationship between media and political processes around the world.

The conference brings together scholars conducting internationally oriented or comparative research on the intersection between news media and politics around the world. It aims to provide a forum for academics from a wide range of disciplines, countries, and methodological approaches to advance knowledge in this area.

Examples of relevant topics include, but are not limited to, the political implications of changes in media systems; the importance of different types of media for learning about and engaging with politics; the factors affecting the quality of political information and public discourse; media policy and regulation; the role of entertainment and popular culture in

how people engage with current affairs; relations between political actors and journalists; the role of visuals and emotion in the production and processing of public information; the role of different kinds of media during conflicts and crises; and political communication during and beyond elections by government, political parties, interest groups, and social movements.

The journal and the conference are particularly interested in studies that adopt comparative approaches, represent substantial theoretical or methodological advances, or focus on parts of the world that are under-researched in the international English language academic literature.

Titles and abstracts for papers (maximum 300 words) are invited by 23 May 2022. The abstract should clearly describe the key question, the theoretical and methodological approach, the evidence presented, and the wider implications of the study for understanding the relationship between media and politics. Authors are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible about the spatial and temporal context of their study, the research design employed, the data collected, and the main results of the analyses.

Please send submissions via the online form available at <https://bit.ly/IJPP2022>.

The call for papers can be found here: <https://cristianvaccari.com/2022/03/18/call-for-papers-for-the-8th-annual-conference-of-the-international-journal-of-press-politics-loughborough-university-uk-22-23-september-2022/>.

The conference is organized by Cristian Vaccari (Editor-in-Chief of IJPP and Director of CRCC). Please contact Professor Vaccari with questions at c.vaccari@lboro.ac.uk.

Call for papers: The grip of “communication” - International Colloquium organized on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the French academic journal *Politiques de Communication*

When: December 15-16, 2022

Where: Sciences Po Toulouse, Toulouse, France

Deadline for abstracts: June 15, 2022

For its tenth anniversary, the French academic journal *Politiques de communication* is organizing an international colloquium whose ambition is to propose an overall reflection on "the grip of communication" in the structuring of contemporary social spaces.

The ambition of this colloquium is to bring together and bring into dialogue empirical studies aiming to measure the forms and the strength of the grip of communication in various social fields: politics or economic activities, of course, but also culture, journalism, teaching and research, sport, fashion, law, religion, food, clothing and even ways of being and living in society. The expected proposals should, on the one hand, present an explicit construction of the object around this "grip of communication", and on the other hand, mobilize and rely on rigorously constructed empirical data in order to avoid the risk of speculative denunciation.

The expected communications can be inscribed in one of the three following axes: 1) The “professionalization” of communication and its effects; 2) Information under the grip of communication; 3) “The grip of communication” as a public problem and a problem of the public.

Proposals for papers should be sent before June 15, 2022 to the following address:

colloque.emprise.communication@gmail.com

Short abstracts (about 450 words), they should present their object of study, the theoretical framework, the problematic and the empirical elements. Papers can be submitted in French and English. No payment from the authors will be required. The authors whose proposals are selected will participate in the colloquium and, at the same time, will submit a written

version of their paper, which will be reviewed for publication in the anniversary issue of the journal. The proposals will be selected by the editorial board of the journal *Politiques de communication*.

More information can be found [here](#)

Organizing Committee: Olivier Baisnée, Benjamin Ferron, Sandrine Leveque, and Jérémie Nollet

Call for Papers: ESPAnet 2022 conference - Stream: Citizen Social Science and Social Innovation: New Practices for the Local Evidence-Based Social Policies

Deadline for abstracts submission: **4 April**

Conference: 14-16 September

Available Presentation Forms: in-person or online; posters and papers.

Abstract Submission (max 500 words):

<https://www.espanet-vienna2022.org/call-for-abstracts>

Stream Convenors:

- Andrzej Klimczuk, Ph.D. (SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland)
- Egle Butkeviciene, Ph.D. (Kaunas University of Technology, Kaunas, Lithuania)
- Minela Kerla, Ph.D. (Association of Online Educators, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Stream Description:

Social innovations are new ideas, initiatives, or solutions that meet the challenges in social security, education, employment, culture, health, environment, housing, and economic development. Citizen science activities serve to achieve scientific as well as social and educational goals, opening an arena for introducing social innovations. Such innovations are further developed, adapted, or altered after the involvement of scientist-supervised citizens (laypeople or volunteers) in research and with the use of the citizen science tools and methods.

The combination of these approaches leads to the development of citizen social science, which involves citizens in the design and conducting of social research, including engagement in research processes similarly to co-production and participatory action research (Albert et al. 2021). Citizen social science is recognized as crucial for gathering data, responding and resolving local development challenges, and cooperation between citizens and professional scientists. However, there are also various barriers to recognition of citizens' contributions and inclusion of innovations in public policies.

In this stream, we want to gather papers on both theoretical and empirical findings. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Citizen social science and social innovations in addressing public and social issues, problems and challenges.
 - Innovations and engagement of citizens in the mixed economy of welfare, including co-production of social services delivered by public, private, non-governmental organizations, and non-formal entities.
 - The potential of citizen social science in the improvement of local welfare programs.
 - Research methods related to citizen social science and social innovation (e.g., collective intelligence, participatory and grassroots activities, hardware and software development).
 - Digital social innovation and citizen social science, usage of big data analytics, ICT, and smart solutions.
 - Design, evaluation, communication, and dissemination of results of the citizen social science and social innovation initiatives.
 - Strategies for transferability and scaling of social innovations and citizen social science projects.
 - Good practices of collaboration between scholars and citizens in cities and communities.
 - Case studies and good practices summarizing lessons learned from a collaboration between scholars and citizens, including co-creation and co-production processes.
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Job Opening

Where: Department of Social Sciences, University Carlos III Madrid

Position: PhD position

Contract: 4 years

Project: POLARCHATS – misinformation and its consequences in the Global South

PI: Dr. Simon Chauchard (simon.chauchard@uc3m.es)

Deadline: 29-04-2022

More information: <https://ic3jm.es/phd-polarchats/>

Job Opening

Where: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Position: Assistant Professor in Political Science with an expertise in quantitative methods

Contract: Tenure Track

Deadline: 31/03/2022

More information: <https://werkenbij.vu.nl/ad/assistant-professor-ud-in-political-science-with-expertise-in-quantitative-meth/jgog1t>

Job Opening

Where: Wageningen University & Research

Position: Assistant/Associate Professor in Digital Communication Science

Contract: Tenure Track

Deadline: 28/03/2022

More information: <https://www.wur.nl/en/vacancy/Assistant-Associate-Professor-in-Digital-Communication-Science-Tenure-Track.htm>

Request for published and unpublished studies on social media use and political knowledge

Dear colleagues,

We are political communication researchers currently working on a meta-analysis of the relationship between social media use and political knowledge. We have so far collected and analyzed 68 studies, and at this stage we would like to ensure our list of studies is comprehensive. To be included in our meta-analysis, studies must be written in English, include quantitative data, and report the relationship between social media use (of any type: Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, general SNS use, etc.) and political knowledge. The meta-analysis covers studies that employ various research designs (experiments, surveys, panels, etc.) and that operationalize social media use in different ways, such as self-reports, behavioral data, or experimental manipulations.

We are looking for both published and unpublished studies (e.g., working papers, conference papers, dissertations, etc.).

If you have conducted such a study or can think of one that seems relevant, we would be grateful if you could send it to Dr. Eran Amsalem at: eran.amsalem@mail.huji.ac.il

If you are currently conducting research on this topic that has not yet been written up in full, and are willing to share your information with us, please provide us with an effect size measure (e.g., Cohen's d , Pearson's r , odds ratio) or any statistics that can be converted into a standardized metric. Alternatively, you may send us the dataset so we can compute the effect size ourselves.

Kindest regards,

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