

ECPR Standing Group on **Political communication**



Dear members of the Standing Group on Political Communication,

Below please find a short report on the ECPR Joint Sessions workshop sponsored by our standing group, 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*, and job openings for PhD positions, assistant professorships and full professorships.

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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ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop on Moralizing in Public Debates

The ECPR Workshop on Moralizing in Public Debates was held between April 17 and April 19, 2022. We spent 3 days in the Zoom rooms with 13 scholars from all across the Globe incl. India, The USA, Poland, Norway, Czechia, The Netherlands, Germany, Estonia, Austria, and Hungary.

We are grateful for the opportunity to e-meet each other and discuss the issues of morality in political communication from historical, rhetorical, and discursive perspectives. The moral foundation theory, moral narratives, moral emotions, and traditional and computer-based methods were on our agenda. We all thoroughly enjoyed our time in the workshop.

Participants: Monika Verbalyte, Sergei Samoilenko, Marina Vahter, Cristina Monzer and Elena Baro, Robert Sata, Frederic Hopp, Sagar Ved Singh, Daniela Prokschová, Maria Theiss, Anna Sobaczewska.

Workshop directors: Artur Lipinski, Gabriella Szabó.

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

Job Opening

Where: The Departments of Political Science of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and Université Catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)

Position: 3 PhD positions

Contract: 4 years

Project: The perception of differentness: polarization amongst citizens and dissatisfaction with representatives

PI: Prof. Virginie Van Ingelgom (virginie.vanengelgom@uclouvain.be)

Deadline: 27-05-2022

More information: <https://edge.vub.be/en/vacancy-for-3-phd-researchers-on-political-polarisation-deadline-275>

Job Opening

Where: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Position: Assistant Professor in Political Communication

Deadline: 6-6-2022

More information: <https://workingat.vu.nl/ad/assistant-professor-ud-of-political-communication/jmfuws>

Job Opening

Where: Amsterdam School of Communication Research, University of Amsterdam

Position: Full Professor Political Communication and Journalism

Deadline: 16-5-2022

More information: <https://vacatures.uva.nl/UvA/job/Full-Professor-in-Political-Communication-&-Journalism/745207502/>
