ECPR Standing Group on
Political communication

Dear members of the Standing Group on Political Communication,

We hope you had (or still have!) a wonderful and relaxing summer break!

Below please find the most recent information on the ECPR General Conference and the section 'Political Communication: Theoretical Challenges, Empirical Opportunities', information on the Political Communication Best Paper Award of the General Conference, an invitation to our Standing Group's yearly Business Meeting, an invitation for a meet and greet with the editors of PRX, a call for papers for a special issue on multilingualism in computational communication research, a call for papers for a conference on technology, internet and policy, and job openings for lecturers, PhD positions, postdocs, and assistant professors.

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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Update on ECPR General Conference 2022 (Aug 22-26)

Program

It is almost time for the highlight of the year: the ECPR General Conference, this year including the section "Political Communication: Theoretical Challenges, Empirical Opportunities" endorsed by the Standing Group on Political communication. All information on this conference can be found on the ECPR website.

We are pleased to present 8 panels on various key topics (mis- and disinformation, incivility, digital campaigning, framing, media effects, populist communication and computational content analyses) that are extremely relevant in the field of political communication. An overview of all panels for the session "Political Communication in Times of Crisis" at the ECPR General Conference can be found below and here. We thank all discussants, chairs and paper presenters for their contributions and look forward to a great conference!

	Panel	Chair	Discussants	Link
Monday				
Monday 15:15 - 17:00 (22/08/2022)	The impact of digital campaigning	Laura Jacobs	Jana Boukemia	https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PanelDetails/12108
Tuesday				
Tuesday 09:00 - 10:45 (23/08/2022)	Applying computational content analysis in political communication	Lisa Zehnter	Christian Czymara	https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PanelDetails/12114
Tuesday 14:00 - 15:45 (23/08/2022)	Mis- and disinformation and the rise of alternative media	Raluca Buturoiu	Eszter Farkas	https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PanelDetails/12110
Wednesday				
Wednesday 16:00 - 17:45 (24/08/2022)	Populist and far-right communication	Rune Stubager	Pasko Kisic	https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PanelDetails/12107
Thursday				
Thursday 09:00 - 10:45 (25/08/2022)	Changing campaigns: understanding digitalization	Annelien Van Remoortere	Ana Ines Langer	https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PanelDetails/12109
Thursday 11:15 - 13:00 (25/08/2022)	The impact of the new information environment: effects of dis- and misinformation and incivility	Patrick Van Erkel	Jana Egelhofer	https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PanelDetails/12111
Thursday 14:00 - 15:45 (25/08/2022)	Media effects: comparative perspectives	Katjana Gattermann	Willem Buyens	https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PanelDetails/12112
Thursday 16:15 - 18:00 (25/08/2022)	Framing and attention effects in political communication	Ming Boyer	Isaïa Jennart	https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PanelDetails/12113

- In total, panels are 1h45 minutes, making that there will be a total of 21 minutes per paper for panels with 5 papers, 26 minutes per paper for panels with 4 papers.
- To ensure sufficient time for feedback and discussion (especially for the panels with 5 papers), we advise authors to limit their presentation to 10 minutes. In panels with fewer papers, this can be adjusted as the chair / discussant(s) see fit.
- Discussants are advised to spend about 5 minutes for their discussion (per paper).
- Discussants can divide the papers amongst themselves to provide comments as they see fit.
- Papers can be either uploaded on the ECPR submission website or can be circulated via panel chairs & discussants via e-mail.

Best paper award

- Please note that there will be a "Best Paper Award" for the best paper that is being presented in the "Political Communication: Theoretical Challenges, Empirical Opportunities" section.
- As chair and discussant, we ask you to nominate 1 paper (in consensus) of the panel that will be eligible for the Best Paper Award. Please notify us if there is a conflict of interest. We would like to receive your nomination at the latest September 2.
- Only papers will be considered that have been shared within the panel in advance of the conference (deadlines are determined by the panel chair). Papers must not be published at the time of the conference.
- 1 Paper per panel will be nominated, resulting in a longlist of 8 papers, which will be evaluated in the fall 2022 by an external jury. Eligibility is regardless of career stage and of ECPR membership status. However, papers that are (co-)authored by members of the Steering Committee or by the Section Organizers are not eligible for the award.
- Evaluation criteria are: relevance & contribution to field, novelty / originality, soundness of method & academic rigor, clarity & structure, originality, language

- We are looking for jury members: please feel free to reach out to us if you would like to be part of this jury (which mean you would need to read and evaluate 2 papers). Please also encourage your colleagues to nominate themselves, many thanks! If you are interested, please contact Jonas Lefevre (Jonas.Lefevere@vub.be).

Business meeting of SG Political Communication – Thursday 25 August, 18.00-19.00

We are pleased to announce that our business meeting will take place on **Thursday 25 August from 18:00-19:00**, where will provide an update on the activities of our Standing Group. This meeting is open to all members (also those who do not take part in the conference) and we warmly invite you all to attend. For those attending in person, this business meeting will be followed by a drinks reception. For those of you joining online, information can be found below. We hope to see many of you there!

Meeting ID: 871 9305 4525
Password: 386471
Zoom Link: https://ecpr-eu.zoom.us/j/87193054525?pwd=Uks2ZmkwQm5YTUFLYXV1bkVWbWhXdz09

Location at Innsbruck University:
Building B, Floor 3, Room: 309 (directly after the last Political Communication panel in the same room)

ECPR Research Project Grant

We are pleased to let you know that applications for the ECPR Research Project Grant are now open. Initially established in 2020, the grants aim to support Standing Groups and Research Networks embarking on a large-scale research project. The amount available for this year is £25k in total. The ECPR hopes to be able to support between three and five research projects (£5-£8.5k each) this year. Details of the grant are on the website.

If you are interested, please contact us as soon as possible. We will discuss the Research Project Grant at the Business Meeting of our Standing Group during the ECPR General Conference.

Political Research Exchange @ ECPR General Conference

ECPR's open access journal *Political Research Exchange* (PRX) was established in the summer of 2019 and recently joined Twitter ([@PRXjournal](#)). Its Editors are Alexandra Segerberg (Uppsala University) and Simona Guerra (University of Surrey).

It builds on four pillars – quality, depth, accessibility, and exchange – thereby offering a dynamic platform to advance research, innovation and debate across the breadth of political science. It welcomes significant theoretical, methodological, and empirical contributions from all fields, including political communication. Further information about its aims, scope, and newest metrics can be found here: https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/prxx20. For example, PRX currently ranks 5th among 119 journals in Clarivate's Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

During the ECPR Conference, the PRX Editors will be available for a

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Zoom drop-in session with Alexandra Segerberg and Simona Guerra
Thursday, 25 August @ 15:45 – 16:15 CEST
(more information to follow here: https://ecpr.eu/events/event/paneldetails/12375)

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Moreover, some of PRX's Associate Editors will attend the General Conference in person, including our steering committee member, Katjana Gattermann. She will also attend the following event – do come along:

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Meet the Editors Tea & Coffee Reception
Tuesday, 23 August @ 15:30 – 16:30 CEST
Mezzanine level of the Conference space
(There will be cake)

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Call for Papers: special issue Multilingualism in Computational Communication Research

Dear colleagues,
We are inviting contributions for a special issue on 'applying & validating multilingual text analysis for social science research' in Computational Communication Research. The special issue will bring together papers that develop, validate, explain, and apply multilingual computational text analysis methods. We welcome two different types of submissions:

- Research Articles: manuscripts that introduce, use, and validate multilingual computational methods to examine important theoretical questions in communications, political science, or other social sciences. This also includes manuscripts that make a theoretical and fundamental methodological contribution to our understanding of multilingual CTAM.
- Workshop Articles: manuscripts that explain how to use an existing or novel computational method to study large multilingual datasets. Workshop manuscripts are expected to be very practical, to include open-source code that readers can adapt for their own work, and to have clear recommendations about which fields/questions can benefit from the described method.

Extended abstracts (limited to 1500 words) should be submitted through the journal's online [system](#) no later than 12 September, 2022. More detailed information and submission guidelines can be found on the CCR [website](#).
Deadlines
- Extended abstracts are due September 12th, 2022.
- Decisions on the extended abstracts will be made by September 19th, 2022.
- Full papers for accepted extended abstracts will be due November 30th, 2022. Papers will then be subject to external blind peer review.
- Publication of final accepted articles is expected in the first half of 2023.

Please feel free to contact the guest editors, Christian Baden (c.baden@mail.huji.ac.il), Martijn Schoonvelde (martijn.schoonvelde@rug.nl), and Mariken van der Velden (m.a.c.g.vander.velden@vu.nl), if you have questions about additional details or whether your research fits the scope of the special issue.

All the best, Christian Baden, Martijn Schoonvelde, and Mariken van der Velden

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Call for Papers: Technology, Internet, & Policy Panels at #PSA23

3-5 April 2023. University of Liverpool
Deadline*: 9th September 2022*

TIP will be convening a number of panels at the *73rd Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association – Political Futures*. This will be a hybrid conference held at the University of Liverpool and online (full details can be found here).

In recognition of the vital role Specialist Groups play in the association, TIP has been granted an exclusive timeframe to receive papers and propose panels ahead of the open call. This means you can submit your proposals earlier through the group. Papers may be related to the conference theme, Political Futures and the group's core focus, but other topics related to the key themes of TIP are also welcomed.

To apply: Please submit your title and abstract (max. 300 words) to tip@psa.ac.uk by Friday 9 September (please note that this is an earlier deadline than the direct individual submission to the PSA). Please also include your contact details, institutional affiliation, and if you are a postgraduate student.

If you would like to organise a panel (typically consisting of four papers and a chair), please contact us at tip@psa.ac.uk.

Technology, Internet, & Policy Website: https://www.psa.ac.uk/specialist-groups/technology-internet-and-policy-tip
Technology, Internet, & Policy Twitter: https://twitter.com/psa_tip

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Job Opening

Where: Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Dapertment of Political Science
Position: PhD position
Contract: 1 year (possibility to extend to 4 years)
Project: Social Media and Belgian Politics
Promotor: Caroline Close
Deadline: 31-08-2022
More information: email Professor Caroline Close (caroline.close@ulb.be) or dr. Laura Jacobs (laura.jacobs@ulb.be)

Job Opening

Where: Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Dapertment of Political Science
Position: PhD position
Contract: 1 year (possibility to extend to 4 years)
Project: They are not like us. The perception of differentness, polarization amongst citizens and dissatisfaction with representatives
Promotors: Caroline Close, Emilie van Haute, or Jean-Benoit Pilet
Deadline: 31-08-2022
More information: email Professor Emilie van Haute (evhaute@ulb.ac.be)

Job Opening

Where: Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Department of Sociology and Political Science
Position: Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science
Project: Citizen Responses to European Union Communication
Contract: 3 years (2/3 research, 1/3 teaching)
Deadline: 25-9-2022
More information: https://www.jobbnorge.no/en/available-jobs/job/227880/postdoctoral-fellow-in-political-science-citizen-responses-to-european-union-communication

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Job Opening

Where: Amsterdam School of Communication Research, University of Amsterdam
Position: Lecturers in Political Communication and Journalism
Contract: 1 year (with possibility to extension)
Deadline: 22-8-2022
More information: https://vacatures.uva.nl/UvA/job/Lecturers-in-Political-Communication-and-Journalism/750357002/

Job Opening

Where: Amsterdam School of Communication Research, University of Amsterdam
Position: Assistant Professor Political Communication and Journalism
Deadline: 1-9-2022
More information: https://vacatures.uva.nl/UvA/job/Assistant-Professor-in-Political-Communication-&-Journalism/751246702/