

ECPR Standing Group on **Political communication**



Dear members of the Standing Group on Political Communication,

Below please find a call for nominations for the best book award by the International Journal of Press/Politics, a call for papers for the EPSAnet2022 conference, job openings for assistant and associate professorships, and a request for published and unpublished studies on social media use and political knowledge.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 Nominations: *The International Journal of Press/Politics* Best Book Award 2022

Rationale

The *International Journal of Press/Politics* Best Book Award honors internationally oriented books that advance our theoretical and empirical understanding of the linkages between news media and politics in a globalized world in a significant way. It is given annually by the *International Journal of Press/Politics* and sponsored by Sage Publications.

The award committee will judge each nominated book on several criteria, including the extent to which the book goes beyond analyzing a single case country to present a broader and internationally oriented argument, the significance of the problems addressed, the strength of the evidence the book relies on, conceptual innovation, the clarity of writing, and the book's ability to link journalism studies, political communication research, and other relevant intellectual fields.

Eligibility

Books written in English and published within the last ten years will be considered. Monographs as well as edited volumes of exceptional quality and coherence will be considered for the award. Books by current members of the award committee are ineligible and committee members will recuse themselves from discussion of books by members of their own department, works published in series that they edit, and similar circumstances.

Award committee

The award committee consists of Cristian Vaccari (the editor of the *International Journal of Press/Politics*), Sophie Lecheler (chair of the Political Communication Division of ICA), and Seth Lewis (chair of the Journalism Studies Division of ICA).

Nominations

Nominations including a rationale of no more than 350 words should be emailed by **March 15** to Cristian Vaccari at c.vaccari@lboro.ac.uk. Self-nominations are accepted.

The nomination must specify why the book should receive the award by outlining the importance of the book to the study of media and politics and by identifying its international contribution and relevance. Please include links to or copies of relevant reviews in scholarly journals.

More information can be found here: <https://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/cmscontent/HIJ/2022%20IJPP%20book%20award%20announcement-1642571476.pdf>

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.

Job Opening

Where: University of Amsterdam

Position: 3 Assistant Professor position in Political Communication and Journalism

Deadline: 03-03-2022

More information: <https://vacatures.uva.nl/UvA/job/Assistant-Professors-in-Political-Communication-&-Journalism/741920302/>

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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