ICA CAT Business Meeting 2022 Minutes
(May 29, 2022, Paris)

Current elected CAT leadership team (2020-2022)
Chair: Ran Wei, Chinese University of Hong Kong and University of South Carolina
Vice Chair: Caleb T. Carr, Illinois State University
Secretary: Anna Sophie Kümpel, TU Dresden
SEC: Bingjie, Liu, Cal State University-Los Angeles
International Liaison: Natalie Bazarova, Cornell University

Appointed/non-officer CAT leadership
Awards Chair: Joseph B. Walther, University of California – Santa Barbara
Social Media Manager: Katy Pearce, Washington University
Co-Directors of Doctoral Consortium: Katy Pearce, Washington University & Jordan Frith, Clemson University

Minutes from the Online Business Meeting 2021 can be found here:
https://www.icahdq.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=186088&id=631408

Agenda
1. Welcome
2. Chair’s Report
3. Secretary’s Report
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6. International Liaison’s Report
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8. Social Media Report
9. Doctoral Consortium Report
10. Welcome of the new CAT leadership team
11. Final business & Farewell

1. Welcome
Caleb Carr opens the meeting and welcomes the team and all CAT members; the current CAT leadership team (see above) is briefly introduced. The agenda for the meeting is presented.

2. Chair’s Report
Ran Wei (virtually) informs CAT members about the current state of the division, the latest business, and developments announced at the BoD meeting:

Division Announcement:
- The current leadership has taken over in 2020 (with the secretary serving a special three-year term)
- Division business since the last report:
  - New executive officers were elected
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- 400+ Papers were reviewed; accepted papers were scheduled
- Division’s awards and top papers were selected
- CAT 2021 annual report was approved by the board on May 25, 2022
- Minutes from 2021 business meeting will be approved via an ICA general election in October; they can be found online: [https://www.icaehdq.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=186088&id=631408](https://www.icaehdq.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=186088&id=631408)
- Current number of members: **1,043** (making CAT the largest ICA division)

**Notes from Board of Directors regarding approved motions:**
- Mobile Communication Interest Group was promoted to division
- All DIVs/IGs will get a research escalator session
- Dues to be drastically reduced for members from Tier B/C effective July 1, 2022 → exact reduction TBD
- ICA Student Hardship Fund to be created

3. Secretary’s Report

Anna Sophie Kümpel informs CAT members about the budget of the CAT division:

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<th><strong>CAT Budget:</strong></th>
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<td>Rollover from FY2021 Budget</td>
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<td>Membership ($5 per member + $2 subsidy from ICA)</td>
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<td>Additional Budget from Discontinued Midyear BOD Meeting</td>
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**Further Notes:**
- **Reception:** The leadership team decided to only host a somewhat small reception this year, considering that many CAT members could not make it to Paris for various reasons; should the situation for #ica23 in Toronto look better, we are, however, considering to do something bigger then (maybe even offer some food)
- **Travel Grants:** In total, CAT has been giving away US$ 5,000 for travel grants, divided among 18 CAT members who have applied for the grant and met the formal criteria
- **Conference Waivers:** CAT always gets five conference waivers from ICA in order to support the attendance of ECRs and members from Tier B/C countries: Based on the ICA-defined criteria of student status and country tiers, this year we gave four waivers to the first authors of our top student papers and one waiver to a Tier C member (+ an additional waiver from our own budget to CAT’s best reviewer of 2022)
4. Vice Chair’s Report

Caleb Carr informs CAT members about the conference planning:

Conference Slot Allocations:

- **Research session slots:** 76
  - Sessions cover topics including the presence and effects of algorithms in communication, online privacy, both mental & physical health, teleconferencing, and another “COVID Cavalcade” of scholarship trying to make sense of communication & technology amid the coronavirus chaos

- **Poster slots:** 1

- **Co-sponsored sessions:** 5
  - Division(s)/interest group(s) with which we co-sponsored session(s): Mobile Communication; Game Studies; Political Communication

- **Pre/Post conferences:** 3

Submissions:

- **Paper submissions:** 235/417 accepted (56.35% acceptance rate)
  - In-person/virtual presentations: 199/36

- **Panel submissions:** 9/14 accepted (64.29% acceptance rate)
  - In-person/virtual presentations: 8/1

Review Process:

- **Number of reviewers:** 350 Reviewers (average # of submission per reviewer: 2)
- **Division top reviewer:** Jaelle Fuchs (University of Zurich)
- **Comments on the review process:**
  - The automated matching of reviewers to papers for the initial pass continues to be a substantive help for an initial pass, particularly for a division as large as CAT
  - On the whole, reviewers were good this year, providing helpful comments
  - We still had some concerns about matching (reminder: The more complete and accurate your ICA profile is, the better—we can match you based on subject/expertise to reviews) and review timelines (We know there can never be enough time to review; and most reviewers had < 2 reviews to do in the three-week period).
  - On the whole, it was a good year for review, and many gave a lot of their time and expertise to help make it so, even amid global, national, local, and medical catastrophes. Thank you to reviewers!

5. Awards

Before announcing this year’s awards, Caleb Carr acknowledges the winners of 2021 (see Minutes from last year), as they were only awarded virtually. He also lets them know that they can get their actual (printed) award certificates from him.
5a Top Paper/Poster Awards

Big congratulations to this year’s award winners! Note for the recipients: If you want a photo from you getting your award, please e-mail Anna Sophie Kümpel (anna.kuempel@tu-dresden.de)!

*Top Reviewer 2022:*
- Jaelle Fuchs - University of Zurich

*Top Paper 2022:*
- Social Media as a Digital Context for Social Interaction: The Personal Social Media Ecosystem Framework and Social Media in Contemporary Society
  - Michael C. Carter - University of California, Davis
  - Drew P. Cingel - University of California, Davis
  - Ellen Wartella - Northwestern University
  - Jeanette B Ruiz - University of California, Davis
- Longitudinal Dynamics Between Online Sexual Risks and Psychosocial Wellbeing Among Children and Adolescents
  - Vivian Hsueh Hua Chen - Nanyang Technological University
  - Ruth Wendt - German Youth Institute
- Persuasive Communication and Spatial Presence: A Systematic Literature Review and Conceptual Model
  - Priska Breves - University of Amsterdam
- When Machine and Bandwagon Heuristics Compete: Understanding Users’ Response to Conflicting AI and Crowdsourced Fact-Checking
  - John A Banas - University of Oklahoma
  - Nick Joyce - University of Maryland
  - Adam Richards - Furman University
  - Nicholas A Palomares - University of Texas at Austin
  - Stephen A Rains - University of Arizona
  - David Keating - University of New Mexico

*Top Student Paper 2022:*
- Why Don’t You Answer Me?! Exploring the Effects of (Repeated Exposure to) Ostracism Via Messengers on Users’ Fundamental Needs, Well-Being, and Coping Motivation
  - Sarah Lutz - University of Mannheim
- Constructions of Disability on an Online Dating App: A Textual Analysis of Gutsy Dating
  - Shelby Landmark - Texas A&M University
- Explicating Affordances: A Proposal for an Individual-Centered Affordance Framework of Technology Use
  - Tobias Frey - University of Zurich
- From the Trivial to the Tremendous: How Communication Technologies Shape the Organizing Mechanism of Online Activism
  - Zhuo Chen - National University of Singapore
Top Poster 2022:

- Informal Communication and Well-Being During Work From Home: What Is the Role of Modality?
  - Alicia Ernst - Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
  - Leonard Reinecke - Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

5b CAT Awards

In addition to the conference awards, CAT also awarded the (1) Frederick Williams Prize for Contribution to the Study of Communication and Technology and the (2) Herbert S. Dordick Dissertation Award for an outstanding doctoral dissertation in the field of communication and technology in 2022.

(1) The Frederick Williams Prize for Contribution to the Study of Communication and Technology recognizes the major contributions and cumulative achievements of a senior scholar who has advanced the study and the field of communication and technology. In 2022, the Frederick Williams Prize is awarded to Professor Leah A. Lievrouw from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Notes from CAT Awards Committee Chair Joseph B. Walther:
She began studying new media in 1981 at the University of Southern California, in the department founded by Frederick Williams. A pioneer in communication and technology research herself, she has become one of the leading academics in our field. Among her many influential works, her book, Alternative and Activist New Media, approaches the study of new media in shaping agency, social action, and social movements. In this and other work, she fostered the vital integration of Science and Technology Studies with more classical social science approaches to the study of communication technology. She was a founding co-editor of the journal New Media & Society and is the North American editor of Information, Communication, & Society, in addition to numerous other editorial positions she has held.

A co-author with illustrious figures in our division such as Williams, Dordick, Rogers, and Dutton, her own contributions were also recognized by her election as chair of the CAT division in its critical late 1990s period, as a participant in our Doctoral Consortium, and in many other ways. As expressed in her nomination, “Prof. Lievrouw has had the prominence, ambition, and openness to have played an especially integrative and cross-fertilizing role for our field and for the global study of communication and technology.”

(2) The Herbert S. Dordick Dissertation Award recognizes the most outstanding doctoral dissertation in the area of communication and technology completed and defended in the preceding year. In 2022, the Herbert S. Dordick Dissertation Award is awarded to Jihye Lee from Stanford University.
Notes from CAT Awards Committee Chair Joseph B. Walther:
Dr. Lee’s impressive research used a novel research method (Screenomics) to study how income inequality generates information inequality and how content differences based on income translate into wide variations in online experiences. Specifically, Dr. Lee analyzed what types of content are created for individuals as consumers, workers, and voters in contexts where their decisions may not be as highly valued in economic and political markets. The work shows how media markets treat individuals differently with respect to the content that appearing on consumers’ smartphones depending on their income and race. Innovative in both its theoretical and methodological approaches, Dr. Lee’s research highlights potential long-lasting psychological, cognitive, and socio-economic consequences created by these inequalities.

6. International Liaison’s Report (presented by Anna Sophie Kümpel as reported by International Liaison Natalia Bazarova)

- The CAT Internationalization Goals established in 2021:
  - Increase the number of members who reside in Tier B/C1 countries and
  - Provide support for existing members who reside in Tier B/C countries

- 2021 Benchmarks:
  - CAT has a broad international representation (46 countries), but most of our members reside in Tier A countries (92.2%, with 54% from the United States)
  - Tier B CAT Country Membership – 4.94% (Brazil, China, Colombia, Malaysia, Mexico, Romania, & Russia)
  - Tier C CAT Country Membership – 2.84% (India, Indonesia, Kenya, Macao, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, & Rwanda)
  - 2021 ICA CAT Program included accepted presentations from 12 authors from Tier B and Tier C countries: 11 from China and 1 from Nigeria

- Fall 2021 Internationalization Survey (conducted by Natalie):
  - Surveyed current members from all Tiers, with a special emphasis on reaching Tier B/C members
  - 63 responses in total; 16 responses (35.5% response rate) from Tier B/C country members, representing 8 unique B/C countries - Thank you to all those who responded with many valuable suggestions!
  - Extensive leadership discussions of the survey results and the internationalization strategic plan

- Initiatives for 2022-2023 established at the CAT leadership meeting:
  - Setting up information hours (workshop format) around the time of ICA submission and registration for junior members, members from Tier B/C countries, and those interested in becoming CAT members, to provide guidance on submissions, logistics of registration, etc.
  - Developing more formal mechanisms to connect ECS/international members (e.g., social hours during conference, peer mentorship program)
  - Creating an internationalization task force for more formalized on-going programming for ECRs and international members

1 For information about the ICA’s tier classification of different countries, refer here: https://icahdq.sites-yvm.com/page/tiers
• Other initiatives from the internationalization strategic plan will be further evaluated for implementation over the next year

7. SEC Representative’s Report (virtually presented by SEC Representative Bingjie Liu)

• Job: Responding to SEC concerns, which mainly included:
  o Challenges in finding “home division”: choosing divisions to join and the right division(s) to submit paper to
  o Logistics of conference attendance: registration, formats of presentation, finding roommates to share hotel, etc.
  o Social anxiety: not knowing anyone when attending the conference in person

• Proposed initiatives for 2022-2023:
  o Setting up information hours around the time of ICA submission and registration for junior members and those who are interested in becoming a CAT member, to provide guidance on paper submission, logistics of conference registration, and related issues
  o Developing more formal mechanisms to connect students and early careers scholars in CAT (e.g., social hours during the conference, or peer mentorship program)

8. Social Media Report (virtually presented by Katy Pearce)

• Team: Katy Pearce, Jesse Fox, and Anne Oeldorf-Hirsch
• Accounts on Twitter (https://twitter.com/ICA_CAT) and Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/icacat) – feel free to follow us there!
• Content:
  o Repost messages posted to The Link (CFPs; Job roundup; announcements)
  o More frequent reminders about deadlines
  o Answers to questions from members
  o Posts promoting conference panels/events
  o Teaching Tuesdays – pedagogy posts (Twitter only)
  o Throwback Thursdays – classic CAT studies (Twitter only)
• Katy notes that the social media team will likely be in need of more assistance soon, as Katy will have a lot more responsibilities as the incoming Vice Chair – so if you are interested in joining the social media team, please let Katy know!


• Organized by Katy Pearce, Jordan Frith, and Anna Sophie Kümpel
• Virtual format in 2022 (reasons: equity concerns; more secure if in-person conference cancelled; also: trying something new)
• Two types of mentors: 11 Mentors placed with interest groups; 41 Mentors at-large (Thank you, mentors!)
• Hosted on Slack: Six interest groups, based on research topic; many additional Slack channels for discussions
• One synchronous (Zoom) meeting for everybody, several additional meetings within interest groups
Due to Katy’s new position as CAT Vice Chair, there will be the need for a new CAT Doctoral Consortium Director for 2023 (appointed position; job will be conducted together with Co-Director from the Mobile Communication Interest Group and the CAT Secretary) – so if you are interested in becoming the DC Director, please let Caleb/Katy know!

10. Welcome of the new CAT leadership team

Caleb Carr announces and introduces the new CAT leadership team for 2022 to 2024:

- Chair: Caleb T. Carr, Illinois State University
- Vice Chair: Katy Pearce, Washington University
- Secretary: Anna Sophie Kümpel, TU Dresden
- SEC: Chengyu Fang, UC Santa Barbara
- International Liaison: Hyunjin Kang, Nanyang Technological University

11. Final business and Farewell

- **Want to join CAT leadership to serve?**
  - Need a new CAT Secretary (with the term starting after #ica23 in Toronto) → will be voted on in the September 2022 ICA Election (elected position)
  - Need a new CAT Awards Committee Chair (appointed position)
  - Need a new CAT Doctoral Consortium Director for 2023 (appointed position; together with Co-Director from the Mobile Communication Interest Group)
    ➔ Feel free to contact us if you are interested or have any questions about the positions!

- **Information from ICA's President-Elect, Eun-Ju Lee, about #ica23 in Toronto:**
  - Next year’s theme: “Reclaiming authenticity in Communication”
    ➔ The theme invites communication scholars to examine how authenticity has become a variable, rather than a constant, in public discourses and popular culture across the globe, and with what relational, social, political, and cultural implications
    ➔ More information: [https://www.icahdq.org/page/ICA23CFP](https://www.icahdq.org/page/ICA23CFP)
  - Date: May 25–29, 2023 (Thursday-Monday); hybrid format (→ virtual and in-person components)
    ➔ Please take time to take the post-conference survey, as this will be used to improve the (hybrid) conference experience!
  - One location for all in-person sessions; 90% of the sleeping rooms will be in this hotel as well; discounted room rates (available for +/- 3 days around the conference) → ~$180 (USD) for single/double occupancy room (but not more than $205 (USD)

- **Additional business:**
  - Martin Emmer advertises the Weizenbaum Journal of the Digital Society and invites CAT members to submit their research there: [https://ojs.weizenbaum-institut.de/index.php/wjds](https://ojs.weizenbaum-institut.de/index.php/wjds)
Caleb Carr gives special Thanks to America Edwards for her tech support during the CAT sessions (and especially the business meeting) and to Ran Wei who has been serving as the Vice-Chair and then Chair of CAT for the last four years.

- The meeting is adjourned