Journalism Studies Division
Business Meeting 2018
68th ICA Annual Conference, Prague
Agenda

- ICA News
- Division News
- Discussion Items
- Awards
ICA Board Meeting Highlights

- ICA to update/expand its Mission Statement and Ethics Statement
- A motion to reduce the 5-paper submission maximum to 1 first-authored paper
  - The motion was withdrawn, a task force was formed
- Two additional registration waivers for each division
Next Up: Washington, D.C.
69th ICA Annual Conference
JSD Elections

Elected in fall 2017:

- Vice Chair: **Seth C. Lewis** *(U of Oregon)*
- Graduate Student Rep.: **Alla Rybina** *(Gothenburg U)*

Upcoming elections in fall 2018:

- New Division Secretary (2-year term)
- New Graduate Student Representative (1 year term)
State of the Division

Membership
- 626 members
- 4th largest division of ICA

Revenues
- Membership fees from ICA $3681
- Routledge sponsorship $670
- Sponsorship for the grad student colloquium $3150

Expenses
- Journalism Studies reception $3000
- Top Student Paper Awards $600
- Graduate Student Colloquium $3000
Paper & Panel Competition

Submissions
- 289 full papers
- 31 panels
  - thereof 7 theme panels “Voices in Journalism Studies”

Reviewing Process
- 187 reviewers
- 3 reviews per paper
- semi-automated reviewer allocation (thanks to Christian Baden!)

Acceptance Rates
- 45% for papers (130 accepted papers)
  - Equal acceptance rate for faculty & student papers
- 25 paper sessions + 16 posters
- 39% for panels (12 accepted panels)
Graduate Student Colloquium

- Organized by Natacha Yazbeck
  *Special thanks to Raul Ferrer Conill & Alla Rybina for their help!*

- **24 submissions** from 13 countries:
  - 5 × USA, 3 × China, 2 × Australia, Austria, Germany, Israel & UK,
  - 1 × Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Denmark, New Zealand & Switzerland
- All submissions reviewed by the JSD officers: Henrik Örnebring,
  Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt, Nina Springer & Natacha Yazbeck

- **17 student participants** at the colloquium

- **17 faculty respondents:**
  Chris Anderson, Christian Baden, Matt Carlson, Alfred Hermida,
  Risto Kunelius, Matt Powers, Stephen Reese, Zvi Reich, Annika Sehl,
  Jane Singer, Helle Sjøvaag, Nina Springer, Steen Steensen, Nikki
  Usher, Sandra Vera Zambrano, Tim Vos, Haiyan Wang & Barbie
  Zelizer

- $3150 raised by Raul Ferrer Conill to help cover the expenses
Our Sponsors
Survey on Submission formats

- 129 members completed the survey
- Average ICA attendance: 6.5 conferences (range: 0-35)
- Diverse levels of experience:
  - 17% (grad + PhD) students
  - 10% Post-Docs
  - 21% less than 5 yrs. as faculty
  - 12% 5-10 yrs. as faculty
  - 24% 11-20 yrs. as faculty
  - 13% 21 yrs + as faculty
  - 2% Other, N/A

More limited geographical representation:
Which submission formats should JSD accept?

- 41.90%: Continue with the current practice (full papers + panels)
- 31.80%: Accept extended abstracts for limited presentation formats
- 20.90%: Accept extended abstracts for all presentation formats
- 5.40%: I am not sure
Reasons provided

*Continue with current practice:*
- Quality considerations
- Uniqueness of the conference
- Higher reviewer load
- External “force” to write a paper
- Institutional considerations (funding, promotion)

*Accept abstracts (fully or on a limited basis):*
- Time pressure
- Publication cycle
- Greater diversity
- Usable feedback
- Abstracts as sufficient for evaluation
The Reviewer Gap

Out of the 187 members who volunteered to review:
- 79 did not submit a paper to JSD
- 108 submitted a paper to JSD

Out of the 384 first authors who submitted to JSD:
- 276 did not volunteer to review
- 108 volunteered to review
Public Engagement Award?

Purpose:
- Recognize activities and initiatives that connect JS scholarship to public discussions & policy formation
- Increase the public relevance of JS scholarship through institutional rewards

Proposed principles:
- Engagement based on peer-reviewed research
- Different modes of engagement in diverse geographical settings

Thoughts...?
- Next step (if agreed): Forming a task force to establish the parameters of the award and look into other ways of increasing public engagement.
Any other business?
AWARDS

Journalism Studies Division Business Meeting, 68th ICA Conference 27 May 2018
Top Conference Papers
at the 68th ICA Annual Conference
Top 3 Faculty Papers

1. Lei Guo (*Boston U*)
   “The rise of non-official voices in China: Intermedia agenda setting in a controlled media environment”

2. Janet Lo (*Hong Kong Baptist U*)
   Meily Cheung (*Hang Seng Management College*)
   Shu Yan Lam (*Hang Seng Management College*)
   “Who has a say in political election? Framing in the era of big data”

3. Caroline Fisher (*U of Canberra*)
   Eileen Culloty (*Dublin City U*)
   Jee Young Lee (*U of Canberra*)
   “Regaining control: Citizens who follow politicians on social media - a six country comparison”
Top 3 Student Papers

1. Martin Riedl *(U of Texas, Austin)*
   “Negotiating sociomateriality and commensurability: Human and algorithmic editorial judgment at social media platforms”

2. David Cheruiyot *(Karlstad U)*
   Raul Ferrer Conill *(Karlstad U)*
   Stefan Baack *(U of Groningen)*
   “Fact-checking and journalism discourse: The perceived influence of data-driven non-profits in Africa”

3. Aviv Barnoy *(Ben Gurion U of the Negev)*
   “Verification in the age of post-truth: A mix method study”
Top Poster Paper

Isabella Glogger (U of Koblenz-Landau)
Lukas Otto (U of Koblenz-Landau)
“Journalistic views on hard and soft news: A factorial survey on journalists’ understanding of a popular concept”
Top Reviewer Award
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Christian Baden  
(Hepbrew University of Jerusalem)

- 13 reviews
- thereof 7 last-minute reviews
- All with constructive and very detailed feedback
Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism Studies Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair: Adrienne Russell

Committee members:
- David Domingo
- Francis L. F. Lee
- Celeste Gonzalez de Bustamante
- Mervi Pantti
- Matthew Powers
- Sue Robinson
- Silvio Waisbord

Nine dissertations were nominated for the award.
Outstanding Dissertation Award Finalist

Syed Saif Shahin

(Bowling Green State U)


- Supervisor: Stephen D. Reese
  (U of Texas, Austin)
Outstanding Dissertation in JS Award

Allie Kosterich
(Rutgers U)

Rapid Institutional Change, Professional Journalists and the Rise of the News Nerd

- Supervisor: Matthew Weber

“Allie Kosterich's dissertation Rapid Institutional Change, Professional Journalists And The Rise of the News Nerd, is an exceptionally rigorous and compelling look at how technological and economic changes are impacting professional training, practices, and identities in journalism. The committee was especially impressed by the methodological diversity and creativity of the work, which blends interviews, analysis of Linkedin profiles, job postings, and industry publications, to make sense of how skills and practices become entrenched in the industry.”
Journalism Studies Division Book Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair:
- Barbie Zelizer

Committee members:
- Thomas Hanitzsch
- Chris Peters
- David Ryfe
JSD Book Award

Natalia Roudakova
(U of California, San Diego)
“Losing Pravda: Ethics in the Press in Post-Truth Russia”
Cambridge University Press
2017

“Using a rich analytical mix of news content, memoirs, interviews, ethnography and secondary sources, Losing Pravda offers a grand, nuanced, detailed and sophisticated tale that wrestles with much of the familiar scholarly terrain on journalism—about professionalism, ethics, truth-telling, objectivity, the social and public good—and turns it on its head by inviting us to consider how different it looks in the Soviet/post-Soviet imaginary.

For creativity, depth, insight, criticality & sheer bravado, we give this award to Natalia Roudakova”
Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair:
- Karin Wahl-Jørgensen

Committee members:
- Laura Ahva
- Lilie Chouliaraki
- Cherian George
- Zvi Reich

11 nominations, representing 5 journals:
- Digital Journalism (1),
- International Journal of Press/Politics (2),
- Journal of Communication (3),
- Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly (2),
- and Journalism Studies (3).
Honorable mentions

Claudia Mellado et al.  
“The hybridization of journalistic cultures: A comparative study of journalistic role performance”  
*Journal of Communication*  
2017

Tony Harcup  
Deirdre O’Neill  
“What is news? News values revisited (again)”  
*Journalism Studies*  
2017
Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year Award

Richard Fletcher
Rasmus Kleis Nielsen

“Are news audiences increasingly fragmented? A cross-national comparative analysis of cross-platform news audience fragmentation and duplication”

Journal of Communication 2017

- This is a highly impressive and innovative paper, elegantly written, exploring the timely issue of audience fragmentation and duplication.
- This article is an excellent example of comparative study (on audiences for once!) and the use of network analysis in this domain.
- The findings convincingly question audience fragmentation/filter bubble arguments, based on rigorous research.
- Outstanding piece of research. Original and significant framing in terms of news fragmentation/duplication in the context of democratic theory and the public sphere.
International Journal of Press/Politics Best Book Award
Award Committee

- Rasmus Kleis Nielsen
- Peter van Aelst
- Henrik Örnebring
IJPP Book Award

Erik Albæk
Arjen van Dalen
Nael Jebril
Claes H. de Vreese

“The book provides a powerful example of what truly comparative research can look like, with clear contributions based on an impressive combination of methods as well as intellectual engagement with work from across media sociology, journalism studies, and media effects research illustrating how political communication research can be enriched by engaging with adjacent and overlapping fields.”

“Political Journalism in Comparative Perspective”

Cambridge University Press

2014
RECEPTION

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Journalism Studies Reception