Journalism Studies Division Business Meeting ICA 2019
Minutes from the Business Meeting held at the 2019 ICA Convention, Washington DC, USA
25 May 2019

1. Opening
Division Chair Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt opened the annual business meeting of the Journalism Studies Division. It was the 15th year since the founding of the Division. Keren also acknowledged the Division’s founder, Thomas Hanitzsch.

2. ICA News

2.1 2020 Conference
The 2020 conference will be held in Gold Coast, Australia on May 21-25. ICA President-Elect Claes de Vreese announced next year’s conference theme, which will be about “open communication.”

2.2 ICA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights
- The 2019 Conference got a record-number of 3,681 pre-registered participants.
- ICA announced that it was making significant efforts toward more inclusion and accessibility for conference attendees.
- The ICA Board decided to eliminate the current 5-paper submission limit and shift to a maximum of three submissions as first author per person, with no restrictions in the overall total number of submissions. This will be enforced starting next year’s conference (i.e. submissions to the 2020 conference in Australia).
- ICA adopted a Code of Ethics that focuses on five key commitments to: human rights, scholarly and scientific integrity, open communication, inclusivity and respect, and enhancing the public good.
- There’s a new interest group on Human-Machine Communication (HMC).
- ICA is getting its seventh journal as it accepted as “a gift” the open access International Journal of Communication (IJoC).
- ICA also got a new logo and visual identity.

3. Journalism Studies Division News

3.1 Elections
- Keren announced the results of the Fall 2018 elections: Edson C. Tandoc Jr. (Nanyang Technological University) was elected Secretary; Joy Kibarabara (Stockholm University) was elected Graduate Student Representative.
- Keren thanked outgoing Secretary Nina Springer and outgoing Student Representative Alla Rybina.
- Elections for a new Vice Chair and for an International Liaison will be held in Fall 2019. Those interested were encouraged to reach out to either Keren or Seth.

3.2 Division News
- The Division remained the fourth largest in ICA in terms of membership, with 587 members (as of May 2019).
• Membership is concentrated in North America (45%) and Europe (41%).

• **Revenues**
  o Membership fees & ICA subsidies: $6,906
  o Sponsorships: $3,500

• **Expenses**
  o Journalism Studies reception: $6,100
  o Top Student Paper Awards: $500
  o Graduate Student Colloquium: $2,800

• **Use of conference fee waivers**
  o Winners of top student papers (first authors)
  o Students from Tier C countries participating in the Colloquium

4. **Paper and Panel Competitions**

4.1 **Submissions**
The Journalism Studies Division received a record-number of 414 submissions: 258 full papers (an 11% decrease from the 289 full papers in 2018); 17 panel proposals (2018: 31); and 139 extended abstracts (new format).

4.2 **Review process**
• 266 reviewers (from 25 countries)
• 3 reviews per paper/panel

4.3 **Acceptance rate**
• Overall 50% acceptance (up from 44% in 2018)
  o 55% for full papers (143 papers for 29 sessions)
  o 40% extended abstracts (55 abstracts for 11 sessions)
  o 59% for panels (10 panels, including 5 themed sessions)

5. **Graduate student colloquium preconference**
This year’s preconference was organized by Alla Rybina. On its 5th year, the Colloquium received 25 submissions from 13 countries; 18 students participated in the Colloquium, coming from: Austria (1), China/Hong Kong (2), Denmark (2), Germany (1), Israel (1), Kenya (2), the Netherlands (1), New Zealand (1), Singapore (1), UK (1), and the US (5).


Keren also acknowledged the support from Nina, Joy, and Michael Koliska; as well as the Colloquium’s sponsors: Georgetown University, Routledge, University of Missouri, University of Stavanger, Oslo Metropolitan University, Södertörn University, University of Oregon, Cardiff University, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, University of Leeds, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of British Columbia, Hong Kong Baptist University, University of Southern California, University of Southern Denmark, University of Minnesota, and University of Texas at Austin.
6. Initiatives

- Thomas Schmidt organized a junior faculty network event: more than 40 assistant professors and post-doctoral researchers signed up.
- Barbie Zelizer announced that ICA and the Center for Media at Risk host a journalist each year to participate in the Conference. This year’s awardee was Arzu Geybulla, originally from Azerbaijan and now lives in Turkey. Arzu was present in the meeting.
- Keren shared that the committee chairs for the Division’s awards had noted that majority of nominations come from the United States. Members are encouraged to be conscious about diversity when it comes to award nominations. The leadership will work with committee chairs on measures for increasing the diversity of nominations.
- Keren asked for feedback about the new extended abstract submission format. She announced that the Division would conduct a survey later this year to evaluate the new format. Raul Ferrer-Conill, who chaired one of the sessions, said the session went well. However, most of those in the audience asked questions instead of giving feedback, as if the presentations were about completed papers and not works in progress. Henrik Bødker also shared that if people were not told the session was for extended abstracts, they would not realize it.
- Tim P. Vos also announced that *The International Encyclopedia of Journalism Studies* (editors: Tim P. Vos and Folker Hanusch; associate editors: Dimitra Dimitrakopoulou, Margaretha Geertsema-Sligh, and Annika Sehl) had been launched. Tim thanked the Division’s members who had contributed to the collection.

7. Division Awards

7.1 Top 3 Faculty Papers

2. Mel Bunce (U of London), Kate Wright (U of Edinburgh), Martin Scott (U of East Anglia): “Foundation funding and the boundaries of journalism”

7.2 Top 3 Student Papers

1. Phoebe Maares, Esther Greussing, Fabienne Lind (U of Vienna): “Showing off your social capital: Homophily of professional reputation and gender in journalistic networks on Twitter”
2. Vaios Papanagnostou (London School of Economics): “Values and evaluations: the distribution of worth in journalism”

7.3 Top Poster Award

Selected based on paper reviewer scores. The award goes to:
Nicole Gesualdo (Rutgers U), Matthew Weber (U of Minnesota), and Itzhak Yanovitzky (Rutgers U): “Journalists as Knowledge Brokers”

### 7.4 Top Extended Abstract
Andrea Wenzel (Temple U): “Building Local News Capacity to Strengthen Community Trust”

### 7.5 Top Reviewer Award
Rachel Mourao (Michigan State U)

### 7.6 Gene Burd Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism Studies Award
Eight dissertations were nominated. The award committee, which includes Adrienne Russell (Chair), David Domingo, Celeste González de Bustamante, Francis Lap Fung Lee, Mervi Pantti, Matthew Powers, and Silvio Waisbord, selected the following:

**Finalist:**
Tara Pixley (PhD, U of California San Diego): Making Pictures: Framing the Photographer in News Image Production
Supervisors: Zeinabu Davis (Chair), Daniel C. Hallin (Co-Chair)

**Winner:**
David Conrad (PhD, U of Pennsylvania): Misguided Benevolence: How ‘Moments of Need’ Came to Motivate American Journalism
Supervisor: Barbie Zelizer

Adrienne read the following description of the winning dissertation:

> “Misguided Benevolence traces the origins of nonprofit influence on news, examining the mechanics and impact of foundation financing, and considering its long-term implications for journalism. Masterfully researched and eloquently written, Conrad’s dissertation makes an outstanding contribution to Journalism Studies by bringing nonprofit practices to the foreground of a discussion of contemporary news.”

### 7.7 Journalism Studies Division Book Award
The award was presented by the committee chair Barbie Zelizer. The committee members were: Thomas Hanitzsch, Chris Peters, David Ryfe.

**Winner:**
Matthew Powers (University of Washington): “NGOs as Newsmakers: The Changing Landscape of International News”

> “Matthew Power’s NGOs as Newsmakers is a theoretically-compelling and comprehensive application of field theory to explain the growing prevalence of NGOs in the news. Using literature in journalism studies, NGO communication and institutional field theory, the book provides a timely, useful and persuasive examination of how non-journalistic institutions increasingly perform ‘acts of journalism’ in today’s news. Well-written and eloquently argued, it enhances our understanding of a key challenge to journalism’s autonomy.”
7.8 Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year

The committee received 13 nominations, representing 8 journals: Digital Journalism (3), Journalism Studies (3), New Media and Society (2), American Journal of Sociology (1), Communication Theory (1), International Journal of Press/Politics (1), Media and Communication (1), & Political Communication (1).

Karin Wahl-Jorgensen, committee chair, announced the winner. The committee members were Matt Carlson, Lilie Chouliaraki, Stephanie Craft, Cherian George, Zvi Reich.

Honorable Mentions:
Andrew Chadwick, Cristian Vaccari, Ben O’Loughlin: “Do tabloids poison the well of social media? Explaining democratically dysfunctional news sharing.” New Media & Society, 2018

Angèle Christin: “Counting clicks: quantification and variation in web journalism in the United States and France.” American Journal of Sociology, 2018

Winner:
Henrik Örnebring, Michael Karlsson, Karin Fast, and Johan Lindell: “The space of journalistic work: A theoretical model.” Communication Theory, 2018

“The paper represents an ambitious and innovative effort to develop a conceptual map of journalism as a venue for different types of employment, elegantly connecting elegantly journalistic capital, access to resources and material security.”

“A significant and helpful advance on field theory as a way to understand journalism, focusing on material as well as symbolic factors. Proposes an elegant and intuitively appealing model that is likely to stimulate and guide future empirical research on topics such as citizen journalism, journalistic labour, and the future of journalism.”

7.9 The ICA Journalism Studies Public Engagement Award

Created last year, the task force includes: Nikki Usher (Chair), Valerie Belair-Gagnon, Caroline Fisher, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, and Oscar Westlund.

The committee received nine nominations (11 nominees) from: Argentina (1), Belgium (1), Canada (1), UK (1), and the US (5).

Runners up:
Robert (Ted) Gutsche Jr, Lancaster University
Alfred Hermida & Mary Lynn Young, University of British Columbia

Winners:
Talia Stroud, U of Texas at Austin
“In many ways one can imagine Prof. Stroud and her team and those she has trained as powerfully bilingual, fluent in the language and discipline of scholarship and the rough and ready code talk of newsrooms that now navigate in an uncertain environment.”

Sue Robinson, U of Wisconsin-Madison

“Robinson [also] took her spirit of innovation back into the classroom where she created an entire service-learning class that sends advanced journalism students out into after-school youth organizations to train these kids in journalistic skills. This work, supported and encouraged by Kettering, brings a public-facing aspect to curriculum that normally can be overly inward-gazing.”

Nikki suggested refining the call for nominations as well as asked for suggestions on how the committee could account for engagement efforts not in English, while noting that the committee tried to consider these as well.

**7.10 International Journal of Press/Politics Best Book Award**

The International Journal of Press/Politics Best Book Award honors internationally oriented books published in the past 10 years that advance our theoretical and empirical understanding of the linkages between news media and politics in a globalized world in a significant way.

The award committee members are: Cristian Vaccari, Kimberly Gross, and Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt. The committee received 20 nominations this year.

*Winner:*


**7.11 Closing**

The business meeting closed at 6:02pm. The Division’s Reception followed at the National Press Club.

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