ICA 2021 Preconference (VIRTUAL)
Journalism Studies Division Graduate Student Colloquium
27 May 2021

Call for Papers

The Journalism Studies Graduate Student Colloquium brings together PhD candidates working in journalism studies with experienced scholars in the field. This seventh annual Colloquium represents the Journalism Studies Division’s commitment to academic mentorship and is being held as a preconference in conjunction with the ICA 2021 Annual Conference (Virtual).

A brief note about the format: The colloquium’s virtual format will most likely combine synchronous and asynchronous modes of presentation, feedback and panel discussion depending in part on the composition of the participants and the time zones involved.

Overall the goal of the annual colloquium is to contribute to the professional development of young scholars by giving them an opportunity to present and discuss their research in a constructive and international atmosphere. Participating graduate students will receive project-specific feedback from recognized experts in the field, as well as general career development advice. The Colloquium thus provides the opportunity to meet experts as well as fellow PhD candidates from different backgrounds working on related topics in journalism research.

The Colloquium will be based on thesis-related work submitted by the participant PhD candidates. Each participating graduate student will have an experienced scholar responding to their paper. In addition, the Colloquium will feature a discussion with senior scholars about topics of professional development such as publishing in international journals, general career strategies, and grant applications.

The Colloquium is open to PhD candidates working on topics concerned with theory, research, and professional education in journalism. The organizers encourage the submission of scholarly work that advances our understanding of how journalism works within individual regions or comparatively across regions. Subject areas include, but are not limited to, the functions of journalism in society, the structural and cultural influences on journalism, the attitudes and characteristics of journalists, features of news content and their effects, news audiences and their experiences, and evolving dynamics of media technologies in news production, distribution and consumption. Of interest are the relationships between journalism and power, democratic standards, economic pressures, technological change, and (academic) critique. Conceptual, empirical, and theoretical papers are welcome.
Submission guidelines

PhD students should submit an abstract of 500 words (excluding references) that outlines the topic, rationale, theoretical approach, and, if applicable, empirical application. Every abstract should include the name, affiliation, and expected graduation date of the PhD candidate.

**Deadline for abstract submission:** no later than 16:00 UTC on 22 January 2021
Submissions should be sent via email to Joy Kibarabara at joy.kibarabara@ims.su.se

**Format:** submit an abstract in PDF-format labelled “Last Name_JS Colloquium 2021”
Notifications of acceptance will be sent by the end of February 2021.

If accepted, student participants will need to submit a full paper of up to 8000 words by 16:00 UTC on 3 May 2021. The colloquium will be held on 27 May 2021 in the virtual format described above.

More information about the previous Journalism Studies Division Graduate Student Colloquia and their participants can be found here: http://www.ica-phd-colloquium.news/call/