ICA 2022 Pre-Conference (HYBRID)
Journalism Studies Division PhD Colloquium
26 May 2022

Call for Papers

The Journalism Studies PhD Colloquium brings together graduate students working in journalism studies with experienced scholars in the field. This eighth annual colloquium represents the Journalism Studies Division’s commitment to academic mentorship and is being held as a pre-conference in conjunction with the ICA 2022 Annual Conference (Hybrid).

A brief note about the format: Due to potential travelling limitations for some participants, we are planning to have two tracks, one virtual and one taking place onsite (Paris). 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 PhD 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 senior scholars as well as fellow PhD students from different backgrounds working on related topics in journalism research.

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

The colloquium is open to PhD students working on topics broadly concerned with journalism studies. 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, as well as topics related with journalism education. 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
Applicants should submit an abstract of 500 words (excluding references) that outlines the topic, rationale, theoretical approach, and, if applicable, empirical application. It is also advisable to inform whether the submitted piece is part of a compilation dissertation (article-based dissertation) or part of a monograph dissertation (chapter, overview). Every abstract should include the name, affiliation, and expected graduation date of the PhD student.

Deadline for abstract submission: no later than 16:00 UTC on Friday 21 January 2022. Submissions should be sent via email to Margareta Salonen at margareta.salonen@jyu.fi.

Format: submit an abstract in PDF format labelled “Last Name JS Colloquium 2022”
Notifications of acceptance will be sent by the end of February 2022.

If accepted, student participants will need to submit a full paper of up to 8000 words by 16:00 UTC on Monday 2 May 2022. The colloquium will be held on Thursday 26 May 2022 in the onsite (Paris) and virtual formats described above.

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