CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Environmental Communication Pre-Conference
PhD Mentoring Workshop
Thursday, 20th of June 2024
8.00 – 12.00 AM
ICA 2024 in Gold Coast, Australia (hybrid)

Purpose: The purpose of the PhD Mentoring Workshop of the Environmental Communication Division at ICA 2024 is to support graduate/PhD students in their early careers in our field. In the workshop, feedback will be provided on students’ ongoing work. The PhD Mentoring Workshop will furthermore enhance the exchange and collaboration between junior and senior researchers in our field. Lastly, the PhD Mentoring Workshop will provide a welcoming atmosphere to connect young scholars with the international Environmental Communication community.

Format: The PhD Mentoring Workshop will take place in a hybrid format. The physical event will be on site at ICA’s Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, but graduate/PhD students can also join online. The PhD mentoring is split in two parts: 1) presentation of ongoing work and feedback from plenum, 2) 1:1 oral and written feedback by a senior scholar.

Submission Guidelines: We invite graduate/PhD students to submit papers at the interface of the natural environment and human communication at any level of analysis (interpersonal, group, inter-group, organizational, mass, global). Topics include visual, aural, and textual representations in (social) media and popular culture; behavioral change and campaigns; political communication; civic engagement; green marketing; public opinion; rhetoric and discourse; the role of communication technologies; justice and equity issues; and globalization. Importantly, these topics should be studied in the context of environmental communication, including research on climate change, human-nature interaction, sustainability, and planetary health/boundaries. Research on health, risk, and science communication issues related to the environment is also welcome.

2-Step Submission Process:
1. Abstract: In the first step, you need to submit an abstract (max. 750 words, excluding references) that includes research question(s), theoretical framework/concept, methodological approach, preliminary findings (if available), and contribution to the field of environmental communication. Abstracts will undergo review.
   Deadline: January 14, 2024
   Decision of Acceptance: by February 19, 2024
2. Final Submissions: The final submission can range from an extended abstract to drafts of studies/papers or complete papers (min. 2,500 words; max. 8,000 words, excluding references).
   Deadline: June 6, 2024

Please submit the abstract and the final submission to n.strauss@ikmz.uzh.ch.

NOTE! 1) Make sure that your submissions are anonymized (no identifying information in the papers) for the reviewing process. 2) Please state in your submission email the stage of your PhD work (e.g., proposal writing, planning of study, first data collection, data analysis, finalizing of paper etc.) and include your name, the names of the co-authors and/or supervisors, and institutional affiliations. If accepted, please make sure to register for the pre-conference before 15th of March so we can plan accordingly.
Questions? Please feel free to reach out the organizer of the PhD Mentoring Workshop. Up and until December 2023, please reach out to our chair Silje Kristiansen or vice-chair Marijn Meijers. From January 2024 onwards, please reach out to our Student and Early Career Representative, Nadine Strauss (n.strauss@ikmz.uzh.ch).