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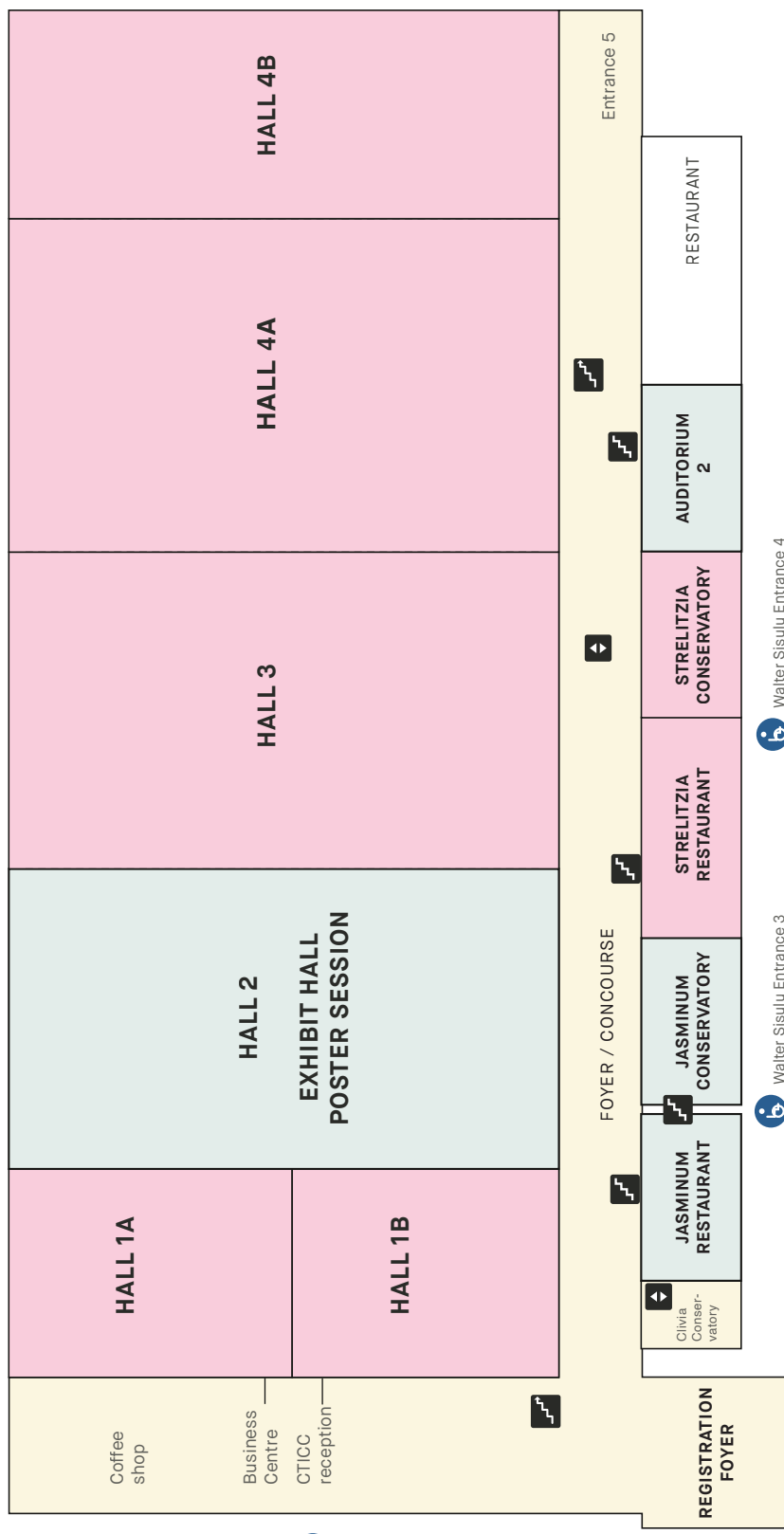
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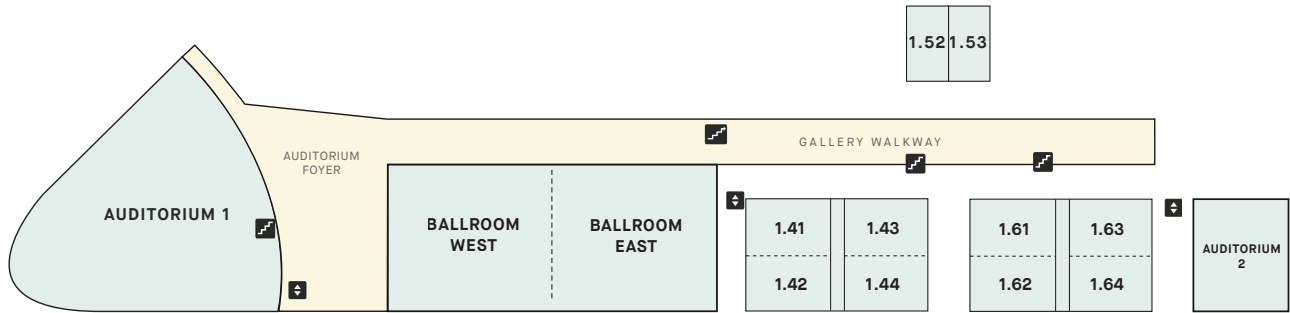
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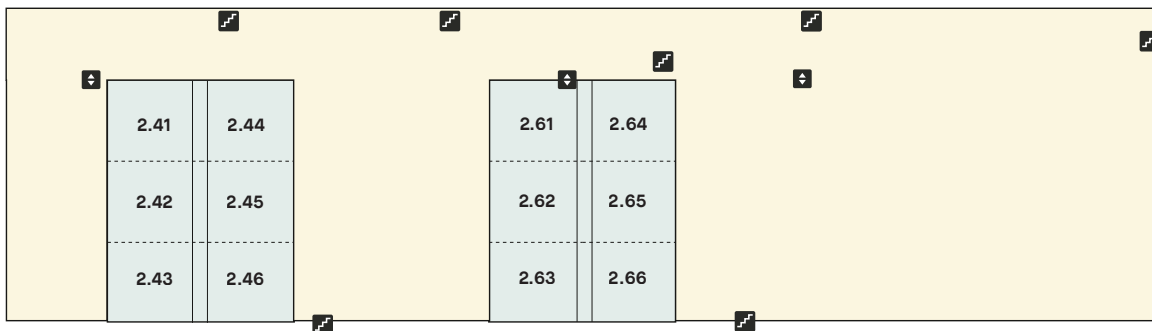


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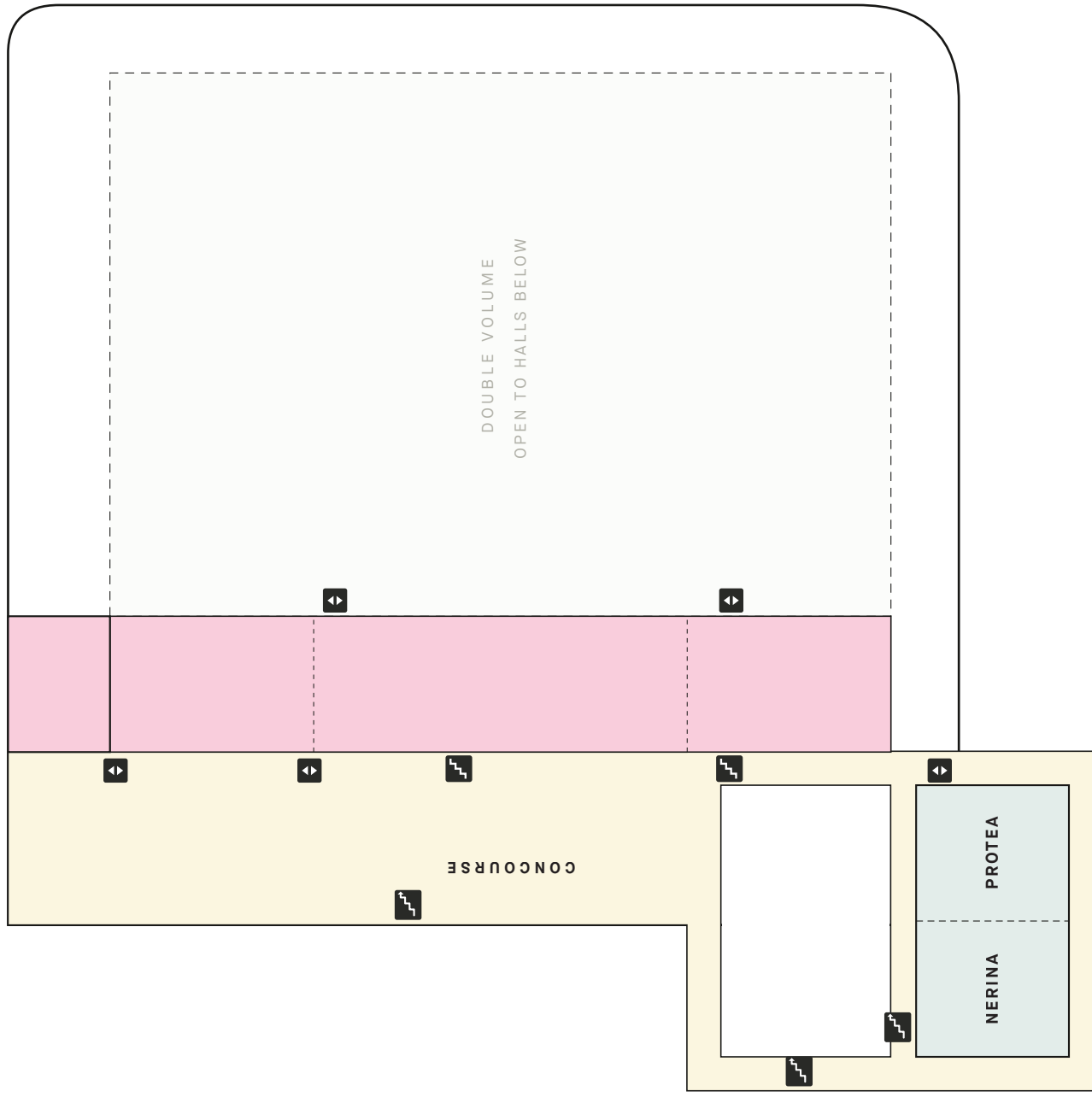


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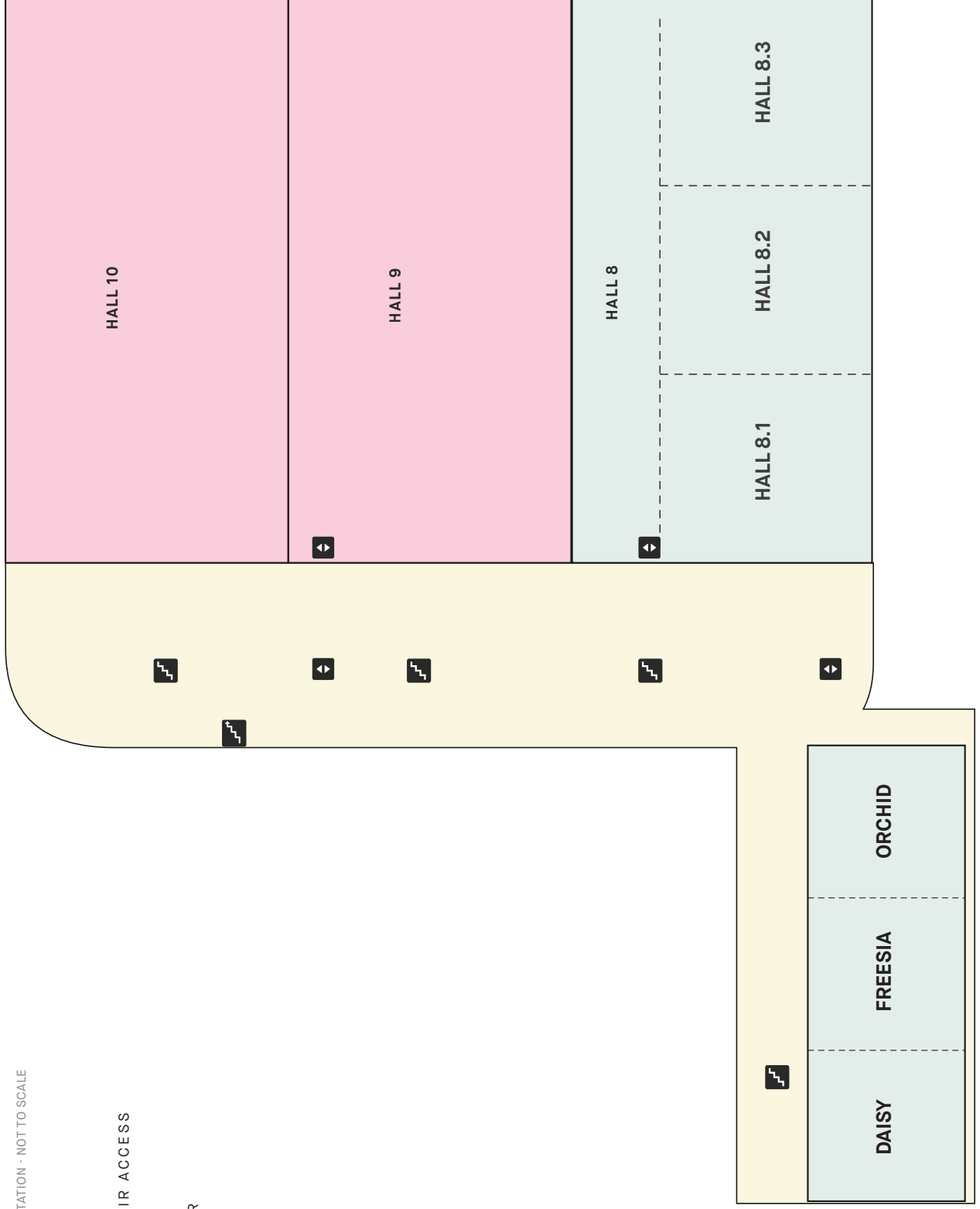
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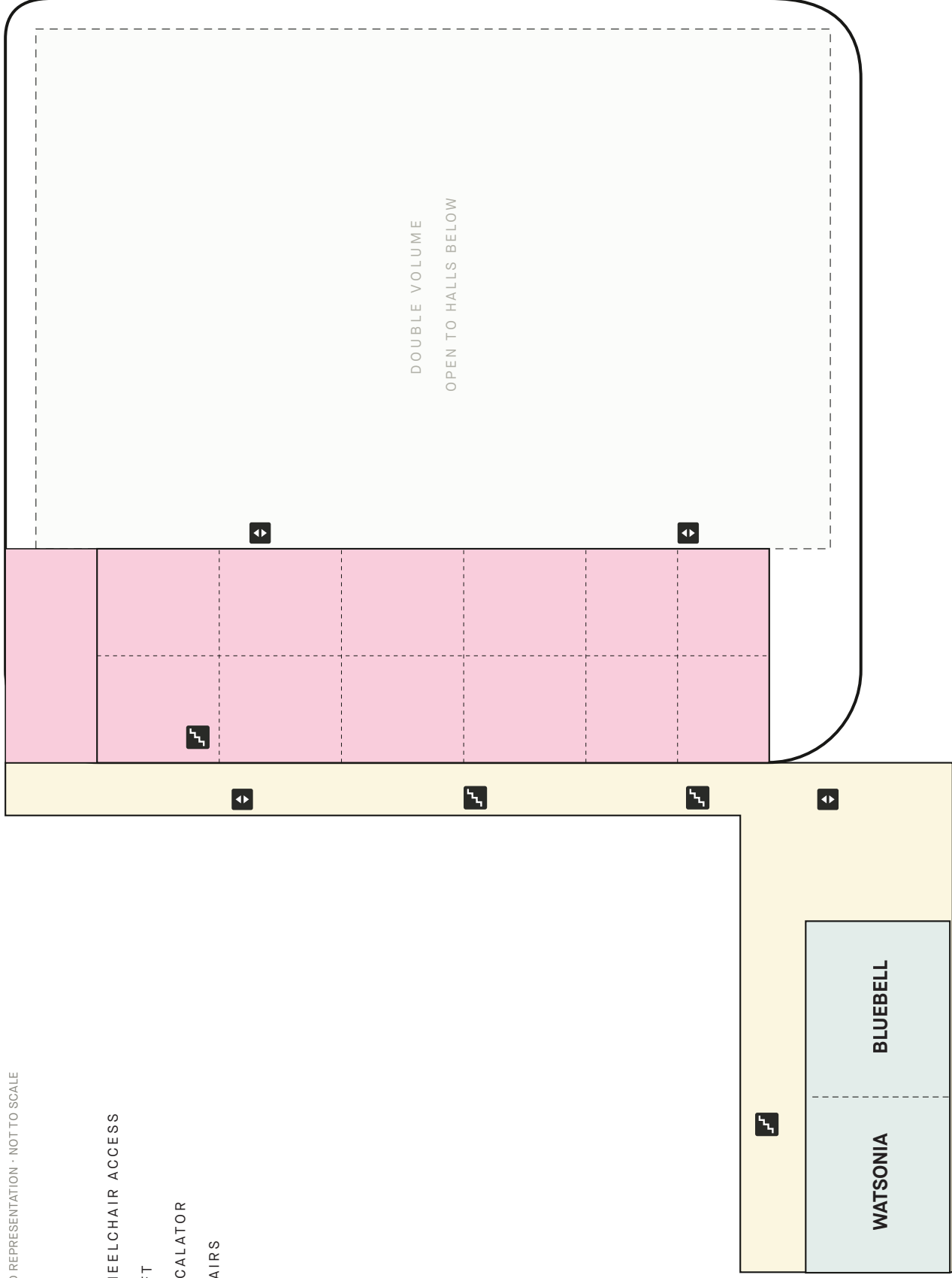


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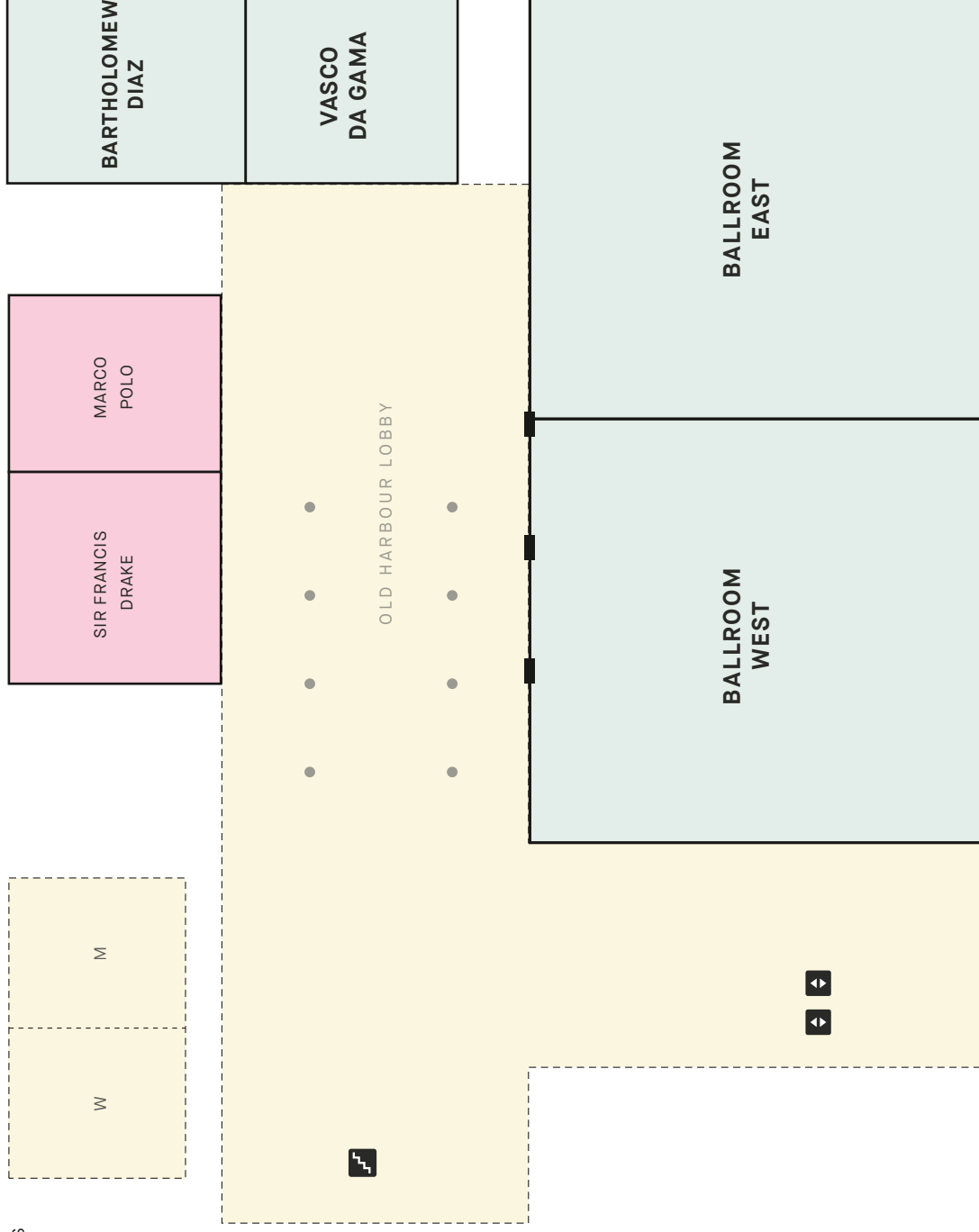
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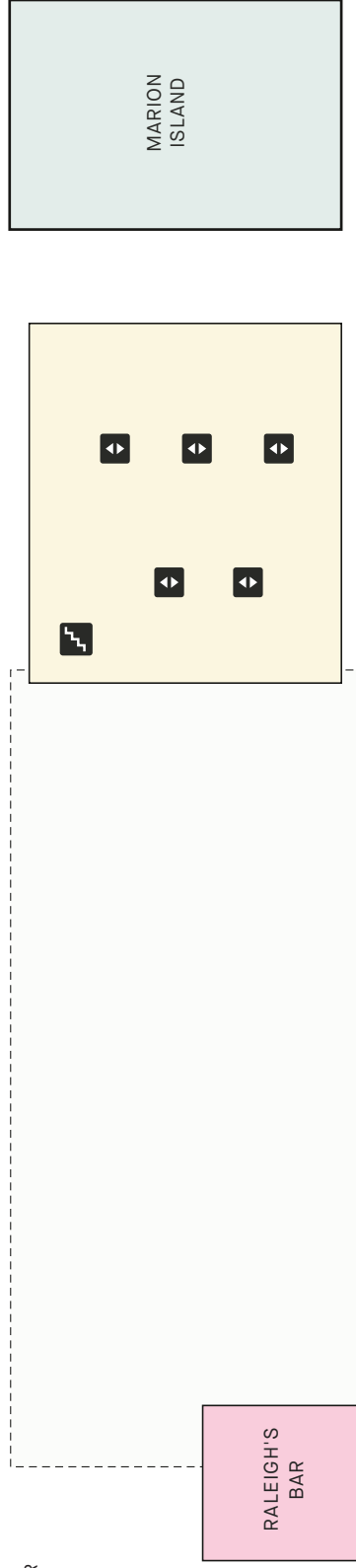
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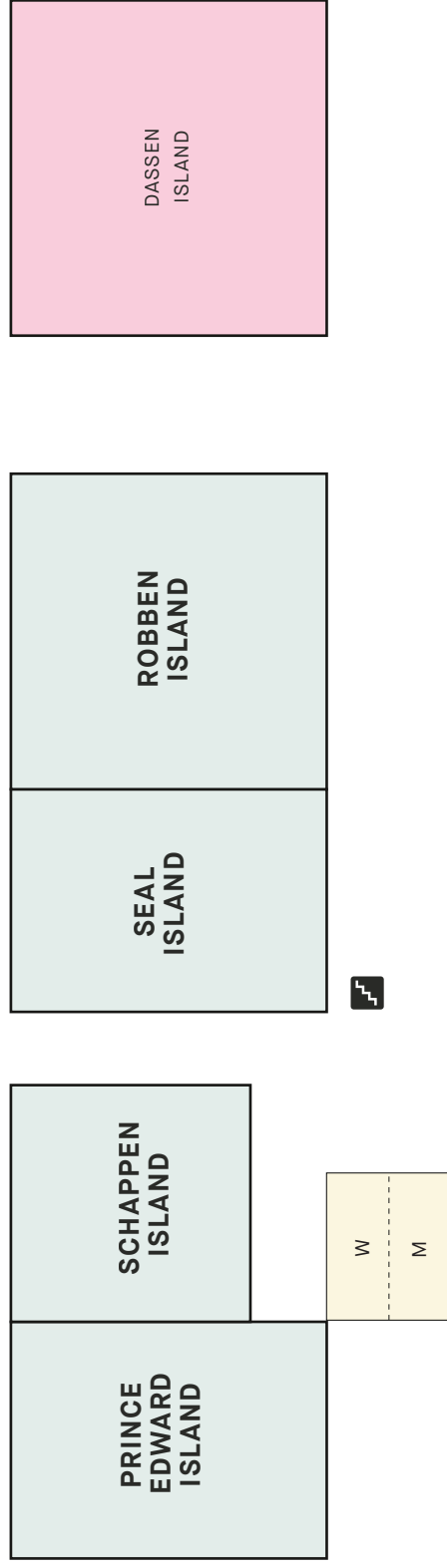
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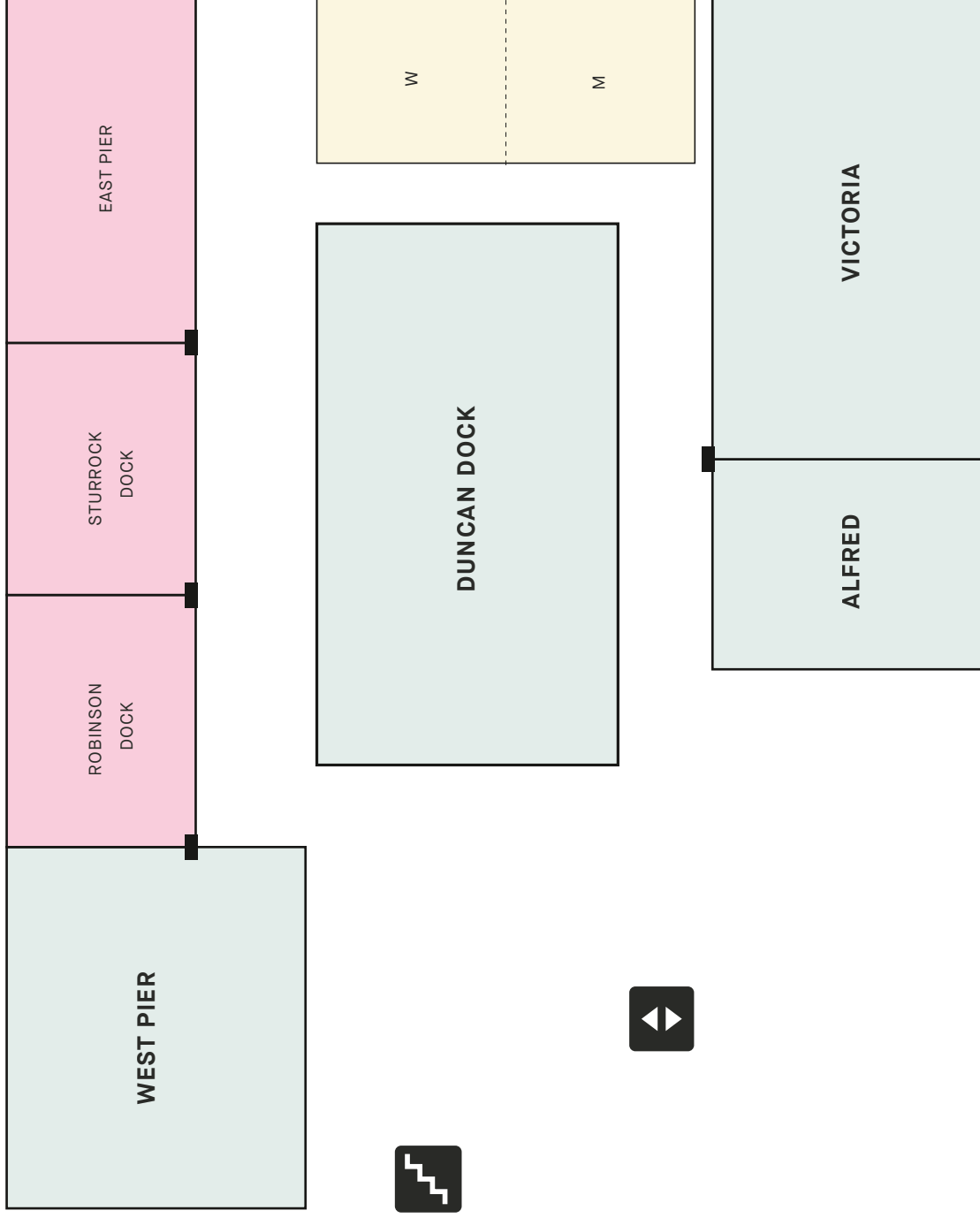
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Welcome to the 76th Annual ICA Conference from ICA

Welcome to the 76th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association! We have over 2,900 in-person attendees and an additional 50+ participants tuning in from remote locations around the globe (plus 11 regional hubs). The conference theme chosen by our President-Elect, Ingrid Bachmann, **Communication and Inequalities in Context**, invites critical reflection on the dynamics between communication and inequality across different social, cultural, and geographical contexts.

The hybrid 76th annual opening plenary session, **"Inequalities and Knowledge Production in Communication: Inroads and Challenges Ahead" (Thursday evening, 4 June, 18:00-19:15, Auditorium 1, CTICC)**, starts the conference and will be presented as a hybrid session for our remote participants as well. This panel features Tanja Bosch (U of Cape Town), Aliaa Khaled ElShabassy (American U in Cairo), and Marwan Kraidy (Northwestern U) in a discussion about what constitutes scientific knowledge in the field of communication and the hierarchies in knowledge production, in order to tackle the question of who counts in communication scholarship. The panel will be moderated by Conference Programming Chair and President-Elect Ingrid Bachmann (Pontificia U Católica de Chile).

New members, students, and all those wanting an overview of ICA, the conference, and our place in the field of communication should be sure to attend the **hybrid session, Get to Know ICA: New Member and Student/ Early-Career Scholar Orientation and Member Business Meeting (Sat, 6 June, 09:00 to 10:15, CTICC 1, Ballroom West)**. This session is designed for all members and provides an occasion to raise questions regarding how the association works. It will also include a general overview of ICA as an organization, an overview of the conference, and ways to participate further in ICA. This is your opportunity to interact with the Executive Committee of ICA and help shape the association and its future direction!

Another annual event to which we all look forward are the three **ICA-wide Interactive Paper/Poster Sessions**. All three sessions will be from **13:30 to 14:45 on their respective days: Fri, 5 June, Sat, 6 June, and Sun, 7 June, in CTICC 1, Hall 2**. They will feature about 30 individual papers each day, encompassing all of ICA's divisions and interest groups. Each day will highlight a best poster winner and runner-up whose posters will stay up for the entirety of the conference.

The hybrid 76th Annual ICA Presidential Address, Fellows' Induction, and Awards Ceremony (Sat, 6 June, 16:30 – 17:45, CTICC 1, Ballroom East) features our annual awards presentations (including new awards for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access), induction of 16 new ICA Fellows, and the 2026 Presidential Address given by ICA President Thomas Hanitzsch (LMU Munich).

As always, we have made every effort to make the conference accessible to remote and onsite attendees with various accommodations made for hearing, vision, and medical conditions, as well as maximizing inclusion and belonging of LGBTQIA+ scholars, Black scholars, indigenous scholars, neurodivergent scholars, parent/caregiver scholars, and others. Please check the Conference Inclusion and Accessibility section of this program for more information on the time and location of AA meetings, the quiet and religious observance room, the nursing parents' rooms in each venue, ICAKids childcare and family play zone, gender-neutral restrooms, and more.

Lastly, we want to thank all of you who worked to overcome numerous funding, logistical, and political obstacles to make it to our 76th Annual Conference, who encountered obstacles and met them with perseverance and patience, and who welcomed the prospect of an Annual ICA Conference in Africa with a sense of inquisitiveness, excitement, and adventure. We also thank those of you who couldn't make the trip work for whatever reason (health, funding, flight availability, visa denials, etc), many of whom are attending remotely, either individually or via one of the eleven regional hubs. We value ALL of your voices and your perspectives, and it is our sincere hope that the diverse programming at this conference will generate intellectual growth, thought-provoking engagement, and a memorable experience for everyone involved, and that each of you will come away from this conference energized, full of new ideas, and with positive memories of your time immersed in this vibrant and growing ICA Community. I sincerely hope that this conference in Africa will open new pathways for ICA and its members in both the Global South and the Global North, and that we will look back on this first foray into the African continent for the Annual Conference as a watershed moment. Our pandemic refrain of "We will meet you where you are" has expanded from meaning that the conference can take place at your kitchen table and drives us forward into meeting even more of our members exactly where they are, in person. Whether you are joining us in person in Cape Town, online as an individual, or from a regional hub, we can't wait to see you!

Laura Sawyer
Executive Director
ICA Headquarters, Washington DC

Welcome from the Conference Planner

Welcome to the 76th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association in Cape Town, our very first annual conference in Africa!

We have a rich program, and I am looking forward to everything it will bring. With more than 3,000 presenters from all over the world and 600 sessions —not counting pre- or post-conferences— there are tons of opportunities to meet new people, participate in thought-provoking discussions, and catch up on research that shapes how we understand the world.

The Opening Plenary will kick off the conference with a discussion about inequalities and knowledge production in communication. **Tanja Bosch** (U of Cape Town), **Nick Bowman** (Syracuse U), **Aliaa ElShabassy** (Cairo U), and **Marwan Kraidy** (Northwestern U in Qatar) will join me in a frank conversation about what constitutes scientific knowledge in the field of communication and who counts in communication scholarship.

This year's theme, "Communication and inequalities in context," was an invitation to engage with research exploring the deep divisions and existing interpersonal, institutional, and structural inequalities in our societies, and a call to ponder communication scholarship' contributions to understanding, reproducing or modifying structural patterns of inequality. The theme attracted many submissions and resulted in ten sessions tackling issues such as digital justice, migration and race, disabilities, activism, democratic decline, and power imbalances in research.

The ICA26 program is packed with research-related activities, but there are also plenty of opportunities to socialize, meet old and new friends, and have fun. Check the myriads of receptions and special events, such as the Opening Reception, the New Member and Student/ Early-Career Scholar Orientation, the anniversaries of the Feminist Scholarship Division (40 years) and the Global Communication and Social Change Division (20 years), the ICA Kids' Picnic!, the Black Scholars' Noirée, and my personal favorite, the ICA-Cream Social. Don't miss out and make sure to explore Cape Town as well.

I would like to thank all those who have worked to make this conference happen. First of all, the stellar ICA staff for all their efforts ensuring ICA26 goes smoothly: Executive Director **Laura Sawyer**, Associate Executive Director **Tom Mankowski**, as well as **Julie Arnold**, **Jennifer Le**, **Christopher Rochette**, **Karly Senesac**, and **Katie Wolfe**. Many thanks to the Local Host Committee for generously sharing their expertise and enthusiasm to help make this conference a truly memorable experience: **Herman Wasserman** (Stellenbosch U), who served as chair, and members **Tanja Bosch** (U of Cape Town), **Martha Evans** (U of Cape Town), **Ronald Irwin** (U of Cape Town), **Marenet Jordaan** (Stellenbosch U), **Meli Ncube** (Stellenbosch U), and **Sisanda Nkoala** (U of the Western Cape).

I would like to thank the Theme Committee for going above and beyond to make sure we had a great line up of papers and panels addressing inequalities: chair **Hanan Badr** (U of Salzburg) and members **Saifuddin Ahmed** (Nanyang Technological U), **Teresa Correa** (Diego Portales U), **Radhika Gajjala** (Bowling Green State U), **Joy Muthoni Kibarabara** (Stockholm U), **Sr. Agnes Lucy Lando** (Daystar U Nairobi) and **Chris Paterson** (U of Leeds). Also, we could not have this diverse programming without the intense and dedicated work of the **unit planners** of all 34 divisions and interest groups, or the collaboration of thousands of reviewers who set time aside during a busy time of the year to help us have a fantastic set of high-quality presentations.

And finally, thanks to each of you for participating in ICA26. ICA is a great scholarly community, and every member contributes to make this conference a success. I hope you all get to exchange ideas generously, learn a thing or two, and leave with at least one new connection —intellectual or otherwise.

Enjoy ICA26!

Ingrid Bachmann
Pontificia U Católica de Chile
President-Elect

Welcome from the Local Host Committee

A warm welcome to Cape Town! The ICA 2026 Local Host Committee is delighted that you have arrived in our city for this historic ICA conference - the first one ever to take place on the African continent.

We celebrate this milestone conference in the context of ICA's endeavours to make this association a truly international, diverse and inclusive home for scholars from around the world. By hosting the conference in Cape Town, ICA is tangibly demonstrating its commitment not only to broadening the association's reach, but also to deepening and enriching our field. Inclusion, diversity and access have to go beyond tokenism to an acknowledgement that knowledge produced in only a part of the world, or dominated by scholars from well-resourced countries, remains partial knowledge. We are therefore thrilled that the conference in Cape Town will contribute to filling these knowledge gaps. We know from our own experience that stepping outside familiar frameworks is not always easy or comfortable. But it is often where the most generative scholarship begins. The intellectual challenge to understand one's own view as limited, to be driven by curiosity for new perspectives and to avoid foregone conclusions is, after all, what scholarship is all about.

We therefore look forward to robust exchanges, stimulating conversations and making new connections.

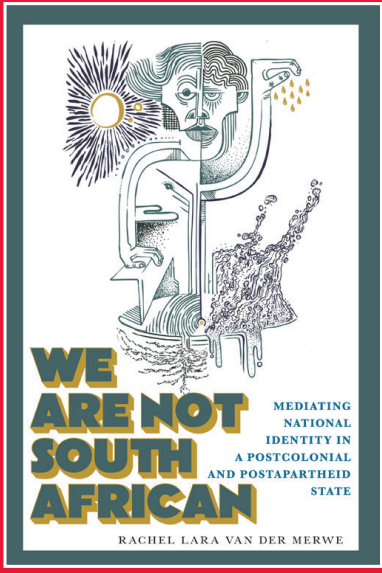
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We wish you a rewarding, enjoyable and enriching conference.

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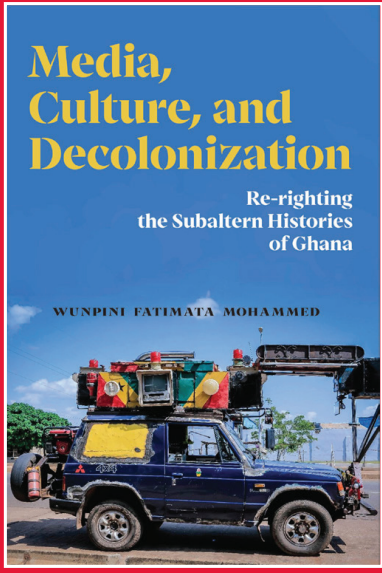
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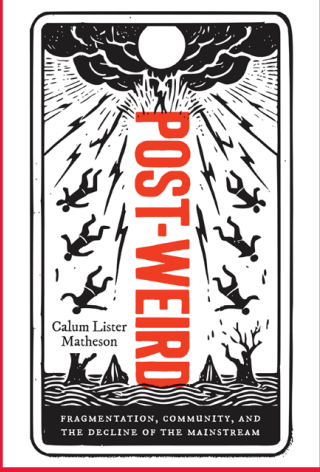
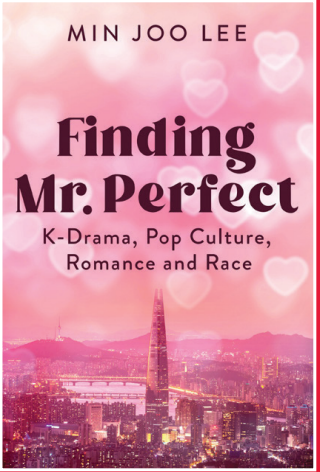
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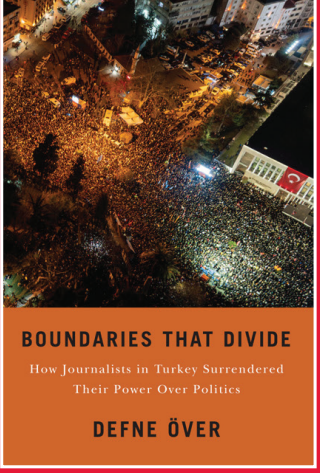
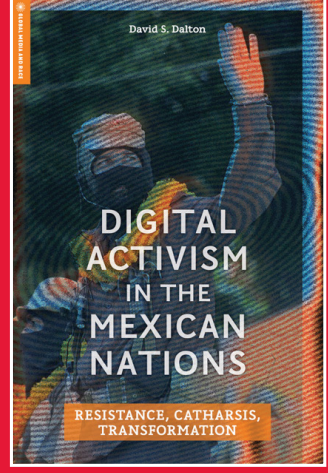
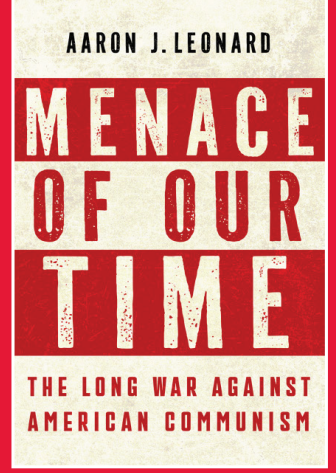
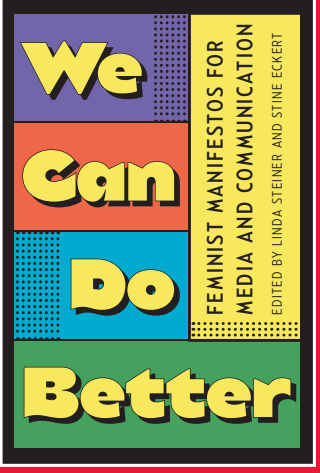


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Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC): The CTICC is the leading international convention centre on the African continent and serves as the main venue for the ICA conference this year.

The Westin Cape Town: Our second venue for sessions is the only hotel with direct, exclusive skybridge access to the CTICC. Famous for its prime location, nearly all sleeping rooms boast stunning views of Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, or the harbor.

Business Centre: Both the CTICC and Westin Cape Town have a small on-site business centre on the ground level.

Families: ICA offers subsidized child care and a family room for nursing/breastmilk storage. This year, we will have our **ICA Kids' + Family Picnic** on Sun, 7 June, at 11:30 at the CTICC. Guests had to RSVP in advance to attend.

Fitness Center/Spa: The Westin Cape Town's fitness center is 24/7 and features sauna and steam rooms. There is also a heated indoor infinity lap pool located inside the spa and outdoor pool available for guests only.

Medical Information: On-site medical facility is equipped to provide medical assistance at the CTICC.

Inclusion and Accessibility: The **Conference Inclusion and Accessibility** section of this program provides information on accommodations such as **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)**, **baby feeding/family room**, **comfort room/quiet room**, and more.

Media: ICA reserves the right to use images or recordings of the conference or conference-related events and its participants. Authorization is implicit upon attendees' registration to the conference or other such events.

Membership: To join ICA, please consult with ICA staff at the registration desk. We welcome members in all communication disciplines from around the globe. You can also join online at www.icahdq.org. Don't miss out on the significant conference discount with ICA membership!

Badges: The CTICC requires a badge for entry beyond the registration foyer. Please collect yours and wear it at all times during ICA events.

On-site preconference attendees can pick up their badges in advance on Wed, 3 June from 12:00 - 15:00 in Old Harbour level lobby of the Westin Cape Town. This desk will only have preconference badges, not main conference badges. If you can't pick up in advance, you may retrieve your preconference badge Thursday morning near the main registration area in the CTICC 1 (Registration foyer, ground level).

Exhibit Hall: From Friday to Sunday, the exhibit hall will be located in CTICC 1, Hall 2 on the ground level, next to the registration area. This same area will also host the ICA-wide poster sessions, snack breaks, and ICA Kids Family Play Zone.

General Breaks: Snack breaks are served twice daily at 8:30–9:00 and 14:30–15:00 in the Exhibit Hall (CTICC 1, Hall 2) and the Westin Ballroom Foyer, Friday through Sunday. On Monday, the Exhibit Hall location moves to CTICC 1, Jasminium.

MAIN CONF REGISTRATION/ BADGE PICK-UP HOURS	
Thursday, 4 June	8:00 - 20:00
Friday, 5 June	8:00 - 17:00
Saturday, 6 June	8:00 - 17:00
Sunday, 7 June	8:00 - 17:00
Monday, 8 June	9:00 - 12:00

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS	
Thursday, 4 June	no exhibit hall
Friday, 5 June	8:30 - 17:00
Saturday, 6 June	8:30 - 17:00
Sunday, 7 June	8:30 - 15:00
Monday, 8 June	no exhibit hall

Posters: Poster sessions will be held in the exhibit hall, CTICC 1, Hall 2 on the ground level.

Opening Reception: Everyone attending the 76th Annual ICA Conference is invited to participate in the opening reception on Thursday evening, immediately following the opening plenary session. This is the first opportunity to connect with colleagues, eat delicious food, and make plans for the remainder of the conference. This annual can't-miss event will be located on the first floor of the CTICC in Ballroom East. Please note there will be no drink tickets this year. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at the cash bar, while non-alcoholic beverages will be complimentary. It's also important to note that your conference badge will be required for entry.

Special Events: ICA-sponsored events include the opening reception, presidential address, Fellows' induction and awards ceremony, Kids' Picnic*, Noirée*, and ice cream social. Beyond these, ICA's 33 divisions and interest groups organize numerous receptions, joined by additional gatherings hosted by journals, universities and colleges, communication departments, and other associations. Most conferences also feature one or two memorial events honoring beloved scholars lost in the past year, along with the occasional film screening. *Advance registration required.

Badges/Security: All attendees must wear their conference badge at all times for educational sessions and on-site social events. Pick yours up during registration hours (see above) at your earliest convenience.



To Tweet or Not to Tweet? To Post or Not to Post? Many presenters are happy to have their talks and content shared on social media, but others aren't comfortable yet with "going public." What might be ready for a conference audience might not be ready for The World At Large. The ICA Board of Directors' policy is that each presenter can and should indicate a preference and that presenters' preferences should be respected.

To that end, we encourage you to make your wishes known at the beginning of your presentation. Please note that, as it becomes cumbersome to include all the social media icons for affirmative or negative requests, one should consider the "no post" or "ok to post" symbols as referring to all social media.

If you are comfortable with being the subject of social media posts, we recommend you indicate this at the beginning of your talk, both verbally and on your slides, possibly including your preferred social media handle so that you can be tagged.



If you are not comfortable having your information shared on social media, please include the "no posts" symbol on your first slide and call attention to this verbally. We also recommend placing the "no posts" symbol in the corner of any particular slides you wish not to be photographed, posted, or otherwise shared on social media (as this both alerts latecomers to the request and makes it obvious if someone does take a photo that they are doing so against your wishes, as the symbol will be in the photo).

Conference Policies

Who pays the conference registration fee? Everyone. ICA is a voluntary, non-profit, tax-exempt NGO that qualifies for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's 501(c)3 tax-exempt status. Its annual conference program is comprised almost exclusively of competitively selected papers. There are very few "invited" papers in any ICA conference program; thus, the ICA Board of Directors has established an "everybody pays" policy. That said, ICA does give out over US\$75,000 in travel grants each year based on need. If you would like to support travel grants, please consider donating or renewing as a Sustaining Member, through which a portion of your dues would support student travel.

Paper Distribution Center: The Paper Distribution Center (PDC) is available online through our virtual platform provider, Cvent. As part of your conference registration, you will have access to the virtual platform, where you can look up a paper and, if available, download its PDF. Conference papers will be available in this section for 60 days after the conference's conclusion.

ERIC: The Education Resource Information Center (ERIC) Clearinghouse is always interested in having papers from the ICA conference submitted for possible inclusion in the ERIC system. Authors may submit papers to ERIC directly: Coordinator of Documents, ERIC Clearinghouse on Reading and Communication Skills, 2805 East Tenth Street, Smith Research Center, Suite 150, Bloomington, IN 47408-2698 USA.

Audiovisual Equipment: ICA makes every effort to provide the audiovisual equipment needed for conference presentations:

- Each meeting room scheduled for an ICA presentation will have a screen and an LCD projector with an HDMI connection. If your laptop does not have an HDMI connection, please bring the appropriate adapter. The lectern will have cords for both video and audio. Because ICA has 30+ concurrent breakouts most of the time, presenters must run their presentations from their laptops or other mobile devices.
- Those holding non-session meetings (satellite events) in other rooms, who have not preordered AV equipment directly with the hotel or have last-minute needs, must arrange and pay for equipment themselves through the authorized audiovisual provider for this conference. ICA will not place new orders for equipment once the conference has begun.

Conference Code of Conduct: When registering for or accessing the conference mobile app, all attendees must indicate their acceptance of the [Conference Code of Conduct](#). Please review this document before your arrival.

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Foreign Yet Fluent: Oral Histories of Kazakh Returnees in a Russian-Dominated Homeland



Symbat Tussupbekova

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Thales de Albuquerque Lima

A Distant Echo of Portuguese: Timorese Journalists Educate a Nation



Yaqi Huang

Reciting, Remembering: Elderly Hui Women Pursuing Arabic in Northwest China

Conference Inclusion and Accessibility

ICA is committed to creating an inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible environment for all conference attendees. We want ICA to be where those with accommodation needs can participate and feel completely welcome, comfortable, and valued - to belong.

Attendees with accessibility needs who have not made advance arrangements are welcome to inquire at the ICA Registration Desk or email Christopher Rochette (crochette@icahdq.org). **Every reasonable effort will be made to assist attendees onsite;** however, ICA may not be able to provide all services or equipment requested onsite due to availability or the time required to obtain some items.

GETTING AROUND

All sessions for ICA26 take place in either the **Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)** or the **Westin Cape Town**. The CTICC houses approximately 80% of the sessions; the Westin houses 20% of the sessions. Both venues are completely accessible with elevators to every level, and in some parts escalators between session floors. The two properties are across the street from one another with a wide crosswalk and curb cutouts at the venue entry/exit points.

Car Park

Please check both the [CTICC](#) and [Westin Cape Town](#) website for parking information. For the Westin website, scroll down to Frequently Asked Questions and then look for an arrow to expand information on What are the Parking Options at the Westin Cape Town?

Airport Ground Public Transportation

[Visit the Airports Company South Africa public transport webpage for Cape Town International Airport](#) information on authorized ground public transportation options.

Hotel Accommodation

All hotels in our housing block have accessible rooms available. If you need an accessible room and have not yet arranged one, contact the hotel directly or inquire at the ICA Registration Desk.

MOBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Presenters


Each presentation or session is designed and conducted with the full participation of all in mind. All rooms include:

- a lectern with a microphone*,
- a head table with table microphone(s)* for presenters to use (either for presentation if sitting is preferred, or during the Q&A).
- a microphone* on a stand in the audience for questions.

**Note - select small meeting rooms may not have a microphone/sound system due to their size. If you have any questions about a particular meeting, please contact Christopher Rochette.*

If you are presenting and need to ensure your room is set up properly for your participation (wheelchair ramp to the stage, etc.), please contact Christopher Rochette.

Seating

Reserved front-row seating for attendees with vision, hearing, or mobility needs is available in select large meeting rooms, marked in the program and mobile app with the  symbol and below. All meeting rooms include dedicated space for wheelchair users.

- 2.41-2.42-2.43 (CTICC1, Lev 2)
- 2.44-2.45-2.56 (CTICC1, Lev 2)
- 2.61-2.63 (CTICC1, Lev 2)
- 8.1 (CTICC2, Lev 2)
- 8.2 (CTICC2, Lev 2)
- 8.3 (CTICC2, Lev 2)
- Auditorium 1 (CTICC1, Lev 1)
- Auditorium 2 (CTICC1, Lev 2)
- CTICC Ballroom East (CTICC1, Lev 1)
- CTICC Ballroom West (CTICC1, Lev 1)
- Westin Ballroom East (Westin, Old Harbour Level)
- Westin Ballroom West (Westin, Old Harbour Level)

HEARING ACCOMMODATIONS

Captioning/Transcription Services

Because of the sheer number of concurrent sessions (27+ separate rooms at any given time), ICA is unable to automatically provide captioning for every session. However, ICA has a strong record of working with individuals who have specific needs to make sure that the sessions they plan to attend—and/or in which they are presenting—are made accessible to them. Select hybrid sessions occurring in CTICC Ballroom East or West will offer Communication Access Real Time Translation (CART). Hybrid sessions that offer this service will be identified in the program/mobile app with the letters "**CART**" and below:

- (HYBRID) 'Talking Back' to Visual Culture: Disability Across Visual Media Forms
- (HYBRID) Disability and Inequality in African Contexts: Implications for Communication Studies
- (HYBRID) BLUE SKY: The Future of Disability, Communication, and Media Research at ICA
- (HYBRID) Health Communication and Disability Across Popular Media Culture
- (HYBRID) Inequalities in Mediated Disability Activism Across Contexts

Presentations

Each presentation or session should be designed and conducted with the full participation of all in mind. ICA suggests that all chairs and presenters take the steps necessary to make all programming accessible to their respective audiences. At ICA, the majority of session rooms have a lectern with a microphone*. Even if the room is small, all presenters should please use the mics to help those who have hearing impairments, and **chairs should repeat questions from the audience for everyone to hear** in the larger rooms as well.

CHILD/PARENT/CAREGIVER ACCOMMODATIONS

It is important to know that you have the right to feed your baby wherever you see fit; you do not HAVE to find a private space for nursing. That said, if you prefer privacy, ICA has reserved a dedicated family room at both the CTICC and the Westin Hotel for parents and caregivers.

Room Guidelines:

- **Diapers/nappies:** Do not dispose of soiled diapers in the room's wastebasket. Please take them to the restroom, where bins are emptied more frequently.
- **Nappy changes only:** Please do not request the room key solely for a nappy change — pull-down changing facilities are available in the restrooms.
- **Tidiness:** Leave the room as you found it, including cleaning up any spills and turning the door sign from "Occupied" back to "Available."
- **Cleanliness concerns:** If you find the room in need of cleaning, please notify a staff member at the registration desk.

CTICC Nursing Room

If you are using the CTICC's own nursing room rather than the ICA private room, follow these directions:

Enter **CTICC Building 1** and make your way to the reception area. Take the escalator to the first floor and turn left. Walk past the meeting rooms, and just before the glass lift, turn right at the brown door. If you have difficulty locating it, ask any CTICC staff member for help.

Please note: This is a shared facility that other conference groups may also be using. It includes a changing table and a comfortable chair but does not have a mini refrigerator.

ICAKids: Childcare

The availability of affordable and accessible childcare is an inclusion issue that ICA takes very seriously. Now in its seventh year, the "ICAKids" Childcare Program is available for parents in need of childcare during conference hours. This service is heavily subsidized by ICA, with fees at a deep discount to all attendees and completely free for student parents. To provide this service, ICA is partnering with a licensed childcare provider. The childcare room is located onsite at the Westin Hotel; the precise location is available at the ICA Registration Desk. **For evenings (and days/times not covered by ICA's subsidized daytime childcare),** the concierge at your hotel will be able to connect you with a list of nannies/babysitters who can be hired to come to your sleeping room. For a multiplicity of reasons, including insurance liability restrictions, ICA is not able to provide evening childcare.

ICAKids' Picnic

The ICAKids' + Family Picnic is on June 7 from 11:30 to 13:00 in the CTICC, Jasminium Conservatory. Free and open to all children and their parents or caregivers, this event is a great opportunity for academic families to connect while the kids play together. ICA serves child-friendly foods and has scheduled fun entertainment activities for the children. Guests had to RSVP in advance to attend.

ICAKids Family Play Zone

The ICAKids family play zone is a designated space in the CTICC, Hall 2 with kid-friendly toys where parents and caregivers can take a break from the conference with their children, relax, and connect with other families. **This area is not supervised and should not be used as childcare - children may NOT be left unattended in this area.** We ask that you not use this area for nappy/diapering changes; however, due to the facility's sanitation regulations, there are restrooms nearby with changing tables. Due to the types of equipment and toys available, we

especially recommend this room for children ages 3 months to 8 years, though older children are welcome—with their parents/caregivers—as well.

LGBTQIA+ ATTENDEES

Cape Town is widely recognized as one of the most LGBTQIA+ friendly cities in Africa.

- [Learn more](https://www.iglta.org/destinations/africa/south-africa/) (https://www.iglta.org/destinations/africa/south-africa/) about South Africa as a LGBTQIA+ destination and Cape Town-specific LGBTQ nightlife, history, and neighborhoods, from IGLTA.
- Beginning with Paris in 2022, ICA has been honored to co-sponsor the Annual LGBTQIA+@ ICA reception with the LGBTQ Studies Interest Group. The co-chairs of the Interest Group serve as the event's planners, with input and financial backing via ICA's Executive Director, and have been able to host some amazing events at offsite queer hotspots in our host cities. All are welcome!

Gender-Neutral Restrooms

At this event, all attendees are welcome to use whichever restroom aligns with their gender identity. This includes transgender women and nonbinary attendees using the standard women's restroom, and transgender men and nonbinary attendees using the standard men's restroom.

ICA encourages all attendees to help foster an inclusive environment. Any behavior that interferes with another person's restroom access may be considered a violation of ICA's Code of Ethics. Concerns can be directed to Julie Arnold (jarnold@icahdq.org).

Safety for LGBTQIA+ Attendees at the Conference

ICA is a diverse and predominantly queer-friendly community, and we take care to choose conference venues in safe neighborhoods within cities with a high level of security and diversity. That said, if you experience harassment or aggression from anyone during the ICA conference due to your gender expression, identity, or anything else, please let us know immediately so we can help and provide support. Please email Julie Arnold for assistance.

BLACK CAUCUS ATTENDEES

Beginning with ICA Paris in 2022, ICA has been honored to sponsor the **Black Scholars' Noirée** (cleverly named by event originator Prof. Deen Freelon). While the event did not occur in 2023, in 2024 the Executive Director revived the event and asked Prof. Meghan S. Sanders to co-host for ICA24 in Gold Coast and again at ICA25 in Denver. We had an excellent turnout the past two years and look forward to continuing the tradition annually. This year, Dr. Sanders is joined by co-host Dr. Tina M Harris. ICA and the IDEA committee will provide the catering and bar for this event. Guests should RSVP in advance to attend.

RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Religious observance/multi-faith room

We understand that travel schedules can make regular religious observance challenging. A dedicated room is available for prayer, religious observance, or quiet contemplation, welcoming all faiths and traditions.

Please note the following when using the room:

- Personal prayer items (such as malas, prayer mats, and cushions) must be taken with you when you leave. The room is unmonitored and we cannot be held responsible for lost or

misplaced belongings.

- If you remove your shoes, please place them neatly along the wall by the doorway.
- Quiet meditation and yoga are also welcome in this space.

The CTICC accommodates people of all faiths and backgrounds, with dedicated prayer rooms available in both CTICC 1 and CTICC 2.

Religious Schedule Conflicts

If you have a religious scheduling conflict with a session, please contact the Conference team as soon as possible. *We will do our best to accommodate your needs, though please note that once the schedule is set, changes that affect others' travel may not be possible.*

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS (alpha order)

Alcohol Culture

ICA is committed to making social events welcoming for all attendees, including those who abstain from alcohol. Clearly marked non-alcoholic bars serving water and soft drinks are available at the Opening Reception and other evening events. Divisions, interest groups, and satellite event organizers are encouraged to provide the same.

The Opening Reception no longer uses drink tickets. Instead, ICA has adopted a cash bar format — alcoholic beverages are available for purchase by credit card, while water, soft drinks, and all catered food are provided free of charge. This approach keeps registration fees down and ensures non-drinking attendees are not subsidizing alcohol costs. Please note that satellite events are managed independently, so practices may vary. Thank you for your understanding.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Friends of Bill W. are welcome to gather each conference morning from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in the Dassen Island at the Westin Hotel. Meetings are held in English. *This meeting is self-organized based on who shows up (there is no designated lead).* If one prefers to attend a public AA meeting outside the hotel, learn more about AA resources in South Africa, including the Western Cape Intergroup in Cape Town. *Narcotics Anonymous is listed separately in this guide under the letter N.*

Allergies

ICA requires its venues to label all food provided for our conferences—whether during a reception or for mid-day coffee breaks—with the allergens involved in its preparation. If you have provided your allergy information to us during the conference registration process, we have shared that with the venues - however, mistakes do happen so we recommend carefully reviewing all signage and, when in doubt, to refrain from eating something you're not sure about and ask the venue banquet staff for assistance.

Exercise Facilities and Pool

The Westin Hotel has a fitness center and pool for use by hotel guests. Learn more about Westin's facilities, <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/cptwi-the-westin-cape-town/experiences/>. Other hotels in the ICA26 block, Southern Sun-The Cullinan Hotel, and Hotel Sky, also offer fitness centers and pools.

Fragrance-Free Environment

ICA requests that participants refrain from wearing strong perfume, cologne, or other

fragrances in order to promote a fragrance-free environment for the benefit of attendees with multiple chemical sensitivities.

Medical Needs: Hospital & Urgent Care

The closest emergency room is at [Mediclinic Cape Town Hospital](#), an eight minute drive away at 21 Hof Street, Oranjezicht, Cape Town, 8001.

Mental Health/Suicide Hotline

[988lifeline](#) is a free, confidential service available to anyone experiencing a mental health, substance use, or emotional crisis. There are multiple ways to contact the service (e.g. - voice call, text, or chat), including for those with accessibility needs, and you may reach on behalf of yourself or for someone you are concerned about, such as a friend, neighbor, colleague, or loved one.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

NA has a dedicated South Africa website (<https://na.org.za/>) where NA meetings and/or other services in the immediate downtown Cape Town area can be located.

TRAVEL SAFETY

As with any destination, it is important to:

- **Remove your badge when outside the venue/your hotel** (*this is the #1 mistake we see attendees making out and about!*)
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially if a stranger suddenly engages you in a lively conversation (often a distraction technique for pickpockets).
- Keep your phone out of sight in public, and never store your phone or wallet in a back pocket. Before leaving your hotel, familiarize yourself with your route so you can walk with purpose — constantly checking maps or GPS while moving signals to others that you're a tourist and unfamiliar with your surroundings.
- Take care when crossing the street, especially if traffic goes in a different direction than what you are used to at home.
- In most major cities outside New York, avoid hailing cabs at the curb — instead, prearrange your travel through an app or service. Our tourism bureau partners recommend Uber Black, which is surprisingly affordable in Cape Town.
- Be discreet about the cash you're carrying, and use your hotel safe to store your passport rather than carrying it with you if possible.

As with any downtown area, safety can vary by neighborhood. If you do decide to stay outside the ICA housing block, please be careful when booking your lodging and cross reference your location with several sources to ensure you are in a safe area.

Harassment

ICA takes its attendees' and members' safety seriously. By registering for the conference, every attendee, exhibitor, sponsor, and speaker has agreed to abide by the [Conference Code of Conduct](#) (<https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.icahdq.org/resource/resmgr/conference/conf-coc.pdf>). You have the right to attend the conference without being the subject of harassment based on your ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or any other issue. **If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have other concerns about inappropriate behavior, please contact a member of conference staff immediately.** Conference staff can most easily be found at the registration desk, and will be wearing

ribbons that say STAFF (***please take care to find actual ICA staff and not student volunteers who may also be working in this area*** – volunteers are typically wearing round buttons that say “I’m a volunteer!”). You may also email both Julie Arnold, Director of Governance, and Laura Sawyer (lsawyer@icahdq.org), Executive Director, directly with any concerns. Information shared will be kept confidential. We will be happy to help participants contact hotel/venue security or local law enforcement, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the conference, and to take action to remove those acting inappropriately. **We reserve the right to revoke access to the conference for anyone harassing another individual.** We keep a record of all incidents and reserve the right to ban individuals from future conferences.

Should a Problem Arise While You are Onsite at the ICA Meeting

If you have any problem or negative experience related to accessibility—including issues with housing, sessions, harassment, or any other accessibility-related issue that takes place within the conference venue or blocked hotel—please email Laura Sawyer, ICA Executive Director and/or Julie Arnold. In addition to meeting these needs, we keep a record of all requests and our ability to meet them in order to improve each year; we also provide feedback on accessibility issues to our hotel partners and the cities in which we meet. Please note that a reply may not be immediate given the constraints and demands of our entire staff being onsite for the conference and in meetings for part of each day, but we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

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	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00
CTICC Ballroom East (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 (HYBRID) SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL	09:00–10:15 (HYBRID) REACH Panel:	09:00–10:15 (HYBRID) HIGH-DENSITY: AI, Communicative at Risk:	10:30–11:45 (HYBRID) Migration, Race and	13:30–14:45 (HYBRID) Disability and Inequality in	15:00–16:15 (HYBRID) Journalists in Exile: Future	16:30–17:45 BLUE SKY: "Late" Early-Career	18:00–20:00 Journalism Studies Division Reception						
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1.41 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Environmental Communicative Welcome	09:00–10:15 Environmental Communicative Welcome	10:30–11:45 Right-Wing Politics	12:00–13:15 Gender and Media in Africa	13:30–14:45 CHAT-ting Conscience: Ethical AI,	15:00–16:15 From Representatio to Action:	16:30–17:45 Internal Communicative and							
1.42 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 BLUE SKY: Project-Based	09:00–10:15 BLUE SKY: Project-Based	10:30–11:45 Racialization at the Intersections	12:00–13:15 Theoretical Advancement in	13:30–14:45 Transversal Feminist Politics,	15:00–16:15 BLUE SKY: Pivoting From Precarity to	16:30–17:45 Popular Culture, Identity, and							
1.43 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Revisiting Science Communicative	09:00–10:15 Revisiting Science Communicative	10:30–11:45 Science Communicative as	12:00–13:15 Researching Audiences of Science	13:30–14:45 Women as Scholars, Workers,	15:00–16:15 Imagining China for Transnational	16:30–17:45 Algorithms, Affects, and Global							
1.44 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 The Role of Public Relations in	09:00–10:15 The Role of Public Relations in	10:30–11:45 Trust Trajectories and Public	12:00–13:15 BILLI-vering Narratives: Stories,	13:30–14:45 Representatio Matters: Marginalized	15:00–16:15 Rigor and Reliability in Computational	16:30–17:45 Technological Impact and Governance							
1.61 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Democracy Under Pressure:	09:00–10:15 Democracy Under Pressure:	10:30–11:45 Tech Policies: Comparative and	12:00–13:15 Nowhere to Hide: Privacy and	13:30–14:45 Code, Platforms, and the Play-	15:00–16:15 Elections 1	16:30–17:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Parenting							
1.62 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Relating Across the Life Course:	09:00–10:15 Relating Across the Life Course:	10:30–11:45 AI in Journalism: Transforming	12:00–13:15 Navigating Trauma in African	13:30–14:45 GATO on Misinfo: From Swedish	15:00–16:15 Dialogue, Argument, and	16:30–17:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Engagement							
1.63 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 AI in Instruction and	09:00–10:15 AI in Instruction and	10:30–11:45 Inclusion vs. Vulnerabilities While	12:00–13:15 Press X for Gender Norms:	13:30–14:45 Intercultural Communicative in Africa:	15:00–16:15 PURR-vacy Paradoxes: Fatigue	16:30–17:45 Partisanship							
1.64 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 All About TikTok	09:00–10:15 All About TikTok	10:30–11:45 Children and Adolescents: Mental	12:00–13:15 Political Participation and	13:30–14:45 Towards an African Model of Media	15:00–16:15 Sport Communicative Top Paper	16:30–17:45 Sport Communicative Business					19:30–21:30 City U of Hong Kong Reception		
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08:00-17:00
Registration and Badge Pickup Hours

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(CTICC1, Ground Level)

08:30-16:30 ICA Kids Family Play Zone
14:30 After Snac

1.52
(CTICC1, Lev 1)

12:00-13:15
BLUE SKY: What Is Political

1.53
(CTICC1, Lev 1)

10:30-11:45
BLUE SKY: Lost in Political

13:30-14:30
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15:00-16:15
BLUE SKY: Digital Wellness and

OFFSITE EVENTS
(offsite)

18:00-20:00
LGBTQIA+@ICA Social (Hosted by ICA's LGBTQ and

ONLINE-ONLY
(online)

08:30-09:00-11:00
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12:00-13:30
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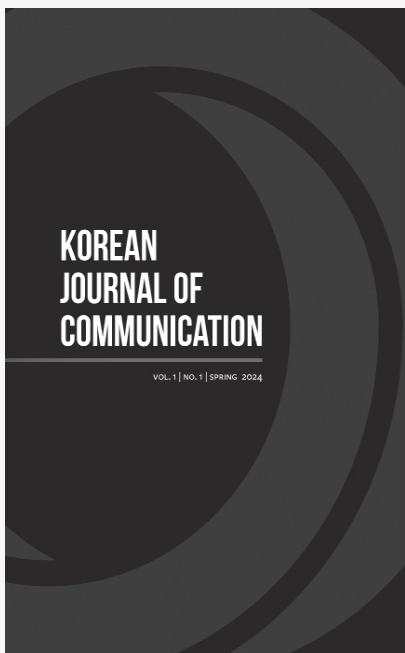
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- Why Christian Nationalism isn't Christian*
- What's Your Space in the Superculture?*

Friday, 5 June 2026

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Friday
7:30–8:30
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(**Westin, Old**
Harbour
Level)

PhD and Early-Career Scholars Communication History Welcome Reception


Satellite Events

Chair

Dominique Trudel, Audencia Business School, CANADA

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3061

Friday
7:00–8:30
 **Westin**
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

Annenberg U Penn Alumni Breakfast

Satellite Events

Invitation only.

3081

Friday
7:30–8:15
Dassen Island
(**Westin,**
Mezzanine
Level)

Friends of Bill W. Meeting

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3062

Friday
7:30–8:45
Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

Editorial Board Meeting: International Journal of Press/Politics

Satellite Events

Chairs

Taberez Neyazi, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Invitation only.

3070

Friday
7:30–8:45
Edward &
Schappen
(**Westin,**
Mezzanine
Level)

Editorial Board Meeting: Management Communication Quarterly

Satellite Events

Chair

Matthew Koschmann, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Invitation only.

3080

Friday
8:00–9:00
West Pier
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)

GCSC Officers' Breakfast**Global Communication and Social Change****Chair**

Dani Madrid-Morales, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Invitation only.

3090

Friday
8:00–17:00
Registration
Foyer
(CTICC1,
Ground Level)

Registration and Badge Pickup Hours**Sponsored Sessions**

3064

Friday
8:30–9:00
Westin
Ballroom
Foyer
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Morning Snack**Sponsored Sessions**

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3091

Friday
8:30–9:00
Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

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Friday
8:30–17:00
Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Exhibit Hall Open**Sponsored Sessions**

3097**LIVE FROM NAIROBI II: Kenya Regional Hub - My ICA Story****Friday**
8:30–10:00
**ONLINE-
ONLY**
(online)**Regional Hub****Chair**

Joy Kibarabara, Stockholm U, SWEDEN

Participants

David Cheruiyot, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Jennifer Kanyeki, Daystar U, KENYA

Shitemi Khamadi, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Miriam Kwena, Catholic U, KENYA

Agnes Lucy Lando, Daystar U, KENYA

Emmanuel Maduneme, Southeast Missouri State U, USA

Kevin Mudavadi, Georgia State U, USA

This panel consists of doctoral students and early-career scholars with ties to the African continent who will engage in an open discussion about their personal experiences of growth with academic conferences and especially ICA. In sharing their stories, panelists will touch on, among other topics, the benefits of attending academic conferences, how they have overcome varied obstacles and inequalities, and how scholars on the continent can engage and gain more representation at global academic conferences, especially at ICA.

3091**ICA Kids Family Play Zone****Friday**
8:30–16:30**Hall 2**
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**Sponsored Sessions**

We are excited to continue this offering for families at ICA26 (introduced last year): the ICAKids family play zone is equipped with kid-friendly books, ride-ons, and other toys where parents and caregivers can take a break from the conference with their children, relax, and connect with other families. This room is not supervised and should not be used as childcare—children may NOT be left unattended. Those who require supervision for their child should sign up for ICAKids' Childcare Program. Toys, books, seating, and a small table for meals and snacks will be provided—we ask that you not use this room for nappy/diapering changes, however, due to the facility's sanitation regulations (restrooms are nearby with changing tables). Due to the types of equipment and toys available, we especially recommend this room for children ages 3 months to 8 years, though younger and older children are welcome, with their parents/caregivers, as well. The ICAKids Family Play Zone will be located in a walled-off section of Hall 2, on the Ground Floor of the CTICC Building 1.

3091**Exhibit Hall Open****Friday**
8:30–17:00**Hall 2**
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**Sponsored Sessions**

3101**(HYBRID) SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL SESSION: Risks, Uncertainties, and Exposure: Articulating Vulnerability in Academic Work****Friday**
9:00–10:15**Sponsored Sessions****Chair**

Lea Hellmueller, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Organizer

🌐 CTICC
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Ingrid Bachmann, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE
Participants
Mathias Felipe de-Lima-Santos, Federal U of São Paulo, BRAZIL
Fen Lin, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Jonathan Ong, U of Massachusetts Amherst, USA
Remote Participant
Saba Bebawi, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Navigating academic life is often presented in terms of hard work, passion, and intellectual freedom. However, often ignored in such narratives are different experiences that shape scholars' career paths, making them more vulnerable within demanding professional environments, more so in times of renewed challenges to research and scholarship worldwide. This includes the precarity of working on defunded or politically contentious topics, institutional pressures about what can be studied and how, and the compounding vulnerabilities that come with being a migrant scholar or dealing with mental health challenges. This session brings such experiences into focus to discuss what they reveal about the structures and culture of academic life. Panelists will address who bears the greatest exposure in academic life, as well as the hurdles imposed by expectations of resilience to inform a conversation about what equitable scholarly communities might look like.

3102

(HYBRID) REACH Panel: Communication Research and Education for Sustainability: Global and Multilingual Perspectives

Friday
9:00–10:15
🌐 CTICC
BALLROOM
WEST
(CTICC1, Lev
1)

Sponsored Sessions

Chair

Mohan Dutta, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND

Organizers

Noshir Contractor, Northwestern U, USA

Christopher Rochette, International Communication Association, USA

Participants

Zhao Alexandre Huang, U Gustave Eiffel, FRANCE

Agnes Lucy Lando, Daystar U, KENYA

Nia Sarinastiti, Atma Jaya U, INDONESIA

Di Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Addressing the climate crisis and advancing sustainable development requires effective communication across diverse cultural, political, and linguistic contexts. Yet much of the scholarship on sustainability communication remains rooted in Anglophone and Western experiences, often overlooking the distinct challenges and approaches emerging from other regions. This panel brings together scholars from ICA's regional chapters in Kenya, China, France, and Indonesia to examine how communication research and education can advance sustainability goals across different global contexts.

3103

Environmental Communication: Welcome Meeting and Psychological Distance of Climate Change

Friday
9:00–10:15
1.41
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Environmental Communication

Chair

Hang Lu, U of Michigan, USA

Participants

What Makes Climate Change Feel Distant? Evidence from Eight Countries in the Global North and South

Waqas Ejaz, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Emily Kubin, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Richard Fletcher, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

More Than Time or Place: Social Distance Drives Republicans' Climate Change Preferences

Wei Wang, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Jing Ling Tan, Harvard U, USA
Wei-Ting Tsai, National Cheng Kung U, TAIWAN

3104

BLUE SKY: Project-Based Learning for Health Equity: Culturally Responsive Strategies in Health Promotion Pedagogy

Friday

9:00–10:15

1.41

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Eletra Gilchrist-Petty, U of Alabama at Huntsville, USA

Sean Upshaw, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Building on Upshaw's (2024) Communication Education publication, this Blue Sky session introduces project-based learning (PBL) as a culturally and contextually responsive pedagogy to enhance health promotion education and equity-driven communication. The session highlights theory-based, conceptual-based, and community-driven projects that integrate cultural frameworks and participatory approaches. Participants will explore applied strategies, case examples, and adaptable tools demonstrating how PBL fosters creativity, critical thinking, and inclusive teaching practices for advancing cultural competence and health equity.

3105

Revisiting Science Communication and the Issue of Trust

Friday

9:00–10:15

1.43

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Science Communication

Chair

Marina Joubert, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

How Do Culture and Media Reshape AI Trust? A Multi-Level Analysis Integrating Hofstede's Dimensions and Media Discourse across 19 Countries

Zhanghao Li, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jing Zeng, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Na Ta, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Di Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

The Media Hype Paradox: Knowledge Gains, but Trust and Support Suffer When Expectations Fail

Ming Wang, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

How Communicative Success Blossoms from Scientific Failure: Introducing Network Intervention Analysis to Investigate Failure Disclosure's Effects on Public Support and Trust

Xinying Tan, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Peng Xiao, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Public Trust in Scientists: Exploring the Perception and Relevance of Trust Cues in Media Content

Justin Schröder, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Martina Engel, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Inken Schröder, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Transparency That Makes Sense: Reassessing the Transparency–Trust Link through the Lens of Uncertainty Management

Li Crystal Jiang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yiqian Gao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Pingping Jia, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Wenjia Yan, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yue (Nancy) Dai, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

3106**The Role of Public Relations in the Circular Economy: Co-Designing a Research Agenda****Friday**
9:00–10:15
1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Public Relations****Discussants**

Anca Anton, U of Bucharest, ROMANIA
Luke Capizzo, Michigan State U, USA
Kim Johnston, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
Pablo Miño, U de los Andes, CHILE
Maureen Taylor, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Franziska Weder, Vienna U of Economics and Business, AUSTRIA

Organizer

Bree Hurst, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

This interactive session positions public relations as a catalyst for circular economy transitions. Through provocation and participatory engagement, attendees will actively contribute to the session by articulating key areas, questions, and priorities for advancing public relations theory and practice in support of circularity. Together, the session facilitators and attendees will co-design a bold research agenda that challenges conventional value systems and explores communicative strategies for systemic change.

3107**Democracy under Pressure: The American Experience****Friday**
9:00–10:15
1.61
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Communication Law and Policy****Chair**

Christopher Ali, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Participants

Policy Window as a Trapdoor: Rethinking the Multiple Streams Framework through the Defunding of U.S. Public Media

Hilde Van den Bulck, Drexel U, USA

Christopher Ali, U of Virginia, USA

Jonathan Kropko, U of Virginia, USA

Journalistic Lawfare and the Defamation Lawsuit against Mississippi Today

Stephen Wolgast, U of Kansas, USA

Deborah Dwyer, Independent Researcher, USA

Nick Mathews, U of Missouri, USA

Anti-Racism As a National Security Imperative: The Safeguarding of Core Democratic Values

Michael Park, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

Broadband Subsidies: The Experience and Labor of Staying Online

Pawel Popiel, Washington State U, USA

David Berman, Seton Hill U, USA

3108**Relating across the Life Course: Interpersonal and Family Communication in Aging Contexts****Friday**
9:00–10:15
1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Interpersonal Communication****Participants**

Returning to a Human-Centered Perspective: Emotional-Ethical Pressures and Post-Decision Meaning Construction in End-of-Life Decisions

Ningxin Li, Xiamen U, CHINA

Hui Xiong, Xiamen U, CHINA

When Family Talk Matters: How Communication Influences Problematic Internet Use among Chinese Seniors

Jin Zhang, Jinan U, CHINA

Qian Liu, Jinan U, CHINA

Sipping on Mortality: Negotiating Death Talk, Cultural Taboos, and Emotional Experiences in Chinese Death Cafés

Xiayi Du, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Exploring the Communicative Construction of Mattering in Later Life through Relational Liminality Theory

Audra Nuru, U of St. Thomas, USA

3109

AI in Instruction and Communication Professions

Friday

9:00–10:15

1.63

(CTICCI,

Lev 1)

Instructional and Developmental Communication

Chair

Stephanie Kelly, North Carolina A&T State U, USA

Participants

Beyond Adoption: Training, Skills, and the Sociotechnical Dynamics of AI in Communication Professions

Bertran Salvador Mata, U Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN

Ruth Sofia Contreras Espinosa, U of Barcelona, SPAIN

Carlos Scolari, U Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN

Mitty Arciniega, U Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN

“What Can I Help With?” Examining Structural Changes in Education and Teacher Roles with the Increasing Utilization of ChatGPT

Aly Kruger, U of Wyoming, USA

Li Li, U of Wyoming, USA

The Association between College Instructors’ Usage of Artificial Intelligence and Students’ Algorithm Aversion

John Christensen, U of Connecticut, USA

Christian Zamora, U of Connecticut, USA

Nathan Chase, Fairfield U, USA

Viviana Zambrano Rodriguez, U of South Carolina, USA

Evan Melara, U of Connecticut, USA

From Classroom to Workplace: A Case Study of Ethics and AI Adoption in Higher Education

Zhenguan Zhu, Boston U, USA

Xuening Hu, Boston U, USA

Xiaoruo Zhang, Boston U, USA

Hsuan Ning Wang, Boston U, USA

Yujie Li, Boston U, USA

Rufang Bai, Boston U, USA

Shuhan Wang, Boston U, USA

Tongxin Liu, Boston U, USA

Jiarui Deng, Boston U, USA

Maria Grabe, Boston U, USA

3110

All About Tiktok

Friday

9:00–10:15

1.64

(CTICCI,

Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Chelsea Peterson-Salahuddin, U of Michigan, USA

Participants

Populism without the People? Milei’s Performance of Libertarian Populism on TikTok

Luis De Nadal Alsina, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Ana Langer, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Eugenia Mitchelstein, U de San Andres, ARGENTINA

Love, Loathing, and Loyalty: Affective Counterpublics on German Political TikTok in the Run-up to the 2025 Federal Election

Julia Niemann-Lenz, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Matthias Revers, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Lasse Rodeck, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Hendrik Meyer, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Beyond the Ballot: A Comparative Cross-National Analysis of Political Communication on TikTok in 27 European Countries

Johanna Klapproth, U of Münster, GERMANY

Saïd Unger, U of Münster, GERMANY

Thorsten Quandt, U of Münster, GERMANY

Gendered Body Representation on Political TikTok Videos: A Cross-National Comparison of Norway and Romania

Cristina Monzer, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Anders Olof Larsson, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

3111

PURR-Evaluated Impacts: AI Moral Experiments and Algorithmic User Dynamics

Friday

9:00–10:15



Auditorium

2 (CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Marcelo Santos, Diego Portales U, CHILE

Participants

Testing Synthetic Moral Appeals: A Preregistered Experiment on Moral Appeals, AI Attribution, and Message Retransmission

Zening Duan, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Luyu Xu, Columbia U, USA

Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Sijia Yang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Beyond Exposure: Subjective Appraisal of Evening Social Media Use

Astrid Jansen, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

The Actor-Channel-Tool (ACT) Framework: A Functional Lens for Analyzing Social Media's Psychological Impact

David de Segovia Vicente, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Going Light: The Effects of Minimal Mobile Phone Adoption on Young Adults' Well-Being Depend on Motivation

Angela Lee, Stanford U, USA

Anja Stevic, Stanford U, USA

Georgia Walker-Keleher, Stanford U, USA

Caroline Chen, Stanford U, USA

Emma Charity, Stanford U, USA

Ross Dahlke, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Jeff Hancock, Stanford U, USA

Between Algorithms and Autonomy: Exploring User Preferences of Tailored Content Moderation

Anna Planitzer, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Hannah Greber, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Svenja Schäfer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sophie Lecheler, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

3120

Social Media Content, Influencers, and Mental Health

Friday

9:00–10:15

2.41-2.43

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Health Communication



Moderator

Amber van der Wal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Exposed to Mental Health: Associations between Influencer Content, Self-Disclosure, Life Satisfaction, Stigmatization, and Engagement Behaviors

Alice Binder, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

  Portrayals of Depression on TikTok: A Content Analysis of Diagnostic Accuracy, Creator Type, and Stylistic Features

Elena Rainer, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Amber van der Wal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Ine Beyens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

From Empathy to Reproach: Audience Responses and Depression Stigma in Douyin Health Communication

Xiaoyan Liu, Beijing Jiaotong U, CHINA

Xingyuan Su, Beijing Jiaotong U, CHINA

Hairu Ji, Beijing Jiaotong U, CHINA

Wei Zeng, Beijing Jiaotong U, CHINA

I Can't Cry in English

Jiaqin Pan, Georgia State U, USA

3121


Political Communication in Africa

Friday

Political Communication

9:00–10:15

Chair

 2.44-2.46

Jeffrey Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State U, USA

(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Participants

Towards an African Model of Media Systems

Bernadine Jones, U of Stirling, UNITED KINGDOM

Adrian Hadland, U of Stirling, UNITED KINGDOM

Messy Baboons, Angry Humans: Waste as Multispecies Mediator in a Neighborhood in South Africa's Noordhoek Valley

Christina Antonites, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Mehita Iqani, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Electoral Weaponisation of Micro-Credit: Nigerian Newspaper Coverage of TradermonI Vote-Buying Allegations during the 2018–2019 Election Cycle

Olasunkanmi Arowolo, Lagos State U, NIGERIA

Disinformation as Identity Politics: Audience Reception of Russian Narratives in West Africa

Samantha Bradshaw, American U, USA

Matthew Kirwin, George Mason U, USA

Jayde Lyon, Georgetown U, USA

The Loss of Ad Revenue and Survival Strategies of South African Community Newspapers in the Digital Age

'Odidi Matai-Sigudla, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

3122

Media Industry Studies Welcome Meeting

Friday

Media Industry Studies

9:00–10:15

Chair

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Athina Karatzogianni, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

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This is the Welcome Meeting for all members of the Media Industry Studies Interest Group.

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3123

PARTNER PANEL: BINACOM - Communication Research in the U.S./Mexican Border Region

Friday

Partner Panel

9:00–10:15

Chair

Daniel Hallin, U of California, San Diego, USA

- 2.64** **Participants**
(CTICC1, The Feeling of Being Watched: Surveillance, Un-Belonging and Resistance in the U.S.-
Lev 2) Mexico Borderlands
 Magdalena Donea, U of California, San Diego, USA
 Manufacturing Absence: Media, Tourism, and the Geopolitical Erasure of Iran
 Dana Ekhtiar, U of California, San Diego, USA
 The City of Transient Refugee Method: An Experimental Research Design to Understand
 Refugee Transience across Mexico
 Eduardo Gonzalez, San Diego State U, USA
 Developing a Composite Well-Being Index for Journalists in Latin America: Conceptual,
 Methodological, and Comparative Advances
 Armando Gutierrez, U Autónoma de Baja California, MEXICO
 Performing Contradiction: How Brazilian and U.S. Media Legitimate Amazonian Oil
 Exploration Ahead of COP30
 Bárbara Tauffner, U of California, San Diego, USA
- This panel features research by members of the Binational Association of Schools of
 Communication, originating in the U.S./Mexican border region. This year's panel includes
 research on surveillance and resistance in the U.S./Mexican border region, tourism and
 geopolitics, methodology to understand refugee transience across Mexico, measurement of
 well-being of journalists, and media coverage of oil exploration in Brazil.

3124

Challenges and New Approaches in Studying Prominence and Discoverability

Friday
 9:00–10:15
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Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Catherine Johnson, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Inside Family Viewing in the Age of Streaming: How (and Why) Netflix Is Redefining and
 Valorising Co-Viewing as a Site of Discovery

Massimo Scaglioni, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY

Anna Sfarini, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY

Behind the Screen: Insights and Challenges in Measuring Prominence in Broadcaster
 Video-on-Demand Services

Catherine Johnson, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Chris Birchall, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Beyond Prominence and Discoverability: NHK and Alternative Pathways for Public
 Service Media in Japan

Yu-Kei Tse, International Christian U, JAPAN

Discoverability in Practice: Tracking Streaming Behaviours and Platform Affordances in
 Small Media Markets

Catalina Iordache, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Tim Raats, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

This panel explores how audiovisual prominence and discoverability on connected devices
 shape contemporary streaming ecosystems, and key discussions surrounding media
 consumption. Bringing together cross-national and multi-method research on households,
 public service platforms, and global policy frameworks, the papers examine discoverability
 as both a social practice and an algorithmic condition. Together, they advance new
 theoretical and methodological approaches to studying prominence, visibility, and user
 engagement in the platform era, offering comparative insights across Europe and Asia.

3130

Journalism in Authoritarian Contexts

Friday
 9:00–10:15

Journalism Studies

Chair

Raul Ferrer-Conill, U of Stavanger, NORWAY

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(CTICC2,
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Participants

Nurturing Journalistic Resilience under Autocratization: The Case of Young Journalists in Post-NSL Hong Kong

Sum Yi Lam, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Press Freedom in a Post-Authoritarian Context: Evolving Challenges for Bangladeshi Journalists After Sheikh Hasina

Manwar Hossain, Colorado State U, USA

Md Mahbulul Haque Bhuiyan, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Md. Saddam Hossain, U of Missouri, USA

Exploring the Loyal-Facilitator Journalistic Role: Variations and Configurations across Authoritarian Contexts

Dasniel Olivera Pérez, Benemérita U Autónoma de Puebla, MEXICO

Claudia Mellado, Pontificia U Católica de Valparaíso, CHILE

Carlos Arcila Calderón, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Terje Skjerdal, NLA U College, NORWAY

Maha Abdulmajeed Attia, Ajman U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Sergey Davydov, Higher School of Economics (HSE) U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Nagwa Fahmy, Zayed U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Karen McIntyre, U of Oregon, USA

Olga Logunova, Higher School of Economics (HSE) U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Marcela Pizarro, Goldsmiths, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Maximiliano Frías-Vázquez, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

David Blanco-Herrero, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Moderate Truth-Teller and Guiding Companion: Relational Journalistic Authority under Autocratization in Hong Kong

Ziqi Yang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Reporting through the Lens of Personal Violence: How Danger Transforms Journalism Practice in Ghana West Africa

Ibs Sackey-Rockson, Louisiana State U, USA

3131

GATO-verning Falsehoods: From Deepfakes to Twitter Ban Effects

Friday
9:00–10:15
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(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Sindhu Ravindranath, IFHE U, INDIA


Participants

I Don't Believe Misinformation, but I Might Share It: Inoculation Effects in Messenger Communication

Amancay Ancina, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY


Jana Zumbrägel, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Nicole Krämer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

 The Mood-Emotion-Content Nexus: Disentangling How Affective Factors Influence Misinformation in Short Videos

Pablo M. Flores, Science to People, USA

Martin Hilbert, U of California, Davis, USA

 Making Sense of AI-Generated Disinformation: How Audience Interpretations Influence the Impact of Deepfakes

Morgan Wack, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Conspiracy-Theoretic Communication: A Context-Sensitive Model for Defining and Measuring Conspiracy Theories Online

Tim Schatto-Eckrodt, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Information Control in the Networked Public Sphere: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis of Nigeria's Twitter Ban on Vaccine Misinformation

Traci Hong, Boston U, USA

Byeo Rhee Bak, Boston U, USA

Derry Wijaya, Monash U, Indonesia, INDONESIA

Christopher Beaudoin, Boston U, USA

3140**The Transformation of Gatekeeping: Navigating Challenges and Examining Achievements**

Friday
9:00–10:15
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies**Chair**

Le Cao, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY

Participants

Political Journalism and Mobile Media: The Interplay between Journalistic Practice, Technology and Political Repression in Pakistan

Muhammad Adnan, Monash U, AUSTRALIA

Brett Hutchins, Monash U, AUSTRALIA

Newspaper Stories Are Becoming Less Alike: A Longitudinal Study of News Content Diversity in Belgium (1983–2023)

Jana Thys, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Kathleen Beckers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jonathan Hendrickx, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Through Our Eyes: Visualising the Local Stories We Think Journalists Are Missing or Aren't Covering Well

T.J. Thomson, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Inside Visual Gatekeeping: How Newsrooms Shape Photographic Choices in a Multi-Platform Environment

Pauline Zecchinon, UCLouvain, BELGIUM

The Journalist-as-Guest (JAG) Format in Daily Deep Dive Podcasts: Building Journalistic Authority through Conversation as a Core Element of Podcast Journalism

Gabriela Perdomo, Mount Royal U, CANADA


Mia Lindgren, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

3142**Mass Communication Business Meeting and Breakfast**

Friday
9:00–10:15
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Mass Communication

3143**News Coverage of Health: Content, Framing, and Effects**

Friday
9:00–10:15
 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Health Communication**Moderator**

Rachel Young, U of Iowa, USA

Participants

U.S. Health Journalists' Understanding of and Attitudes toward Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequities

Amanda Hinnant, U of Missouri, USA

Rachel Young, U of Iowa, USA

María Len-Ríos, U of Minnesota, USA

Boitshepo Balozwi, U of Evansville, USA

Algorithmic News Attitudes and HPV Knowledge Miscalibration: The Mediating Role of "News-Finds-Me" Perception and the Moderating Role of Discussion Network

Heterogeneity

Shuangqing Liu, China U of Political Science and Law, CHINA

Zhao Peng, Emerson College, USA

Shuo Gao, China U of Political Science and Law, CHINA

Jingzhuo Hu, China U of Political Science and Law, CHINA

Framing Medical Controversies: Discussion on TCM and Western Medicine on Chinese Social Media

Qihan Su, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Wanhui Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Jiaxiang Xu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Xuanyu Shi, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Shuo Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Examining U.S. Mpox News through Stigma Communication Model: A Content Analysis

Elaine Jeon, U of Southern California, USA

Vivian Zhai, U of Southern California, USA

Haiwei Huang, U of Southern California, USA

Safi Nitanga, U of Southern California, USA

Health Equity and Strategic Risk Amplification: Framing Counterfeit and Falsified Medicines in Public Health Communication

Senyo Ofori-Parku, U of Oregon, USA

Akua Akakpo, U of Oregon, USA

3144

HIGH-DENSITY: Contesting Political Meaning

Friday

9:00–10:15



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(CTICC2,

Lev 2)

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Chris Paterson, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Searching for Truth in the Digital Age: Examining the Differences in Trending Political Searches Across Political Systems

Aleksandra Urman, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Joachim Baumann, Bocconi U, ITALY

Elsa Lichtenegger, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Ernesto de León, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Salima Jaoua, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Aniko Hannak, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Circulating Legitimacy during the Constitutional Crisis: Hybrid-Media Dynamics of Right-Wing Discourse in South Korea's "Enlightenment Order"

Dongwoo Lim, Kansai U, JAPAN

Koki Ota, U of Tokyo, JAPAN

Masaki Chujyo, U of Tokyo, JAPAN

Mikihito Tanaka, Waseda U, JAPAN

Fujio Toriumi, U of Tokyo, JAPAN

Kisuk Park, Seoul Shimbun, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Yu Ohki, Rissho U, JAPAN

Maho Ishibashi, U of Tokyo, JAPAN

Ideological Constituents of Propaganda in Digital Communication Environments

Nooa Nykänen, LUT U, FINLAND

Hannele Seeck, LUT U, FINLAND

Framing of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine in Opinion Pieces in News Outlets from Brazil, India, and South Africa

Antal Wozniak, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Zixiu Liu, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool U, CHINA

Global Media and Crises: Cross-National Patterns of Online Sensemaking under Media Shutdowns

Alphoncina Lyamuya, U of Southern California, USA

Yiting Huang, U of Southern California, USA

Patricia Riley, U of Southern California, USA

From Agenda-Setting to Agenda Negotiation: AI, Nationalism, and Digital Power on Chinese Social Media

Dechun Zhang, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Jun Liu, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Transnational Far-right Populism on TikTok: Comparative Analysis in Brazil and Germany

Bruna Távora, U of Münster, GERMANY
Sofie Beisemann, U of Münster, GERMANY
Johanna Klapproth, U of Münster, GERMANY
Svenja Boberg, U of Münster, GERMANY
Luiz de Andrade Ranzani, U of Münster, GERMANY
Thorsten Quandt, U of Münster, GERMANY

3145

HIGH-DENSITY: When Communication Makes the Difference: From Signals to Relational Dynamics

Friday

9:00–10:15

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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Andrew Prael, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

How We Accommodate to AI: Linguistic Style Accommodation and Its Effects in Human-AI Chatbot Conversations

Rui Zhu, Michigan State U, USA

Yoo Jung Oh, Michigan State U, USA

Xinyu Zhang, Michigan State U, USA

Sarah Forsyth, Michigan State U, USA

David Markowitz, Michigan State U, USA

Brandon Van Der Heide, Michigan State U, USA

Reconsidering Gender: A Computational Examination of Conversational Dynamics between Human and Gendered AI

Weizi Liu, Texas Christian U, USA

Haocan Sun, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Mike Yao, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

How Influencer Diversity and Virtuality Shape Dual Attitudes? From Parasocial Interactions to Parasocial Relationships

Quyung Zhao, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Priska Breves, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Zeph van Berlo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Joanna Strycharz, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Comparing Neural Responses to Human and Social Robot Interlocutors: An EEG Study on CASA and Perceived Pleasantness, Importance, and Cooperativeness

Sungbin Youk, Ewha Womans U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Yeowon Jie, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Olivier Jiyoun Jung, Ewha Womans U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Sun Kyong Lee, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

A Process-Oriented Model of Sociability, Interactivity, and Engagement in Social and AI-Mediated Media

Ruth Avidar, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, ISRAEL

Yaron Ariel, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, ISRAEL

This session examines human-machine communication as a dynamic and unfolding phenomenon. Across experimental, longitudinal, performative, neurocognitive, and theoretical contributions, the papers show how coordination, adaptation, and interactional dynamics shape relational outcomes, such as trust, engagement, and evaluation.

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InfoSys: Human-AI Interaction

Friday

9:00–10:15

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Lev 3)

Information Systems

Chair

Haley Hatfield, U of South Carolina, USA

Moderator

Shuining Wang, School of Journalism and Communication, CHINA

Participants

-  Human-AI Co-Creation And the Experience of Climate Fiction Stories
Julia Winkler, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY
- Growing Up with Robots: A Shared Responsibility Framework for Safeguarding Ethical Child-Robot Companionship
Fan Yang, U of South Carolina, USA
Renkai Ma, U of Cincinnati, USA
Lingyao Li, U of South Florida, USA
Yaxin Hu, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
Michael Rogers, U of South Carolina, USA
- Simulated Bodies, Real Risks: Virtual Influencers as Health Communicators
Haley Hatfield, U of South Carolina, USA
Chinwendu Akalonu, U of South Carolina, USA
Tabitha Oyewole, U of South Carolina, USA
Maryam Goli, U of South Carolina, USA
Yu Chen, U of South Carolina, USA
Nikita Sharma, U of South Carolina, USA
- Activating Social Responsiveness in Human–AI Interaction: The Effects of Reciprocal Self-Disclosure and Social Role Framing
Xuejiao Chen, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
Beixi Jia, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
Fan Li, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
Shuining Wang, School of Journalism and Communication, CHINA
Na Liu, Communication U of China, CHINA
Ye Wu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
Guoming Yu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
- When Co-Creation Inspires Care: Integrating the IKEA Effect Into AI-Powered Animal Conservation
Sining Kong, Texas A&M U–Corpus Christi, USA
- Loving AI, Losing Humans? Expanding Social Information Processing and the Hyperpersonal Model to Human-AI Romantic Relationships
Jiahui Liu, Michigan State U, USA
David Markowitz, Michigan State U, USA
Rabindra (Robby) Ratan, Michigan State U, USA
Dayeoun Jang, Michigan State U, USA
- AI-Customized Companionship: A Behavioral Study on the Interrelationship between Fans and AI Idols in the Process of Deep Mediation
Xin Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

3151

HIGH-DENSITY: Network Perspectives on Polarization and Conspiracy

Friday

9:00–10:15

Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Computational Methods

Chair

Yangliu Fan, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Do Anxious Conspiracy Believers Flock Together? Mapping Stance and Emotional Homophily in YouTube Discussion Networks

Yunjin Kim, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Chul-joo Lee, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

K. Hazel Kwon, Arizona State U, USA

Mapping Climate Contrarian Frames across COP21 and COP25: A Computational Approach to Reddit Discourse

Chao Wu, U of Miami, USA

Michelle Seelig, U of Miami, USA

Who Fuels and Who Cools Down? The Dual Roles of Structural Hole Spanners in the Evolution of Group Polarization

Shengyi Gao, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
Sicheng Lu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
Shixuan Pan, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
Xiyuan Zhu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
Peixuan Wu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
Ran Wang, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
Xin Zhao, Shanghai Pudong WRD Research Institute, CHINA

Group Polarization on Social Media: The Roles of Social Identity, Morality, Emotion, and Social Endorsement

Sujin Yoon, Hanyang U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Dongyoung Sohn, Hanyang U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Evolving Words, Enduring Beliefs: Language Mutations and the Persistence of Online Conspiracy Theories

Calvin Yixiang Cheng, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Dorian Quelle, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Scott Hale, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Disagreeing but Cohesive? An Embedding-Based Comparative Analysis of Climate Discourse Dynamics on Reddit

Xixuan Zhang, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Annett Heft, U Tübingen, GERMANY

Yangliu Fan, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

3160

Ethnicity and Race in Communication Research Escalator

Friday

9:00–10:15

 Westin

Ballroom

West

(Westin,

Old

Harbour

Level)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Chair

Yossi David, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Participants

Reframing Intersectionality through African Feminist Counterpublics: A Case Study of Nigerian Feminist Coalition and Document Women

Afolasade Ola, U of Florida, USA

On Fear of Fatness: Exploring Body Discourse through the Lens of Anti-Fatness and Fat Acceptance in Black Digital Spaces

Tydechelle Lewis, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Does Racial Identity Matching Matter? Evaluating a Mental Health Podcast Designed for College Students

Romy RW, Loyola Marymount U, USA




Algorithmic Mediation and Immigrant Identity on Netflix

Yining Wang, Hanyang U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Beyond Western Lenses: Decolonial Media Analysis of Austrian and British Tabloids

Jean Kalunseviko, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Hajo Boomgaarden, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

   Streaming Home: Filipino Migrant Identity and Community Formation through Digital Film Consumption in Dubai

Joanna Juvyjoy Rojo, Lyceum of the Philippines U, PHILIPPINES

Angelica Iziah Dela Cruz, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

Traditional Body Modification (Tā Moko) in Media Spaces: Representation through an Outsider Lens and Identity Politics

Zeshi Ni, U of Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

Qinyi Du, U of Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

Zhilin Sun, U of Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

Platform Colonialism in the Algorithmic Commons: Asymmetric Amplification and Intersectional Inequalities on the Chinese Platform Xiaohongshu

Yuxin Zhang, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Letong Yuan, U of International Relations, CHINA


Beyond Whitening: Counter-Hegemonic Narratives and Inclusive Beauty in Philippine Media

Kim Bernard Fajardo, Polytechnic U of the Philippines, PHILIPPINES

Daniel Joseph Caasi, Polytechnic U of the Philippines, PHILIPPINES
Performing the Transgressive Everyday: Identity, Empowerment, and Neocolonial
Resistance in a Naga Momfluencer's Digital Narrative
Debopriya Roy, Tezpur U, INDIA
Joya Chakraborty, Tezpur U, INDIA

3161

Game Studies Research Escalator

Friday
9:00–10:15
 Westin
Ballroom
East
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Game Studies

Chair

Maxwell Foxman, U of Oregon, USA

Participants

Dreaming Free Love in the Competitive Battlefield: Chinese Mengnü/Mengnán Cultures,
Queer Techno Intimacy and Identity Exploration in FPS and MOBA Games

Shun Ying Ivania Lau, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Beyond the Console: The Enduring Influence of Parental Gaming Talk on Adult Sibling and
Romantic Relationships

Toqa Hassan, Purdue U Northwest, USA

Aisha Bolden, Purdue U Northwest, USA

Angela Hernandez, Purdue U Northwest, USA

Paula Jappelt, Purdue U Northwest, USA

Exploration of Chinese and the U.S. Race Discourse: A Case of Genshin Impact Natlan
Boycott

Zhe Yang, U of Illinois Chicago, USA

Designed for Her, Played by Him: Chinese Male Players and the Negotiation of Imagined
Affordances in Otome Games

KJ Kaixin Deng, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Jeff Jianfeng Lan, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

3162

MEOW-digating Stressors: Enjoyment, Verification, and Everyday Platform Use

Friday
9:00–10:15
Diaz
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Communication and Technology

Chair


Brandon Bouchillon, U of Tennessee Chattanooga, USA

Participants

Is Interaction in Social Media Livestreaming Real? Effects of Perceived Spontaneity and
Reciprocity on Perceived Authenticity of Interaction, Enjoyment, Focused Immersion, and
Engagement Behavior

Chuling Song, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Edmund Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

 Navigating Credibility on TikTok: How Young Adults Evaluate and Verify Information
on the Platform

Luise Anter, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Anna Kuempel, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

No Name, No Shame? How Platform Context and Anonymity Shape User Comment Tone in
Online Celebrity News

Gaelle Ouvrein, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Reza Shabahang, Flinders U, AUSTRALIA

Televised Incivility and the Limits of Immediate Cross-Media Effects

Jana Peters, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Marc Ziegele, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Coping with Everyday Stressors Using Social Media: An Experience Sampling Study

Rebekka Kreling, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Lara Wolfers, U of Basel, SWITZERLAND

Anja Göritz, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Friday
9:00–10:15
de Gama
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Organizational Communication

Chair

Salla-Maaria Laaksonen, U of Helsinki, FINLAND

Participants

   Digital Trace Data in Organizational Communication Research: A Scoping Review

Douglas Parry, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Adrian Meier, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY

Lisa Handke, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY

Hybrid Organizing in Collaborative Crowdsourcing: Serial Participants as Relational Anchors in Social Innovation Networks

Rong Wang, Vanderbilt U, USA

Alyssa Donawa, U of Southern California, USA

Jiaxun Du, Vanderbilt U, USA

Cory Baker, U of Southern California, USA

From Being Watched to Working the Numbers: Dataveillance and the Consequences of Data Crafting

Ward Van Zoonen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Jeffrey Treem, Northwestern U, USA

From Disconnection to Display: How Isolation Transforms the Way We Express Ourselves at Work

Ward Van Zoonen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Anu Sivunen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Friday
9:00–10:15
Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Abdul Rohman, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM

Participants

Disability-Led Accessibility Audits and the Communication Conference: Implications for Communication Studies and Social Justice

Kuansong Victor Zhuang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Sami S. Goh, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Jordan Yong Sheng Lim, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Megan Ong, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Quang Khai Chi Nguyen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Wei Chen Lai, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Yu Shen Goh, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Nurhafiez Nazir Ahmad, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Dong Xuan Yeo, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Xuen Rong, Tricia Tan, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

What Is the Priority in the Debate on Autism? Mapping Claims for Recognition in Parliamentary, Activist and Mainstream Media Arenas in Brazil

Francisco Alves, Federal U of Minas Gerais, BRAZIL

Rousiley Maia, Federal U of Minas Gerais, BRAZIL

When Accessibility Becomes Reciprocity: Understanding Sighted Players' Collaboration with Blind and Low Vision Players in Mobile Games

Xiyu Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zihe Ran, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Reconstructing Media Consumption Patterns for Visually Impaired Groups: A Media Affordance Perspective on the "GuangMing Cinema" Project

Jingru Yang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Mu Liu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Disability, Identity, and Activism: DPO Activism in the 21st Century

Lisa Chewning, Pennsylvania State U, USA

3171**Alternative AI Futures, Coloniality, and Critique**

Friday
9:00–10:15
**Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique**Chair**

Isaac Blacksin, Texas A&M U, USA

Participants

A Different AI Dream: An Expert Interview Study on Chinese Alternative AI Imaginations
Beyond Silicon Valley

Jindong Leo-Liu, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yi Yang, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Qiming Gu, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

AI Witnessing and the Audience of Humanitarian Communication

Maria Kyriakidou, Cardiff U, UNITED KINGDOM

Anne Kaun, Södertörn U, SWEDEN

Digitalization, AI and the Rise of Techno-Religion: Transhumanist Promises and the
Challenge to Enlightenment

Michael Latzer, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Critical Phenomenology of Interaction: A Novel Framework to Unravel Colonially
Mediated Intersubjectivity

Samira Ibnelkaid, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Epistemological Violence in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: On the Transformation of the
Concept of Knowledge within the Economic Efficiency Paradigm

Felix Keilhack, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Dominant narratives of AI often reproduce Silicon Valley imaginaries and colonial epistemologies. This panel offers critical alternatives by examining how AI futures are imagined, experienced, and contested. The papers examine non-Western AI imaginaries, critical frameworks for understanding colonially mediated intersubjectivity, epistemological violence under efficiency-driven AI paradigms, techno-religious and transhumanist promises, and AI's role in shaping humanitarian communication. The panel emphasises critique as a means to unsettle hegemonic AI futures and articulate alternative epistemic, ethical, and political possibilities.

3197**LIVE FROM SURAKARTA: Indonesia Regional Hub - Beyond Importing Theory: Advancing Communication Knowledge from Indonesia**

Friday
9:00–11:00
**ONLINE-
ONLY
(online)**

Regional Hub**Chair**

Sri Hastjarjo, U Sebelas Maret, INDONESIA

Participants

Atwar Bajari, U Padjadjaran, INDONESIA

Prahastiwi Utari, U Sebelas Maret, INDONESIA

Iskandar Zulkarnain, U Sumatera Utara, INDONESIA

This plenary session brings together leading Indonesian communication scholars to critically examine how local contexts shape theory and research in addressing inequality. Moving beyond imported frameworks, the session highlights grounded perspectives from Indonesia's diverse socio-cultural and media landscape. Through dialogue and reflection, speakers will explore pathways for developing context-sensitive communication knowledge that is theoretically innovative, empirically rich, and globally relevant.

3201**(HYBRID) HIGH-DENSITY: AI, Algorithms, and Digital Justice**

Friday

Theme

10:30–11:45



CTICC

Ballroom

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Lev 1)

Chair

Blake Hallinan, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Participants

AI Imaginaries and Data Colonialism: Bias and Stereotypes in AI-Generated Images of the World's Largest Cities

Silvia DalBen Furtado, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Tasnuva Ahona, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Jiawen Yang, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Ke Wu, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Carlo Byrd, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Celeste González de Bustamante, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Shiv Ganesh, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Epistemic and Financial Asymmetries: Networks of Power and Geopolitical Alignment in Global AI Governance Research (2017–2024)

Wenhong Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Muyang Li, York U, CANADA

Who Engages More, How, and Where? Examining Social Disparities in Multiplatform Social Media News Use across Forty-four Societies

Macau K. F. Mak, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Michelle Le He, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Leon Zhenglang Wang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Chatbots and Political News: How AI-Mediated Search Amplifies Gender Gaps in Knowledge and Critical Reasoning

Kokil Jaidka, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Shaz Furniturewala, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Algorithmic Visibility and Inequality Phenomena: Taking the Domestic Violence Issue on Douyin as an Example

Long Yi, Central South U, CHINA

Xingrong Huang, Central South U, CHINA

Ruoliu Zhou, Central South U, CHINA

This panel explores how AI systems and algorithmic processes shape inequalities in knowledge, visibility, governance, and participation across digital environments. It examines racialized imaginaries and data colonialism in AI-generated images, power imbalances in global AI governance research, social inequalities in multiplatform news use, gender gaps intensified by AI-mediated news, and algorithmic visibility shaping domestic violence discourse. Together, these studies illuminate structural biases in AI and algorithms while advancing critical perspectives on digital justice in global communication contexts.

3202

(HYBRID) Communication at Risk: Reflections from Scholars at Risk

Friday

10:30–11:45



CTICC

BALLROOM

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Sponsored Sessions

Chair

Sarina Rosenthal, Scholars at Risk, USA

Participants

Adem Ali, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Anand Mangnale, U of Balearic Islands, SPAIN

This panel explores the complex role of communication in the experiences of migrant scholars navigating the paradoxes of South-to-North academic migration. It emphasizes how communication functions both as a risk exposing scholars to vulnerabilities and as a vital resource for resilience, protection, and humanization. In this session, you will hear from the Scholars at Risk network and the work they do to support threatened academics, as well as first-hand accounts from displaced scholars of communication sciences and journalism about the importance of their continued work in the field.

3203

Right-Wing Politics

Friday
10:30–11:45
1.41
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Yariv Tsfati, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Participants

Group Dynamics in Far-Right Telegram Communities: A Theoretical and Empirical Contribution to a Blackbox in Radicalization Research

Ulrike Schwertberger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Simon Greipl, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together on Stage? Comparative Analysis of Visual and Verbal Styles among Left- and Right-Wing Populist Candidates in the Americas

Elohim Monard, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Diego Armando Mazorra Correa, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Duncan Prettyman, U of Delaware, USA

Tatiana Da Cruz, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Sandro Macassi Lavander, Pontificia U Católica del Perú, PERU

Erik Bucy, Texas Tech U, USA

Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Fear, Anger, and Mistrust: How Right-wing Alternative Media Influences Political Trust and Emotions

Andreas Nanz, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY

Unveiling Right-Wing Authoritarianism Discourse and Emotion on Reddit During the 2024 U.S. Presidential Cycle

Zhihuai Lin, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Democracy Under Pressure? The Reporting of Right-wing Partisan and Traditional Media on Democracy

Ines Engelmann, U of Jena, GERMANY

Elisa Hofmann, U of Jena, GERMANY

Antonia Wurm, U of Jena, GERMANY

Immanuel von Detten, U of Jena, GERMANY

3204

Racialization at the Intersections of Media, Policy, and Everyday Life

Friday
10:30–11:45
1.42
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Chair

Nikki Lyons, U of Florida, USA

Participants

Neoliberal Racialization: (Post)colonial Taiwanese Professional Immigrant Women in the United States

Hsin-I Cheng, Santa Clara U, USA

Application of Community Cultural Capital to Reframe Perceptions of Individual and Collective Efficacy in Public Relations

Solyee Kim, Howard U, USA

Brandale Mills Cox, Howard U, USA

Andrea Williams, Diversity Action Alliance, USA

Natalie Tindall, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Partisan Differences in Perspective Taking During Cross-Race Interactions About Black Trauma

Osei Appiah, The Ohio State U, USA

William Eveland, The Ohio State U, USA

Christina Henry, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Monique Wingard, Kent State U, USA

Media Power or Social Structure? The Double Helix of Racialized Scapegoat Narratives

Kexin Zhu, Nanjing U, CHINA

Cheng-Jun Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Yi-Xin Zhou, Nanjing U, CHINA

Go Straight to WeChat: Platform Transition and Orientations toward Legitimate Intimacy in

China
Yongle Chen, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

3205

Science Communication as Risk/Uncertainty Communication

Friday
10:30–11:45
1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Science Communication

Chair

April Eichmeier, U of St. Thomas, USA

Participants

Who Encounters Selective News About Autonomous Vehicles and How Does It Shape Adoption Intentions? A Social Amplification of Risk Perspective

Yuan Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Lingyan Ma, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Yiting Deng, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

No Halo Effect of Scientific Validity? How Science-Related Visualizations, Attitudes, and Reactance Influence the Perception of Dubious Messages and Sources on Social Media

Kaija Biermann, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Bianca Nowak, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Esther Greussing, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Monika Taddicken, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Segmenting U.S. Audiences on Risk, Benefit, and Moral Perceptions of Human Brain Organoids


Isabel Villanueva, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Maggie Kraft, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Julianne Renner, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dietram Scheufele, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dominique Brossard, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

 Communicating Uncertainty in Climate Science: Does “Normalizing” Uncertainty Change Public Responses?

Chelsea Ratcliff, U of Georgia, USA

Janise Brück, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Jana Laura Egelhofer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

A Survey Experiment Investigating the Collateral Damage Hypothesis Applied to Consensus Science Communication

Natasha Strydhorst, Morgridge Institute for Research, USA

Yijia Zhu, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Lindsey Middleton, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Julianne Renner, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dietram Scheufele, Morgridge Institute for Research, USA

Dominique Brossard, Morgridge Institute for Research, USA

3206

Trust Trajectories and Public Relations

Friday
10:30–11:45
1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Public Relations

Chair

Jens Seiffert-Brockmann, Vienna U of Economics and Business, AUSTRIA

Participants

Organizational Misinformation and Trust: The Role of Intentions and Consequences

Jolan Urkens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Sandra Jacobs, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Alexander Pfeuffer, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Christian Burgers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

The Role of Public Relations in Building Trust for Developing Engagement in Collaborative Governance

María José Canel, Complutense U, SPAIN

Xabier Barandiarán, U of Deusto, SPAIN
Trusted Intermediaries: Fostering Multicultural Community Leadership in Disaster Communication
Kim Johnston, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
Jenny Zhengye Hou, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
Greg Hearn, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
Toward a Dynamic Understanding of Organization–Public Relationship (OPR): Insights from Trust Trajectories in Hong Kong
Yi-Hui Huang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Qinxian Cai, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Qinhui Zhan, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Public Relations and the Politics of Trust: Lessons From the Flint Water Crisis a Decade Later
Erica Ciszek, U of Texas at Austin, USA
Danna Park, U of Texas at Austin, USA

3207

Tech Policies: Comparative and International Perspectives

Friday
10:30–11:45
1.61
(CTICCI,
Lev 1)

Communication Law and Policy

Chair

Peng Hwa Ang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

The Evolving Role of Data Protection Officer: How Data Privacy Law Is Enforced in Norway, China, and Kenya

Raul Ferrer-Conill, U of Stavanger, NORWAY

Joanne Kuai, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

David Cheruiyot, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Helle Sjøvaag, U of Stavanger, NORWAY

Exploring the Challenges of Technological Innovation in Media Policy: A Historical Perspective From the US and Norway

Hongmei Chen, East China Normal U, CHINA

Comparing AI Literacy Policies in the European Union, the United States, India, and China

Haoyu Yang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Xianquan Zeng, Hunan Institute of Science and Technology, CHINA

Xinyang Gu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Non-Alignment and Dependency Theory: South America's Path to Technological Autonomy

Juan Ortiz Freuler, U of Southern California, USA

3208

AI in Journalism: Transforming Engagement, Verification, and Reporting Practices

Friday
10:30–11:45
1.62
(CTICCI,
Lev 1)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Lars-Ole Wehden, U of Münster, GERMANY

Participants

Can AI Newscasters Grab Attention? Evaluating the Effectiveness of AI Newscasters on Attention Engagement and Perceived Enjoyment

Mulin Jiang, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Shuhua Zhou, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Yang Wu, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Nisi Yu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

AI-Authored News Narrows Partisan Differences in News Verification Strategies

Taewoo Kang, Michigan State U, USA

Esther Thorson, Michigan State U, USA

Chuqing Dong, Michigan State U, USA

Kjerstin Thorson, Colorado State U, USA

Reshaping Professional Boundaries: The Reconstruction of Chinese News Anchors' Work under Generative Artificial Intelligence

Xinqi Wang, Peking U, CHINA

Artificial Intelligence Rewrites History: A Study on How Swedish Journalists' Motivation Is Affected by Changed AI-Practices

Therese Monstad, Uppsala U, SWEDEN

Helena Fehler Vallgård, Uppsala U, SWEDEN

Hanna Källstig, Uppsala U, SWEDEN

Generative AI at the Center of the Storm: Content and Reception Differences in Machine- and Journalist-Written Hurricane News

Benjamin Vollmer, U of Florida, USA

Rachel Son, East Carolina U, USA

Lee LaPlaca, U of Florida, USA

Haoran Chu, U of Florida, USA

Sixiao Liu, U of Central Florida, USA

Qingyuan Yang, U of Florida, USA

Jessica Sparks, Auburn U, USA

Benjamin Johnson, U of Florida, USA

Janice Jin, U of Florida, USA

Leyla Yanaraay, U of Florida, USA

3209

Inclusion vs. Vulnerabilities While Working with Digital Interactive Applications and Data Access? Ethical Considerations and Solutions Coming from and Suggested for Game Studies Research

Friday

10:30–11:45

Game Studies

Journalism Studies

Human-Machine Communication

Communication and Technology

1.63

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Lev 1)

Chair

Julia Kneer, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Discussants

Johannes Breuer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Lena Frischlich, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Sabrina Norwood, Oxford Internet Institute, UNITED KINGDOM

Daniel Pietschmann, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

To Eat or Not to Eat: Ethical Considerations and Decisions on Data Collection in Health-Oriented Games

Julia Kneer, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Fabian Bellaard, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Teresa de la Hera, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Data Demands and Player Agency in AI-Generated Games

Daniel Pietschmann, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Insights From Ethical Challenges in Alternative News Research

Lena Frischlich, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Heidi Schulze, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

AI and Democratic Processes Online

Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Lara Kobilke, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Carsten Reinemann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Addressing Ethical Challenges in Research with Digital Trace Data

Johannes Breuer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Philipp Knöpfle, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Data, Trust, and the Future of Video Games Research

Sabrina Norwood, Oxford Internet Institute, UNITED KINGDOM
Andrew Przybylski, Oxford Internet Institute, UNITED KINGDOM

Games, generative AI, and social media rely heavily on user data to personalize experiences, yet this data collection can shape users' thoughts and behaviors without awareness. Ethical challenges include privacy regulations, informed consent, inequalities, and researcher safety. Six presentations from four countries focus on insights from projects and theoretical approaches concerning cross-disciplinary standards for consent, data governance, care, and last but not least, game developers.

3210

Children and Adolescents: Mental Health, Neurodiversity, and Interpersonal Communication

Friday

10:30–11:45

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Lev 1)**

Health Communication

Moderator

Laura Marciano, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Participants

Leveraging Social Media Creators: Comparing Online and Offline Recruitment Strategies to Engage Underrepresented Adolescents in Intensive Longitudinal Research

Geyi Wang, Rutgers U, USA

Soumya Mohanty, Harvard U, USA

Geoff Klassen, U of Saskatchewan, CANADA

Brinleigh Murphy-Reuter, Science To People, USA

Nathaniel Osgood, U of Saskatchewan, CANADA

Laura Marciano, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Extending the Double Empathy Problem: Communication Barriers between Autistic Adolescents and Mental Health Screening Tools

Jessica Freedman, Michigan State U, USA

Adolescents' Efficacy in Seeking Support for Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence from Parents and Peers: A Qualitative Study

Ling Yan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Leanne Chang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Mengyao Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Yu Qiu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Shut Your Eyes in the Dark! How Bedtime Media Use Affects Sleep Delay and Increases Anxiety among Young Adults

Xue-Fei Yan, Nanjing U, CHINA

Yaotian Zhang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Zhihao Ma, Nanjing U, CHINA

Yi-Xin Zhou, Nanjing U, CHINA

Cheng-Jun Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Selective Positivity? Strategic Practices of Illness Disclosure by Children to Parents via Social Media in Geographically Separated Chinese Families

Yuwen Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA

3211

KOT-railed Privacy: Cross-Cultural Affordances, Chills, and Familism Surveillance

Friday

10:30–11:45



**Auditorium
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Lev 2)**

Communication and Technology

Chair

WeiMing Ye, Peking U, CHINA

Participants

Capturing Familism through Cameras: Imaginaries and Practices of the Mobile Smart Home

Na Liu, Zhejiang A&F U, CHINA

Yingying Lin, U of Shanghai for Science and Technology, CHINA

Cecilia Yuxi Zhou, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Entrapment and Resistance in Visibility: Interpersonal Surveillance Practices on Weibo

Jing Di, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Jiaxin Liu, Monash U, AUSTRALIA



How Feeling Watched Online Impacts Digital Communication over Time: Empirically Exploring the Affect Dynamics of Dataveillance-Induced Chilling Effects

Céline Odermatt, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Kiran Kappeler, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Noemi Festic, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Michael Latzer, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

  Is ChatGPT Your New Therapist? A Cross-Cultural Model of Generative AI Affordances, Trust, Use Intentions, and Willingness to Attend In-Person Therapy

Jaroslava Kankova, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Sofie Vranken, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Aleksandra Lazić, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Selma Hodzic, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Mihoko Seki, Kyoto U, JAPAN

Yoshiko Kawano, Kyoto U, JAPAN

Akiyo Itu, Kyoto U, JAPAN

Yu Sakagami, Kyoto U, JAPAN

Miho Iwakuma, Kyoto U, JAPAN

   A Comparative Test of the Protection Motivation Theory: Active Privacy Protection and Chilling Effects in Brazil, Germany, the US, and Vietnam

Yannic Meier, U Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Laurent Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Nicole Krämer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY


Miriam Metzger, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

3220

Mental Health: Sigma and Influencers

Friday

10:30–11:45

 **2.41-2.43**

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Lev 2)

Health Communication

Moderator

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Influencers of Mental Health? Cross-Cultural Correlates of Mental Health Influencer Engagement among U.S. and Indonesian Emerging Adults

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Michaela Forrai, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

For Better or Worse? The Impact of Mental Health Influencers' Communication Strategies on Credibility, Awareness, Stigma, and Behavioral Intentions

Selina Noetzel, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA

Alice Binder, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Christina Seeger, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA

When Metaphors Hurt and Heal: The Effects of Metaphor Use and Protagonist–Reader Similarity on Stigma in Mental Illness Narratives

Yujie Dong, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Yin Yang, Florida State U, USA

The Mimetic Modeling of Influence: How Influencers' Mental Health Content Shapes Perceived Social Support

Yanfeng Wu, U of Miami, USA

3221

Emotion and Politics I

Friday

10:30–11:45

Political Communication

Chair

Xinzhong Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

2.44-2.46
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Lev 2)

Participants

Emotions, Social Media, and Politics: A Scoping Review

Ruta Kaskeleviciute, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Andreas Nanz, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY

Irina Dietrich, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Emotional Pathways to Political Learning: How Emotional Cues on Social Media Shape Political Information Processing

Diana Kostikova, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Stephanie Buehrer, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Simone Moser, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Does Emotional Political Communication Lead to a More “Emotional” and “Emotionally Aligned” Public? A Longitudinal Study of Politician’s Social Media Posts and User Engagement

Willem Buyens, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

August De Mulder, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Luna De Bruyne, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Zeljko Poljak, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Jonas Lefevere, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Evelien Willems, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Peter Van Aelst, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Emotions or Attitudes as News Compasses? Comparing Emotional and Attitudinal Guidance in Selecting News About Migration

Nico Spreen, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Hate Meets Hate: How Overlapping Hate Media Environments Affect Inter-Group Relations

Jeffrey Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State U, USA

3222

HIGH-DENSITY: Human-Machine Care: Well-Being and Vulnerability

Friday

10:30–11:45

2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Margot van der Goot, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

How University Students Use AI Chatbots to Foster Psychological Well-Being: Evidence from PLS-SEM and Fuzzy Sets (FsQCA) within the Attachment Theory Framework

Bilal Mazhar, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Inam Ul Haq, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Conversations across Time: The Persuasiveness of Conversing with AI-Powered Future-Self Simulations in Reducing Sugar-Sweetened Beverages

Mengqi Liao, U of Georgia, USA

Hanyoung Kim, U of Kentucky, USA

Hye Jin Yoon, U of Georgia, USA

Social Support in the Age of Networked Human–Machine Communication: How Social Media Chatbots Affect Support-Seeking and Audience’ Engagement

Jinyuan Zhan, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Renwen Zhang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Silent Grief: Muted Suffering and Digital Care in Cyber-Bereavement

Junli Zhao, Jinan U, CHINA

Cunchang Wang, Jinan U, CHINA

Emotionally Vulnerable Subtype of Internet Gaming Disorder: Measuring and Exploring the Pathology of Problematic Generative AI Use

Di Wu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Haocan Sun, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Weizi Liu, Texas Christian U, USA

Guoming Yu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Mike Yao, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

This session examines how human–machine communication shapes psychological well-being and vulnerability through relational, affective, and infrastructural conditions. Across studies on emotional support, attachment, identity processes, social support, grief, and problematic AI use, the papers explore how chatbots, avatars, and AI systems become embedded in practices of care and self-regulation. Moving beyond instrumental views, the contributions highlight how human–machine relationships can support coping and well-being, while also producing dependence, emotional harm, disenfranchised grief, or problematic use.

3223

PARTNER PANEL: Central States Communication Association - Current and Future Research Directions

Friday
10:30–11:45
2.64
(CTICC1,
Level 2)

Partner Panel**Chair**

Ben Warner, U of Missouri, USA

Discussants

Garret Castleberry, Mid-America Christian U, USA

Eddah Mutua, St. Cloud State U, USA

Pradeep Sopory, Wayne State U, USA

Malynnda Stewart, Compassionate Navigation, LLC, USA

Ben Warner, U of Missouri, USA

This session features Central States Communication Association scholars discussing current and future research directions. Specifically, scholars from different career stages will discuss research in progress and recently completed research projects.

3224

CAT-ching Hearts Online: Dating Apps, Psychological Health and Long-Distance Ties

Friday
10:30–11:45
2.65-2.66
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology**Chair**

Bree McEwan, U of Toronto Mississauga, CANADA

Participants

Dating App Use, Psychological Health, and Psychological Well-Being: A Systematic Review and Quantitative Meta-analysis

Liesel Sharabi, Arizona State U, USA

Lihong Ou, Arizona State U, USA

Paige Von Feldt, Arizona State U, USA

Thomas Parsons, Arizona State U, USA

Channeling Support across Modalities: The Role of Modality Switching in Shaping Supportive Outcomes within Mixed-Media Friendships

Kelly Sweeney, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Influence of Social Media on Long-Distance Romantic Relationships: An Expectancy Violation Theory Perspective

Wanqi Gong, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA

Qin Guo, Zhejiang U of Technology, CHINA

How Audiences Navigate the Tension between Influencer Professionalization and Authenticity: An Exploration from the Context of Multi-Channel Network Disclosure

Changyan Li, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Liselot Hudders, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Steffi De Jans, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Strategic Visibility in Precarious Times: Ethnoreligious Content Creators and Algorithmic Navigation on Instagram

Gabrielle Beacken, U of Texas at Austin, USA

3230

Right-Wing Polarization as a Challenge to Journalistic Neutrality

- Friday**
10:30–11:45
Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)
- Journalism Studies**
- Chair**
Thomas Hanitzsch, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
- Participants**
- How the German Far Right Navigates the Hybrid Media System: An Interview Study of the Alternative Für Deutschland
Maximilian Grönegräs, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
Benjamin De Cleen, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
Yazan Badran, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
- Tracing the When, What, and How of Conspiracy Theory Coverage by U.S. Far-Right Hyperpartisan and Legacy Media
Annett Heft, U of Tübingen, GERMANY
Juni Schindler, Imperial College London, UNITED KINGDOM
Kilian Buehling, U of Tübingen, GERMANY
Curd Knüpfer, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK
- Between Use and Negotiation? Tracing Salience and Contexts of Racist Language in German News Media
Ahrabhi Kathirgamalingam, CAIS, GERMANY
- The Matthew Effect of Algorithmic Curation? On the Ambivalent Relationship between Preferences for Diversity-Oriented News Recommender Systems and Ideological News Exposure Diversity
Pascal Schneiders, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Andreas Riedl, U of Augsburg, GERMANY
Birgit Stark, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
- Metajournalistic Discourse at the Expense of Legacy Media: How German Right-Wing Media Actors Contest Journalism on Twitter and Telegram
Baoning Gong, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
Barbara Pfetsch, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

3231

Friday
10:30–11:45
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Feminist Methods, Auto-Ethnography, and Knowledge from the Margins

Feminist Scholarship

- Chair**
Miglena Sternadori, Texas Tech U, USA
- Participants**
- A Seat at the Kitchen Table: Co-Autoethnographic Narratives by Black Women
Interpersonal Communication Faculty
Chantel Haughton, Purdue U, USA
Sharde Davis, U of Connecticut, USA
Megan Cardwell, Villanova U, USA
Charnell Peters, Saint Louis U, USA
Mackensie Minnicar, U of Georgia, USA
- Reliable Biases: Reflecting on Generative AI-Aided Analysis in Feminist Media Studies
Amanda Cote, Michigan State U, USA
Andrew Wilson, St. Mary's U, USA
- Reclaiming the Body: Fibroids, Autoethnography, and Feminist Theory as Collective Testimony
Jessie Gongolo, Ohio U, USA
- Hip Hop Feminist Counterstory: A Method of Wreck
Danielle Hodge, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
- Citation Practices About Gender, Race, Class, and Intersectionality in the Field of Communication in Brazil
Lucianna Furtado, Federal U of Minas Gerais, BRAZIL
Laura Guimarães Corrêa, Federal U of Minas Gerais, BRAZIL
- This session highlights reflexive methodologies and feminist epistemologies.

3240**Who Makes Crisis Visible? Platforms, NGOs, and News Media****Friday**
10:30–11:45
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**Global Communication and Social Change****Chair**

Herman Wasserman, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Voices of Resilience? An Ethics of Care Approach for Freelance Journalists Covering Conflict

Lea Hellmueller, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Namrata Acharya, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Carolyne Lunga, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

From Reconciliation to Resilience: Introducing Post-Conflict Media Transition Theory

Meghan Sobel Cohen, Regis U, USA

Karen McIntyre, U of Oregon, USA

From Television's 8 PM News to TikTok's Endless Scroll: How Platform Affordances Reproduce and Resist Information Inequality in Post-Coup Mali

Abou Biridogo, Fudan U, CHINA

Numbers in Crisis: NGOs, Data, and the Making of Humanitarian News

Michael Sunderland, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

Daniel Jackson, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

Global News Media as Agents of Cosmopolitan Politics? An Unsupervised Machine

Learning Analysis of the Framing of Refugee-Focused Humanitarian News

Zhe Xu, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Yotam Ophir, U at Buffalo, USA

Ke Du, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Gaia Guatri, Fudan U, CHINA

Dani Madrid-Morales, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Kate Wright, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

3241**Immersive and Synthetic Visual Technologies in Environmental Communication****Friday**
10:30–11:45
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**Environmental Communication****Chair**

Hongjie Tang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Participants

Vividness Only for High Environmental-Identity Individuals? Examining the Effect of VR on Perceived Video Effectiveness and Pro-Environmental Intentions

Yuyuan Lai, U of Macau, MACAO

Fuyuan Shen, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Song Ao, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Xudong Liu, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO

Yongkang Hou, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Xinshu Zhao, U of Macau, MACAO

Underwater Virtual Reality and Situated Cognition: Comparing Ground, Docked, and Floating Conditions for Ocean Connectedness and Psychological Well-Being

Monique Santoso, Stanford U, USA

Gustav Petersen, Stanford U, USA

Jeremy Bailenson, Stanford U, USA

Géraldine Fauville, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Putting Choice Back Into Psychological Reactance Theory: Impact of Choice-Making and Controlling Language in Sustainable Virtual Reality Game

Hongjie Tang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Chang He, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Stanley Wijaya, South China U, CHINA

Wufan Jia, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Shirley Ho, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Climate Change at Your Doorstep: Evaluating Immediate and Delayed Effects of VR on Psychological Distance and Sustainability

David Walewijns, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
Roseline van Gogh, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
Michel Walrave, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
Wannes Heirman, AP U College Antwerp, BELGIUM
Laura Herrewijn, AP U College Antwerp, BELGIUM
Heidi Vandebosch, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Environmental Crisis Communication in the Visual Generative AI Era: A Case Study of AI-Generated Visual Rhetoric and Public Sentiment during the 2025 California Wildfires

Menna Elhosary, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM
Barikisu Issaka, California State U, Long Beach, USA
Inusah Mohammed, Purdue U, USA
Balkisa Sissy, George Mason U, USA
Sabena Abdul Raheem, U of Iowa, USA

3242

Top Papers in Mass Communication

Friday
10:30–11:45
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Mass Communication

Chair

Mark Boukes, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Ceilings and Thresholds: Agenda-Setting Effects of News Coverage among Individuals with High and Low Initial Issue Salience

Stefan Geiss, NTNU, NORWAY
Cristina Monzer, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Toril Aalberg, NTNU, NORWAY

Too Imprecise and Too Inconsistent? Challenges for Media Psychology and Effects Theorizing and Possible Solutions

Adrian Meier, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY
Daniel Possler, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Paws and Peaks: Exploring the Processes and Effects of Positive Emotion and Immersive Media Technology on Mental Wellness


Di Mu, Texas A&M International U, USA

  Persuade, Rinse, and Repeat: Repetition Effects of Threat- and Humor-Based Appeals

Chris Skurka, Pennsylvania State U, USA
Peixin Hua, Pennsylvania State U, USA
Dave Keating, Arizona State U, USA

3243

Popular Media and Culture Research Escalator Session

Friday
10:30–11:45
 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Cesar Jimenez-Martinez, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Discussants

Qian Huang, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS
Adrienne Shaw, Temple U, USA
Dechun Zhang, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Participants

Rhythmic Dwelling: How Young Users Infrastructuralize RED in Daily Life

Yichu Yang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Margins of Recognition: Geopolitical Inequality and Chinese K-Pop Fan Identities in Digital Era

Shangru Jiang, U of Bristol, UNITED KINGDOM

Healing Your Heart: The Production and Commodification of Emotions on Chinese Social Media

Congman Zhang, U of Macau, MACAO

“Moments Worth Waiting for”: Exploring Disposable Camera Use among Members of Gen Z

Harry Hudome, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Framing Crypto-Finance: Chinese Crypto Influencers and the Formation of Financialized Subjectivities

Jieyi Ke, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

Shiyi Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

Mapping Otome Game Goods in Urban Space: Chinese Female Consumer Citizenship and Asian Commons of Women’s Play Culture

Wanyue Zhang, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

3244

HIGH-DENSITY: Diverse Youth, Diverse Media: Gender Identity, Sexuality, and Race

Friday

10:30–11:45

 8.2

(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA

Participants

The Parent Trap: The Roles of Parent Status and Pervasive Ambiguity About Gender in Public Opinion on Transgender Rights in the United States

Walker Brewer, Northwestern U, USA

Taylor Agajanian, Northwestern U, USA

Ifra Javed, Northwestern U, USA

Nash Jenkins, Northwestern U, USA

Jay Nelson, Northwestern U, USA

Thomas Billard, Northwestern U, USA

Too Young to Swipe? Exploring Demographic, Sexuality-Based, and Social-Contextual Correlates of Adolescent Mobile Dating App Use from the Media Practice Model Perspective

Yuhui Olivia Chen, KU Leuven & Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Sindy Sumter, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Chelly Maes, U Libre de Bruxelles, BELGIUM

Femke Konings, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

The Meaning of “Normal”: Children’s Negotiation of (Normal) Masculinity, Femininity, and LGBTQ Media Representations

Thalia Van Wichelen, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Sander De Ridder, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Alexander Dhoest, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Social Media, Racialized Appearance Concerns, and Well-Being among Adolescent Girls of Color in the U.S. and England

L. Monique Ward, U of Michigan, USA

Elizabeth Daniels, Centre for Appearance Research, UNITED KINGDOM

Morgan Jerald, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Kyla Brathwaite Brathwaite, U of Michigan, USA

Tuned in and Adapting: How Supportive Parents of U.S. Gender Expansive Youth Perceive and Mediate Their Children’s Media Landscape

AnneMarie McClain, Boston U, USA

Jack Anderson, Rutgers U, USA

Patrick Mohan Zhang, Boston U, USA

Mitali Singh, Boston U, USA

Yunhee Choi, Boston U, USA

Sedona Perin, Boston U, USA

Jessy Wang, Boston U, USA

The Promise and Peril of Social Media: How Context Shapes Online Risks and Digital Literacy among Marginalised Adolescents

Mienke Steytler, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Douglas Parry, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

“Implicitly Explicit”: What Is the “Right” Level of Representation for Children’s

Educational Media?

Fashina Alade, Michigan State U, USA

Anneliese Samples, Michigan State U, USA

Claudia Sofia Aparício, Michigan State U, USA

3245

Editorial Board Meeting: Mobile Media and Communication

Friday

10:30–11:30

8.3

(CTICC2,

Lev 2)

Satellite Events

Chair

Adriana de Souza e Silva, Northeastern U, USA

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InfoSys: Persuasion and Consumer Behavior

Friday

10:30–11:45

Watsonia

(CTICC2,

Lev 3)

Information Systems

Chair

Moldir Moldagaliyeva, Michigan State U, USA

Participants

The Brand Transparency Paradox: Consumer Reactions to Explicit Mentions of Artificial Intelligence

Viviana Zambrano Rodriguez, U of South Carolina, USA

Louvins Pierre, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Pushed to the Edge: When Radical Political Messages Persuade More on Social Media

Brahim Zarouali, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Reading the Signs: Investigating Early Persuasive Signals in Testimonial Narratives

Judy Watts, U of Kansas, USA

Michael Slater, The Ohio State U, USA

Julia Wilson, The Ohio State U, USA

Emily Moyer-Gusé, The Ohio State U, USA

Selling without a Past: The Negative Impact of AI Ads on Brand Longevity and Consumer Evaluation

Binbin Ni, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Fuzhong Wu, Soochow U, CHINA

Shouyue Yuan, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Exploring How Attitudes toward AI and Disclosure Influence Purchase Intention of AI-Integrated Products through Hedonic, Social, and Epistemic Value

Louvins Pierre, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Viviana C. Zambrano Rodriguez, U of South Carolina, USA

Yanbo Li, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Guilt Appeal or Shame Appeal? The Persuasive Effects of Emotional Appeals on HPV Vaccination Intention among Men in China

Yuetong Du, Michigan State U, USA

Better Than Nothing: The Impact of AIGC Advertising Appeals on Consumer Attitudes

Xinyue Xiong, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yasha Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Fangfang Yu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Jingwen Yu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Bingcan Li, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Xin Yu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Modeling Persuasion Knowledge Activation through LLM-Based Simulation

Eunjin (Anna) Kim, U of Southern California, USA

Esther Thorson, Michigan State U, USA

Kyomin Hwang, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Hyeonjin Kim, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Nojun Kwak, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Reactance and Resistance: How Message Tone Shapes Psychological Reactance to Anti-Counterfeiting Communication Messages

Moldir Moldagaliyeva, Michigan State U, USA
Subhalakshmi Bezbaruah, Michigan State U, USA
Heijin Lee, Pepperdine U, USA
Yerkebulan Almanov, Michigan State U, USA
Zheran Liu, Michigan State U, USA
Naadiyahtu Iddrisu, Michigan State U, USA
Anastasia Kononova, Michigan State U, USA
Patricia Huddleston, Michigan State U, USA
Juan Mundel, Michigan State U, USA
Saleem Alhabash, Michigan State U, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Emotional Profiles and Engagement in Digital Communication

Friday
10:30–11:45
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Computational Methods

Chair

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

The Affective Profile of Disinformation

Emily Ohman, Waseda U, JAPAN
Andrea Sciandra, U of Padua, ITALY
Cristiane Melchior, Lappeenranta U of Technology, FINLAND
Hannele Seeck, Lappeenranta U of Technology, FINLAND

Identifying Optimal Cognitive, Social, and Emotional Profiles of Anti-Vaping Messages for Young Adult Vapers: Insights From Interpretable Machine Learning Analysis

Jiaying Liu, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Qiyao Peng, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Musa Malik, U of California Santa Barbara, USA
Yidi Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Emily Norton, U of Georgia, USA
Colleen Markey, U of Georgia, USA
Tianlai Ye, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Lawrence Sweet, U of Georgia, USA

Specific Mixed Emotional Headlines Drive Online Media Engagement over and above Positivity and Negativity


Qiyao Peng, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Ismaharif Ismail, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Vincent Oh, Singapore U of Social Sciences, SINGAPORE

Bridging Languages and Platforms: Building a Keyword-based Dictionary for Comparative Research on Contentious Issues

Fabienne Lind, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Miriam Milzner, Weizenbaum Institute and Freie U Berlin, GERMANY
Daniel Thiele, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY
Annett Heft, U Tübingen, GERMANY

Measuring Attention Fatigue in News and Audience Responses to Recurrent Extreme Weather Events through Episode-Wise Substitutive Process

Kunhao Yang, Shibaura Institute of Technology, JAPAN
Mengyuan Fu, Waseda U, JAPAN
Mikihito Tanaka, Waseda U, JAPAN

 A Longitudinal Approach to the Analysis of Social Media Engagement: The Case of Anger-Driven Climate-Skeptic Message Propagation during the 2021 German Elections

Nicola Righetti, U of Urbino Carlo Bo, ITALY
Petro Tolochko, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Aytalina Kulichkina, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Azade Kakavand, Leibniz Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute, GERMANY

GERMANY

Daisuke Nakamura, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Yuru Li, U of Bremen, GERMANY
Paul Pressmann, U of Bremen, GERMANY
Stephanie Geise, U of Bremen, GERMANY
Annie Waldherr, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

3260

LGBTQ Studies Research Escalator

Friday
10:30–11:45
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Facundo Suenzo, U de San Andrés, ARGENTINA

Discussants

Lik Sam Chan, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Shinsuke Eguchi, Wake Forest U, USA
Traci Gillig, Washington State U, USA
Jonalou Labor, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES
Mustafa Oz, U of Tennessee Knoxville, USA

Participants

“Your Identity Does Not Match Your Passport”: Conceptualizing Bakla (Im)mobility
Paul Mart Jeyand Matangcas, Northwestern U, USA
Producing Sexuality: The Cultural Industrial Production of Sexuality—A Study Based on
Gay-Identity Video Influencers in China
Wenhao Cao, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
Metastereotypes and Lived Experiences of Gay Men: Intergroup Communication as an
Arena for Inequality
Jackson Scott, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA
Jordan Soliz, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA
Social Media Experiences of LGBTQ+ Users in the DACH Region
Fatemeh Asadi Pour, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Platform Censorship and Self-Censorship: Gender Identity Negotiation and Performative
Strategies of LGBTQ Streamers on Finka
Junhan Wang, Temple U, USA
Yujie Zhong, Temple U, USA
Algorithmic Legitimacy Hierarchies: Content Moderation and Strategic Visibility of
LGBTQ+ Content on Bilibili
Dai Wan, Communication U of China, CHINA

3261

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice Research Escalator

Friday
10:30–11:45
 **Westin**
Ballroom
East
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Activism, Communication and Social Justice

Chair

Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Participants

Youth Environmental Movements in Poland: Identity, Symbolic Exclusions, and Public
Perception
Ewa Jarosz, SciencesPo Paris, FRANCE
Digital Technologies and the Feminist Reconstruction of Memory: The Case of “Searching
for Xie Ye” Archival Activism
Xinting Liu, Sichuan U, CHINA
Counting the Uncounted: How Airwars’ Open-Source Verification Redefines Accountability
in War Reporting
Abdulwahab Tahhan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
Cultivating Civic Agency: Filipino American Civic Becoming through Highly Visual Social
Media
Stephanie Rodriguez, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED
KINGDOM
Beyond Control and Resistance: The Relational Platformization of Rural Migrant Merchants

in China

Shuoxuan Kuang, East China Normal U, CHINA

I Just “Pooped” My Rebelliousness in the “Toilet”: An Analysis of How Vernacular, Anonymous Counterpublics Resist Digital Authoritarianism

Xiaohe Ma, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA

Digital Activism as Decolonial Practice: Anti-French Sentiment on Social Media in Francophone Africa

Yue Zhang, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Witnessing Nearby Suffering: How Visual Activism Reconfigures the Visibility of Everyday Injustice ?

Yilin Luo, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Visual Citizenship and Connective Action During the 2026 Hungarian Election

Rozalie Böge, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

A Case Study of Gendered Narrative Violence

Faith Odele, Texas A&M U, USA

3262

CAT-ching Health Gaps: Role-Play, Chatbots, COVID Support and Data Divides

Friday
10:30–11:45
Diaz
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Tobias Dienlin, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Participants

Role-Playing As Immigrants in America: Improving Outgroup Perceptions and Reducing Social Distance

Brandon Bouchillon, U of Tennessee Chattanooga, USA

Effectiveness of Chatbots as a Source of Sexual Health Information: A Study on Human Papillomavirus Vaccination

Fahima Khanam, Washington State U, USA

Porismita Borah, Washington State U, USA

The Imagination Gap in Digital Health Communication: How Constrained Visions of Technology Limit Equitable Patient-Clinician Communication

Matthew Matsaganis, Rutgers U, USA

Lisa Mikesell, Rutgers U, USA

Ryan White, Rutgers U, USA

Riva Touger-Decker, Rutgers U, USA

Karen Joy, Rutgers U, USA

Social Media Affordances and Online Social Support in the Long COVID Communities on Twitter/X and Reddit

Eugene Jang, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

Explicating Data Absenteeism: The New Digital Divide in Communication Research

Huanyu Bao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xiaohui Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Gelean Veronica Madrid Evangelista, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Edmund Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

3263

Journalism and AI: Changing Practices and Norms

Friday
10:30–11:45
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(Westin,
Old

Journalism Studies

Chair

Shangyuan Wu, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Participants

Is Artificial Intelligence Causing Journalists to “Deskill”? Exploring Journalistic Deskillings/

**Harbour
Level)**

- Upskilling in the AI Age
Shangyuan Wu, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
- Co-Curation between Humans and AI: A Mechanistic Analysis of Personal AI News
Curation Behavior Based on the Input–Process–Output (IPO) Framework
Xuan Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Chengxin Lyu, Zhejiang U, CHINA
- Who Narrates AI? Discursive Apartheid, Symbolic Power, and the Media Politics of AI in
US–EU News
Massimo Ragnedda, U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Maria Laura Ruiu, American U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Muhammad Awais, U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- Negotiated Adaptability: How Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Is Shaping
Journalism and Media Workflows in Kenya
Kevin Mudavadi, Georgia State U, USA
Bingbing Zhang, U of Iowa, USA
Jonas Nyabor, U of Iowa, USA
Melissa Tully, U of Iowa, USA
Brian Ekdale, U of Iowa, USA
Nur Hossain, U of Iowa, USA
Shitemi Khamadi, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

3270

Empowerment and Repression in Digital Activism

Friday
10:30–11:45
**Edward &
Schappen**
**(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)**

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Devon Probol, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Participants

An Activist Logic in Participatory Misinformation: The Case of Japanese QAnon

Kayo Mimizuka, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Ahmer Arif, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Between Mobilization and Counter-Mobilization: Mapping David Hogg’s Ego Network in
Digital Influencer Activism

Qian Li, Arizona State U, USA

Demonstrations as a Surveillance Site

Michael Birnhack, Tel Aviv U, ISRAEL

Affective Witnessing, Discursive Abstraction: Unpacking the Extractive Power Dynamics of
Digital Social Movements through a Decade of #BlackLivesMatter

Sulin Ye, Nanjing U of Aeronautics and Astronautics, CHINA

Yunyi Hu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Astroturfing as Digital Repression in Social Movements: A Case Study of the 2025 Mass
Protest in Indonesia

Putri Limilia, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

3271

Theorizing Inequalities, Dissent, and Infrastructures of the Political

Friday
10:30–11:45
**Victoria &
Alfred**
**(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

Philosophy, Theory and Critique

Chair

Paola Madrid Sartoretto, Jönköping U, SWEDEN

Participants

Doing Dissent by Acting on Media: Materially Shaping Practices of Contradicting on
Online Platforms and Digital Infrastructures

Christina Haritos, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Sigrid Kannengiesser, U of Münster, GERMANY

Annett Heft, U Tübingen, GERMANY

Margreth Lünenborg, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Carola Richter, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Ambient Extremism in Reactionary Digital Politics

Robert Topinka, Birkbeck, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Multi-front Propaganda: Towards an Analytical Framework for Cross-Platform Information Campaigns

Tamer Farag, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

The (In)Convenience Store

Arlene Fernández, Rutgers U, USA

Nowadays, political life is shaped by digital infrastructures that organize participation, visibility, and power. This panel theorizes how inequalities and dissent are enacted, constrained, and amplified through media technologies and platforms. The papers explore infrastructural perspectives on the political and explore how power, resistance, and inequality are embedded in media systems and everyday practices.

3295

BLUE SKY: Lost in Political Space? Rethinking the Left-Right Scale across Diverse Media and Political Systems

Friday

10:30–11:45

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(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Blue Sky Workshops

Chair

Carina Weinmann, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Organizer

Olaf Jandura, U of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, GERMANY

The left-right scale is a cornerstone of political communication research, but its validity is increasingly questioned in today's fragmented media environment. This interactive Big Ideas Session uses recent findings from Germany (Jandura & Weinmann, 2023) and post-communist countries (Dassonneville & McAllister, 2025) as a starting point. Participants will collaboratively discuss the scale's utility across different media and political systems (Brüggemann et al., 2014; Hallin & Mancini, 2004) and brainstorm future directions for measuring political orientation.

3301

(HYBRID) Migration, Race, and Belonging in Media and Journalism

Friday

12:00–13:15

 CTICC

Ballroom

East

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Theme

Chair

Burcu Baykurt, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Participants

Technology-Mediated Communication among Migrant Families Separated by Borders: Understanding the Tensions of Relational Maintenance

Hyojin Lee, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Jennifer Kam, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Nancy Molina-Rogers, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Ricardo Solis, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Amy Gonzales, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Navigating Exile: A Conceptual Framework for Comparing Experiences of Exiled Journalists

Carola Richter, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Anna Litvinenko, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Reframing Motivation: Black Feminist Extensions of Self-Determination Theory through Black Women's Global Relocation

Sharde Davis, U of Connecticut, USA

Martinque Jones, U of North Texas, USA

Nicole Files Thompson, Lincoln U, USA

State Racial Climate and Intent to Relocate among Asian Residents: The Moderating Roles of Social Support and Communicative Activism

Jungmi Jun, U of South Carolina, USA

Joon Kim, U of Rhode Island, USA

Bongki Woo, U of South Carolina, USA
Xavier Xiao, U of South Carolina, USA
Beyond the Algorithm and Affect: Identity Negotiation for Local Users During TikTok
Refugee Issue on Chinese Social Media
Wanru Zhao, Sciences Po, FRANCE

This panel investigates how media and journalism shape experiences of migration, race, and belonging in global contexts. The papers analyze technology-mediated communication within migrant families, comparative approaches for understanding the experiences of exiled journalists, Black feminist viewpoints on self-determination in global relocation, the influence of state racial climates on relocation intentions, and user identity negotiation in TikTok discussions on refugee issues. Overall, the session discusses the interconnected dynamics of race, mobility, media practices, and belonging across sociopolitical contexts.

3302

(HYBRID) “Talking Back” to Visual Culture: Disability across Visual Media Forms (CART)

Friday
12:00–13:15
 **CTICC**
BALLROOM
WEST
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Visual Communication Studies

Chair

Samira Rajabi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Organizer

Meryl Alper, Northeastern U, USA
Lorenzo Dalvit, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA
Elizabeth Ellcessor, U of Virginia, USA
Katie Ellis, Curtin U, AUSTRALIA
Gerard Goggin, Western Sydney U, AUSTRALIA
Beth Haller, Towson U, USA
Deanna Holroyd, Akita International U, JAPAN
Chelsea Jones, Brock U, CANADA
Jenny Kennedy, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA
Amanda Lagerkvist, Uppsala U, SWEDEN
Jingyi Liao, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Dyah Pitaloka, Monash U, Indonesia, INDONESIA
Valquiria Ramos Obregón, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE
Abdul Rohman, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM
Wenqi Tan, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Filippo Trevisan, American U, USA
Zhuoxiao Xie, Nanjing U, CHINA
M. Remi Yergeau, Carleton U, CANADA
Kuansong Victor Zhuang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

It’s Personal, and It’s Drag: Lady Gaga, Disability Drag, and the Performance of Identity
Jaggar DeMarco, Temple U, USA
Peloton and the Discourse of Digital Adaptive Fitness
Samira Rajabi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
Negotiating Disability and Gender: Asian Women TikTokkers with Disabilities
Yifan Jin, Wuhan U, CHINA
Kuansong Victor Zhuang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Transfiguring Stars? Making of Videos and Prostheticising a “Disability Look”
Priyam Sinha, Humboldt U of Berlin, GERMANY
Embodied Truths: Disability, Journalism, and the Politics of Corporeal Knowledge
Fabiana Battisti, U of Rome Tor Vergata, ITALY

In this panel, we are interested in the process of “talking back” to the “received” visual representations of disability that populate our world: challenging images that harm disabled people; questioning what images of disability really tell us; and producing images that tell different stories about different bodies. We ask: How is disability visually constructed?

How are disabled people shaping their visual representations? And finally, where is the disabled body located in visual practice?

3303

Gender and Media in Africa Beyond Beijing+30: Confronting Challenges, Expanding Conversations, and Elevating New Voices

Friday

12:00–13:15

1.41

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Feminist Scholarship

Discussant

Irene Awino, U of Wisconsin–La Crosse, USA

Participants

Women and Media in Sierra Leone: Progress, Challenges, and the Road Ahead

Sarah Bomkapre Koroma, Media Researcher, and Women’s Empowerment Advocate, SIERRA LEONE

Gendered Narratives in Digital Public Spheres: A Case-study of Public Perceptions of the Position of National Women Representatives in the Kenyan Parliament

Robi Ochieng, United States International U-Africa and Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK), KENYA

Gender Agenda in African Media: Negotiating Barriers, Agency and Resilience towards Advancement

Yemisi Akinbobola, Birmingham City U and African Women in Media (AWIM), UNITED KINGDOM

Resisting Exclusion in Media Practices: Towards an Intersectional Feminist and Queer Frameworks Can Transform Newsroom Ethics in Southern Africa

Neo Kitso, Marang Southern Africa LGBTIQ Fund, Botswana and Gender Links, Southern African Region, BOTSWANA

Gender and Scholarship in the Age of AI: How Inclusive Policies Can Reshape Media Innovation Research

Ammina Kothari, Simmons U, USA

The Beijing Platform and Declaration for Action of 1995 was a landmark proclamation for the advancement of gender equality, development, and world peace. This panel builds on the Platform’s key themes to foreground debates on gender equality in and through the media on the African continent. Panelists include media scholars and feminist activists whose work recenters media reform activism in diverse African contexts, in an era of increased technological advancement and the inequalities therein.

3304

Theoretical Advancements in Interpersonal Communication Research: Explicating Concepts and Revisiting Theories

Friday

12:00–13:15

1.42

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Interpersonal Communication

Chair

Brandon Bouchillon, U of Tennessee Chattanooga, USA

Participants

Performing Neurotypicality: A Concept Explication of Autistic Masking as Strategic Identity Communication


Priscilla Boateng, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Personal Vs. Interpersonal Knowledge. Uncertainty Reduction Revisited

Andrew Bredland, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Brandon Van Der Heide, Michigan State U, USA

Sandi Smith, Michigan State U, USA

 A Systematic Review and Conceptualization of Social Media-Induced Connection

Zhiying Liu, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Anne Möller, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Johanna van Oosten, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jessica Taylor Piotrowski, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Developing Intercultural, Interpersonal, and Computer-Mediated Social Competence:

Cascading Effects in Competency Network Theory

Brandon Bouchillon, U of Tennessee Chattanooga, USA
Revisiting Family Communication Patterns: A Meta-Analysis of Their Effects across Cultures, Roles, and Developmental Outcomes
Li Crystal Jiang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Yiqian Gao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Wanqi Gong, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA
Beili Liang, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA
Yue Mai, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA

3305

Researching Audiences of Science Communication

Friday
12:00–13:15
1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Science Communication

Chair

Jenni Metcalfe, Econnect, AUSTRALIA



Participants

Where Am I in the Conversation? Underrepresented Groups (URGs)' Perceptions of Mainstream Science Media Content

Huiying (Amy) Ni, U of Georgia, USA

Michael Cacciatore, U of Georgia, USA

Sara Yeo, U of Utah, USA

  Bite-Sized Science: The Impact of Incidental Exposure to Science Information in Short-format Videos on Knowledge, Online Engagement, and Protective Behaviors

Jana Dreston, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Bianca Nowak, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Yannic Meier, U Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Cognitive Mediation Processes Across Cultures: A Multilevel Mediation Model of Media Attention, Elaboration, and Scientific Knowledge

Mengxue Ou, Peking U, CHINA

Liang Chen, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Lunrui Fu, Peking U, CHINA

When and for Whom? A Multilevel Examination of Attitudes toward Science and Technology

Mengxuan Cai, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Kokil Jaidka, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Measuring Public Knowledge About Science: The Impact of True/False Format and Don't Know Options

Gabriel Miao Li, Chapman U, USA

Matthew Berent, Matt Berent Consulting, USA

Jon Krosnick, Stanford U, USA

3306

BILLI-vering Narratives: Stories, Misinfo, and Disclosure Dynamics

Friday
12:00–13:15
1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Yuan Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Between Disclosure and Conspiracy: The Transparency Effect on r/UFO and r/UAP Subreddits

Marco Bastos, U College Dublin, IRELAND

Marisa Duarte, Arizona State U, USA

The Power of Stories Versus Statistics: How Evidence Type Shapes Community Endorsement of Vaccine-Science Skeptical Content and Counterspeech

Han Li, Cornell U, USA

Inhwan Bae, Cornell U, USA

Pengfei Zhao, Florida State U, USA

Natalie Bazarova, Cornell U, USA

Drew Margolin, Cornell U, USA
 From Verification to Amplification: Auditing Reverse Image Search as Algorithmic Gatekeeping in Visual Misinformation Fact-Checking
 Cong Lin, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Yifei Chen, Georgia State U, USA
 Jiangyue Chen, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Cuihua Shen, U of California, Davis, USA
 Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA
 Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA
 Anger and Fear Predict Individual Misinformation Sharing but Not Collective Patterns on Twitter
 Jula Luehring, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 David Garcia, U of Konstanz, GERMANY
 Josephine Lukito, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK
 Apeksha Shetty, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Annie Waldherr, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 The Public Sphere in Private Spaces: Quantifying Political Computer-Mediated Communication in Personal Messaging
 Ross Dahlke, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Jeff Hancock, Stanford U, USA

3307

Nowhere to Hide: Privacy and Surveillance in Global Perspectives

Friday
 12:00–13:15
 1.61
 (CTICC1,
 Lev 1)

Communication Law and Policy

Chair

Kimón Kieslich, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

Participants

Beyond Policy Texts: How Governance Culture Shapes the Public Perception of Autonomous Vehicles Privacy Policies in Shenzhen and Hong Kong

Yulu Ouyang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Pei Zhi, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Fen Lin, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Lang Kao, Hang Seng U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Qinxian Cai, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Haodong Liu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Jianping Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Wen Jung Li, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yi-Hui Huang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Going Beyond Contextual Integrity: Privacy Concepts, Attitudes, and Behaviors among Chinese Users of Algorithm-Driven Short Video Platforms

Shuhuan Zhou, Communication U of China, CHINA

Qingqing Lin, Tianjin U, CHINA

Dianlin Huang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Surveillance by Design: Comparing Privacy Policies across Three Generations of Social Media Platforms

Nathalie Schabio, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Saif Shahin, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Digital Governmentality and the Algorithmic State: AI Surveillance in Comparative Perspective

TT Sreekumar, English and Foreign Languages U, INDIA

Sreepriya Balakrishnan, U of Calicut, INDIA

3308

Navigating Trauma in African Journalism: Scholarly Foundations and Secondary Trauma

Friday **Journalism Studies**

12:00–13:15
1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Chair

Chikezie Uzuegbunam, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Organizer

Kealeboga Aiseng, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Trauma in African Journalism: An Introduction

Kealeboga Aiseng, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Chikezie Uzuegbunam, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Capturing the Unseen: Emotional Challenges of Documenting African Journalistic Stories

Theorose Dzineku, Kent State U, USA

“Bearing” Witness: Journalism, Genocide and the Weight of Trauma

Ronald Irwin, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Journalism, Obligation and Moral Injury

Richard Stupart, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

African Epistemology - A Panacea for Trauma Mitigations among Visual Rhetors in East Africa

Lydia Radoli, Daystar U, KENYA

This panel delves into African journalism, investigating the psychological and emotional burdens that sub-Saharan African journalists suffer as a result of covering others' violence, crises, and conflicts. We unpack empirical research, theoretical advances, and case studies of secondary trauma, exploring its contours, causes, and consequences, while also debating how journalism studies, media ethics, and organizational practice can better support the mental health and well-being of reporters in crisis contexts.

3309

Press X for Gender Norms: Masculinity and Femininity in Games

Friday

Game Studies

12:00–13:15

Chair

David Beyea, U of Wisconsin–Whitewater, USA

1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Participants

Cruel Performativity and Masculinity among Chinese Male Gamers with Disabilities

Hao Liang, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Zhongxuan Lin, Jinan U, CHINA

Decoding the Digital Gaze: A Mixed-Methods Study Using Deep Learning and SEM to Explain Adolescent Girls' Real-World Clothing Imitation

Jingwang Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Quanyue Zhang, Beijing Sport U, CHINA

Ruize Sun, Capital U of Economics and Business (CUEB), CHINA

Siyu Liu, Beijing Sport U, CHINA

Beyond the Skin: A Moderated Mediation Analysis of Female Character Portrayals in Chinese LoL

Yibo Yang, National U of Malaysia, MALAYSIA

(At Least for Men) Gaming Is Not a Gateway to Sexism

Simon Greipl, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Jannik Fischer, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

3310

Political Participation and Engagement

Friday

Political Communication

12:00–13:15

Chair

Olasunkanmi Arowolo, Lagos State U, NIGERIA

1.64
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Participants

Is My Life Linked to the Fate of My Racial Group? Modeling Communication Effects on Citizen Participation through Perceptions of Linked Fate

Joel Sandoval Valdez, U of California, Davis, USA

Zhengyi Liang, U of California, Davis, USA

Muhammad Rasul, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
Seungsu Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Jaeho Cho, U of California, Davis, USA

When Heavy Use Backfires: Curvilinear Relationships Between WhatsApp Engagement and Political News Exposure

Priyanka Dasgupta, Higher Colleges of Technology, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
A Linkage-Study on Instagram User Engagement with News Content

Kerria Drüppel, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY
Ruben Renz, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY
Simon Kruschinski, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Hanna Paulke, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Marcus Maurer, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Sabine Trepte, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

From Clicks to Action: Investigating the Relationship between Climate News Exposure and Political Participation

Patrick Zerrer, U of Bremen, GERMANY
Vasilisa Kuznetsova, Weizenbaum Institute & ZeMKI, U of Bremen, GERMANY
Hendrik Meyer, U of Hamburg, GERMANY
Lisa Merten, Leibniz Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute, GERMANY
Cornelius Puschmann, U of Bremen, GERMANY

How Fake News Literacy Translates into Political Participation through Media Locus of Control and News Consumption

Chang Sup Park, U of Oklahoma, USA
Jizhou Ye, U of Oklahoma, USA

3311

MIAU-generated Mayhem: AI Detection Biases, Diffusion Dynamics, Labor Impacts, and Literacy Gaps

Friday

12:00–13:15



**Auditorium
2 (CTICC1,
Lev 2)**

Communication and Technology

Chair

Michael Johann, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Participants

Detection and Spill-Over Effects of (Un)Labeled AI-Generated Images in Political Messages: Evidence From Two Experiments

Darian Harff, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

The Co-Produced “Imaginaris” Game: Why Generative AI Diffuses Rapidly in Chinese Internet Enterprises

Yuanzhao Yang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Quanzhong Guo, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Empowerment or Involution Trap? How GenAI Intensifies Labor Inequality in Chinese Newsroom

Xuewei Ma, Renmin U of China, CHINA

A Systematic Literature Review of the AI Literacy and Influencing Factors among Older Adults: Will the Elderly Use AI to Care About Their Health?

Ye Lin, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Shaohai Jiang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Detecting Synthetic, Doubting Authentic: AI Attribution Bias for Political Imagery

Harry Yan, Texas A&M U, USA

Ryan Moore, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Fangjing Tu, Stanford U, USA

Jeff Hancock, Stanford U, USA

3320

Perceptions of Mental Health and Treatment

Friday

Health Communication

12:00–13:15
2.41-2.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Moderator

Marco Yzer, U of Minnesota, USA

Participants

A Latent Profile Analysis of Heterogeneity in Depression Symptoms across Four Samples: Implications for Help-Seeking Interventions

Xun Zhu, U of Kentucky, USA

Marco Yzer, U of Minnesota, USA

Jason Siegel, Claremont Graduate U, USA

“This Didn’t Exist Back Then”: A Focus Group Study on Adolescents’ Perceptions of Mental Illness in the Context of Family, Peers, and Social Media

Dora Weubel, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Hannah Bauer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Kathrin Karsay, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Ruth Wendt, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Anne-Linda Camerini, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Narrative Entertainment as a Supplemental Tool in Therapy: Identifying Therapy-Relevant Content

Catherine Marple, Michigan State U, USA

Causal Models of Mental Health and Illness within Asian American Communities in the United States: A Scoping Review through 2025

ShuXian Mai, Rutgers U, USA

Jennifer Wong, Johns Hopkins U, USA

Supriya Misra, San Francisco State U, USA

3321

Obesity Prevention, GLP-1 Medications, and Social Media Discourse

Friday

Health Communication

12:00–13:15
2.44-2.46
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Moderator

Shreya Dubey, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Signal or Noise: Mapping Themes, Sponsorship, and (Mis)information in Anti-Obesity Medication Discourse on TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube

Shreya Dubey, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Monique Alblas, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Luc Hageaars, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Bibian van der Voorn, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Bastiaan Wallage, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Saar Mollen, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Eline Smit, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Message Design Matters: Assessing Persuasive Strategies in Obesity Prevention Campaigns

Monique Turner, Michigan State U, USA

Hee Jung Cho, Michigan State U, USA

Moonsun Jeon, Michigan State U, USA

Obesity-Related Knowledge and Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Consumption among Adolescents: A Systematic Review

Mahar Nirmala, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

May Lwin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Cross-Context Consistency in Injectable Weight-Loss Drug Intentions: A Multinational COM-B Analysis

Ge Zhu, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Di Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

3322

Demystifying Open Access

Friday **Sponsored Sessions**
12:00–13:15

2.61-2.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Open access (OA) publishing offers authors increased visibility, broader dissemination, and greater impact in today’s evolving scholarly publishing landscape. This interactive program guides participants through the different options available when submitting to all ICA journals. Attendees will gain practical insights into general definitions around open access publishing, institutional support, funder compliance, and strategies to enhance discoverability and engagement, informed by perspectives from the ICA and their publisher, OUP. Whether new to open access or refining an existing approach, the goal of this session is for participants to leave feeling confident in understanding the variety of pathways to OA publishing.

3323

PARTNER PANEL: IGS - How GS Can Help Us Understand AI

Friday **Partner Panel**
12:00–13:15

2.64
(CTICC1,
Level 2)

Chair
Lance Strate, Fordham U, USA

Participants
BookEnds, Revisited: The (Still) Changing Media Environment of American Classrooms
Peggy Cassidy, Adelphi U, USA
Artificial Intelligence and Its Consequence for Humanity’s Time-Binding
Thom Gencarelli, Manhattan U, USA
Prompting Sanity: General Semantics and the Language of Artificial Intelligence
Eva Berger, College of Management Academic Studies, ISRAEL
From Maps to Simulated Territories: General Semantics in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
Laura Trujillo-Liñán, U Panamericana, MEXICO
Coming to Terms with AI: A Non-Aristotelian Perspective
Lance Strate, Fordham U, USA

Innovations such as generative AI and Large Language Models represent the most significant development in communication since the advent of social media. Understanding their social and psychological implications and potential consequences is vital. General semantics provides a set of conceptual frameworks, models, methods, and tools that assist in critical assessment, enabling us to create “maps” that better represent the “territory” than we would otherwise, and can shed light on our emerging media and semantic environment. The papers in this session apply general semantics and related perspectives to clarify and demystify this new technological development, consider its implications, and evaluate its potential impact.

3324

AI and Politics

Friday **Political Communication**
12:00–13:15

2.65-2.66
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Chair
“Chris” Fei Shen, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants
Beyond the Habermas Machine: Rethinking the Democratic Meaning of AI-Assisted Deliberation
Seong Jae Min, Pace U, USA
“I Refuse to Accept the Election Result!” How AI-Generated Disinformation Affects Political Cynicism and Active Withdrawal in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election
Bohan Zhang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
Xinzhi Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Ran Wei, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
Will News Find Them with Generative AI? Exploring the Affordances and Potential of GenAI for News Consumption
Michael Reiss, Leibniz-Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute,

GERMANY

Eva Knor, Leibniz-Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute, GERMANY
Lisa Merten, Leibniz-Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute, GERMANY
Judith Moeller, Leibniz-Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute,

GERMANY

Confidence Engages; Understanding Withdraws: How Knowledge and Populist Attitudes
Shape Orientations toward AI and Participatory Governance across Three Countries

Yijia Zhu, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
Clara Juarez Miro, U of Barcelona, SPAIN
Heesoo Jang, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
Hao Xu, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

Prompted Predictions: How ChatGPT Competes with Pollsters

Hella de Haas, U of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, GERMANY
Jana Peters, U of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, GERMANY
Olaf Jandura, U of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, GERMANY

3330

Audience Engagement and Disengagement in the Global Context

Friday

12:00–13:15

Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Constanza Gajardo, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Participants

Mapping the Landscape of Audience Engagement: Definitions, Dimensions, Goals, and
Challenges

Bernadette Uth, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

“Having Fun and Learning Something”: How Users in Four Countries Define What News Is:
And Is Not

Tali Aharoni, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM
Amy Ross Arguedas, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM
Sayan Banerjee, Texas Tech U, USA
Camila Mont’Alverne, U of Strathclyde, UNITED KINGDOM
Benjamin Toff, U of Minnesota, USA
Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK
Richard Fletcher, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

The Politics of Disengagement: Understanding Political News Avoidance in Global Contexts

Renee Barnes, U of the Sunshine Coast, AUSTRALIA
Shangyuan Wu, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
Melissa Innes, U of the Sunshine Coast, AUSTRALIA

Correlates to News Non-Use: A Systematic Review

Erin Wertz, U of Warsaw, POLAND
Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA

The Social Side of News: Reassessing the Well-Being Costs of News Consumption and the
Value of Staying Informed

Hannah Greber, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Elena Broda, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN
Sophie Lecheler, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Cristian Vaccari, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

3331

Love, Loathing, and Loyalty: Fandom’s Hierarchies and Survival Tactics

Friday

12:00–13:15

Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Yongliang Gao, Communication U of China, CHINA

Participants

How I Love and Hate My Idol: Derisive Fandom (Ruzhui) and the Negotiation of Identity,
Emotion, and Morality in Chinese Fan Culture

Wenjun Zhao, Lanzhou U, CHINA
 Pengfei Fu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Feeling the Collapse: Fandom Meltdowns as Reactive Collective Participation and the Formation of Affective Publics
 Zhihong Li, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 “We’re Equal, but...”: Perceived Hierarchy and Collective Coherence in Chinese Online Fan Communities
 Jialin Miao, Columbia U, USA
 Xuan Ning, Beijing Normal–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA
 Yujiazi Zhou, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Wangmeiqi Wei, Beijing Normal–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA
 “I Criticize You, but I Still Care”: Ambivalent Affect, Reclaiming Agency and Algorithmic Survival Tactics of Chinese Ruzhui Fans
 Tianyi Yang, U of Massachusetts Amherst, USA
 Wenting Lu, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Loving through “Loathing”: A Grounded Theory Study of “Ruzhui” in Chinese Digital Fandom
 Michelle Le He, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Xi Wang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

3340

Global Communication and Social Change at 20: Lessons, Reflections, and Futures

Friday

Global Communication and Social Change

12:00–13:15

Chairs

Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Wenhong Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Dani Madrid-Morales, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Tracing the Origins of the Global Communication and Social Change Division
 Karin Wilkins, U of Miami, USA
 Taking Stock and Outlining Directions for Global Communication and Social Change Scholarship
 Silvio Waisbord, George Washington U, USA
 Are We Still Amateurs? Critiquing Media Power and/in Global Communication
 Florence Madenga, Boston College, USA
 Is There a There There? When the Fascination for the “New” Spirals into Aggregating Virtualities
 Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State U, USA
 Intellectual Geopolitics of GCSC: Reflections from Nanyang
 Jack Qiu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Marking its 20th anniversary in 2026, the Global Communication and Social Change (GCSC) Division convenes founding members, past chairs, and leading scholars to critically assess two decades of theoretical, methodological, and institutional evolution. Tracing the field’s trajectory from development and intercultural paradigms to digital, decolonial, and geopolitical perspectives, the panel interrogates shifting epistemologies and power relations, reaffirming GCSC’s enduring commitment to reflexive scholarship, inclusive dialogue, and communication as a vehicle for global equity and justice.

3341

Environmental Journalism: Practices, Frames, and Professional Challenges

Friday

Environmental Communication

12:00–13:15

Chair

Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Chang He, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

From “Heatwave as News Hook” and “Invisible Impacts” to “the Crisis Is Now”: Multimodal Issue Frames in Press Coverage of the Record-Breaking July 2022 UK Heatwave

Antal Wozniak, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Jill Hopke, DePaul U, USA

Beyond Siloed Solutions: Reimagining Environmental Journalism through Intersectional Citizen Reporting

Damilola Oduolowu, U of South Carolina, USA

Examining Sourcing Practices in Environmental Reporting across Arab Media: Patterns and Implications

Cristina Navarro, Gulf U for Science and Technology, KUWAIT

Rana AlOmari, Gulf U for Science and Technology, KUWAIT

Bahtiyar Kurambayev, Gulf U for Science and Technology, KUWAIT

Working for Society, or Against It: Perceptions of “Balance as Bias” among Kenyan Environmental Journalists

Shitemi Khamadi, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Sylvia Hayes, U of Exeter, UNITED KINGDOM

3342

Top Student Papers in Mass Communication

Friday

12:00–13:15

Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Mass Communication

Chair

Femke Konings, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Participants

Beyond Elaboration Likelihood: A Longitudinal Experiment on Information Seeking, Information Scanning, and Mental Health Attitudes

Annika Wilfert, Friedrich-Alexander-U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY

Nathalie Neuendorf, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Dominik Leiner, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Katharina Angermayr, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Sebastian Scherr, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Mood Management in the Digital Age: The Affective Dynamics of Media Multitasking in Everyday Life

Ulrike Schwertberger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Simon Greipl, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Coding Sensation-Seeking in Narrative Entertainment

Yan Wang, Michigan State U, USA

Ron Tamborini, Michigan State U, USA

Who Blames Which Victim? Selections and Interpretations of Crime Dramas About Sexual Violence

Bengisu Simsek, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Marie-Louise Mares, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

3343

Research Escalator

Friday

12:00–13:15

 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Media Industry Studies

Chair

Athina Karatzogianni, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

Discussants

Haumer Florian, Macromedia U, GERMANY

Catalina Iordache, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Alberto Lusoli, Toronto Metropolitan U, CANADA

Andreas Schellewald, Goldsmiths, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Cheryll Ruth Soriano, De La Salle U, PHILIPPINES

Participants

Strategic Utilisation of Countervailing Power in Resistance: How Chinese Micro-Drama Producers Counterbalance Political, Commercial, and Algorithmic Power

Jinwei Zhang, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Hui Lin, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

AI and the Marginal Literary Field: Examining Discourses around Literary Authorship, Legitimacy, and Inequality in the Global South
 Flavia Serafim, Wenzhou Business College, CHINA


The Organizational Identity of the VTuber Nakanohitos in the Digital Transformation of Chinese Media Industry
 Junyi Hao, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Yan Mao, Renmin U of China, CHINA

The Flow of Data: Why Platforms Are Acquiring Fulfillment Services?
 Silei Zhu, Rutgers U, USA

Subscribe to Intimacy: Platform Capitalism, Governance, and the Stratification of AI Companionship
 Jeff Jianfeng Lan, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 KJ Kaixin Deng, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA
 Yingjia Huang, Peking U, CHINA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Social Media and Adolescent Well-Being over Time

Friday
 12:00–13:15
 8.2
 (CTICC2,
 Lev 2)

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

Nancy Jennings, U of Cincinnati, USA

Participants

  From Days to Months: The Effect of Social Media Use on Stress among Adolescents Accumulates over Time

Teun Siebers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Ine Beyens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Loes Keijsers, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Patti Valkenburg, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Amber van der Wal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Asymmetric Temporal Dynamics in the Relationship between Social Media Use and Adolescents' Well-Being

Luisa Fassi, U of Cambridge, UNITED KINGDOM

Jessica Schaaf, Radboud U Medical Center, NETHERLANDS

Rogier Kievit, Radboud U Medical Center, NETHERLANDS

Amy Orben, U of Cambridge, UNITED KINGDOM

Laura Marciano, The Media School, USA

Individual Patterns in the Association between Social Media Use and Adolescent Well-Being

Jane Shawcroft, The Ohio State U, USA

Samantha Vigil, U of California, Davis, USA

Drew Cingel, U of California, Davis, USA

Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA

What They Share and How They Feel: Sentiment in Adolescents' Instagram Posts and Stories and Its Relation to Well-Being

Qiru Huo, U of California, Davis, USA

Ine Beyens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Amber van der Wal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Missing the Moment of Change? Concurrent vs. Cross Lagged Social Media Effect Paths and Adolescent Mental Well-Being

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Margot Lissens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Kathleen Beullens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Femke Geusens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Steven Eggermont, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Chelly Maes, U Libre de Bruxelles, BELGIUM

Gaëlle Vanhoffelen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Ilse Vranken, PXL U, BELGIUM

Lara Schreurs, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

The Risk Cliff: Social Media Platform Behavior Patterns and Adolescent Well-Being

Ben Libon, U of Georgia, USA

Lance Porter, U of Georgia, USA
Do Person-Centric Effects Need Person-Centric Measures? Investigating an Unaccounted-
For Explanatory Factor in Contemporary Social Media Effects Research
Michael Carter, Boston Children's Hospital, USA
Joel Sandoval Valdez, U of California, Davis, USA
Jane Shawcroft, The Ohio State U, USA
Maya Hernandez, Wellesley, USA
Samantha Vigil, U of California, Davis, USA
Allyson Snyder, U of California, Davis, USA
Linda Charmaraman, Wellesley, USA
Michael Rich, Boston Children's Hospital, USA
Drew Cingel, U of California, Davis, USA
David Bickham, Boston Children's Hospital, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Platformized Chinese Public Diplomacy: Narratives, Affects, and Hybrid Actors

Friday
12:00–13:15
8.3
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Public Diplomacy

Chair

Zhao Alexandre Huang, U Gustave Eiffel, FRANCE

Participants

Creating Buffer Zones through Influencer Identity: Wanghong Journalists and China's Digital Public Diplomacy

Yue Jiang, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

John Postill, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Mediating Techno-Nationalism: China's Global Image Construction through CGTN

Weiru Cheng, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Haoguang Li, Keio U, JAPAN

Affective Asymmetry: Cute Communication as China's Soft Power Strategy on Global Social Media

Xueting Zhang, Jinan U, CHINA

Beyond Great Wall, Chinese Cuisine and Panda: The Differential Effects of Traditional and Modern Cultural Artifacts on China's National Image

Di Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Xiaoyue Ma, Xi'an Jiaotong U, CHINA

Yong Zhou, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Building Soft Power with Foreign Influencers: An Alternative Framework to China's Public Diplomacy

Tianfang Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Fen Lin, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Imagining China from the Sidelines: Bystander Countries as Discursive Bridges in Global Media Imaginaries

Lin Wang, Fudan U, CHINA

The Cognitive Construction of Chinese Modernization among Global South Journalists from a Public Diplomacy Perspective: An Empirical Study Based on the "Reading China" Program

Program

Tianyu Zhou, Communication U of China, CHINA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Digital Ecosystems and Echo Chambers

Friday

Computational Methods

12:00–13:15
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Chair

Miriam Milzner, Weizenbaum Institute and Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

The Relationship between Offline Partisan Geographical Segregation and Online Partisan Segregation

Megan Brown, U of Michigan, USA

Tiago Ventura, Georgetown U, USA

Joshua Tucker, New York U, USA

Jonathan Nagler, New York U, USA

The Spiral of Silence in Echo Chamber: An LLM Agent-Based Simulation of Network Structure, Algorithmic Recommendation, and Polarization

Jinpeng Wang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Peizhuang Miao, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Xin Yu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

What Sustains Echo Chamber Resilience? The Interactive Effects of Individual Traits, Social Trust, and Information Environments: An Agent-Based Model

Xuebing Zhang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Hanqing Zhao, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Multilevel Community Ecology: How Relationships between Digital Groups Are Stronger at More Granular Levels of Analysis

Yibin Fan, U of Washington, USA

Nathan TeBlunthuis, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Benjamin Mako Hill, U of Washington, USA

Fortifying Digital Discourse: Identifying Critical Information Pathways and Network Resilience via Differentiable Percolation

Jia Yee Tan, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Detecting Coordinated Posting Behavior on Social Media: Introducing and Evaluating the Embedding-Based Tool ‘Coorsim’

Daniel Thiele, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Miriam Milzner, Weizenbaum Institute and Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

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Mobile Communication Top Student-Only Papers

Friday

Mobile Communication

12:00–13:15

Chair

Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Morgan Ross, Oregon State U, USA

Participants

The Dynamic Representational System of Navigation Software: Algorithm, Context, and Negotiation—How Digital Navigation Reshapes Spatial Knowledge and Mobility Practices

Xiaoyu Li, Sichuan U, CHINA

Hongjiang Li, Sichuan U, CHINA

Maintaining Mobility: Shared Bicycles’ Repair and Urban Commuter Life —An Ethnography Based on Urban Streets

Xing Li, Sichuan U, CHINA

Yahan Yang, Sichuan U, CHINA

Douyin Forgot Me: How Anthropomorphic Algorithmic Imaginary Intensify Precarity among Older Content Creators

Yingwen Wang, U of the Arts, London, UNITED KINGDOM

Hui Lin, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Beyond “No Other Choice”: The Restricted on WeChat, the State of Exception, and Their Structure of Feeling

Xinyu Wu, Wuhan U, CHINA

Selling Speed, Revoking Citizenship: Data Throttling, Instantaneous Downgrading, and the Politics of Connectivity in China

Yixuan Liu, Nanjing U, CHINA

Xianglong Wen, Nanjing U, CHINA

Friday
12:00–13:15
🌐 Westin
Ballroom
West
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Organizational Communication

Discussants

Oana Albu, Copenhagen Business School, DENMARK
Chantal Benoit-Barne, U de Montréal, CANADA
Patrice Buzzanell, U of South Florida, USA
François Cooren, U de Montréal, CANADA
Heewon Kim, Arizona State U, USA
Matthew Koschmann, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
Salla-Maaria Laaksonen, U of Helsinki, FINLAND
Chih-Hui Lai, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung U, TAIWAN
Laurie Lewis, U of Texas at San Antonio, USA
Kaisa Lindholm, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
Frank Meier, Copenhagen Business School, DENMARK
Craig Scott, U of Texas at Austin, USA
Anu Sivunen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
Keri Stephens, U of Texas at Austin, USA
Cynthia Stohl, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Organizers

Nicolas Bencherki, TÉLUQ Montréal, CANADA
Ward Van Zoonen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Participants

Examining How Servant Leadership Fosters Open Communication and Trust in the Workplace

Nawas Abubakar, Texas Tech U, USA

Access or Expertise? How Nonprofit Organizations Present Virtual Volunteering and Engage in Strategic Planning

Molly Han, U of Kansas, USA

Memory Politics and Mechanisms: Intergenerational Organizational Identity Dynamics in China's SOE Reform

Shuhan Jin, Peking U, CHINA

Xinle Fan, Peking U, CHINA

Yao Lu, Peking U, CHINA

Double-Voiced Organization: Carnavalesque Laughter between Dependence and Autonomy

Lana Bartusch, Leuphana U Lüneburg, GERMANY

Boukje Cnossen, Leuphana U Lüneburg, GERMANY

Windows That Matter: Managerial Determinations Shaping Employee Participation in Sociotechnical Change

Veronika Bak, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Chantal Ho, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Joao Goncalves, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jason Pridmore, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Reconceptualizing Fairness in Algorithmic Management through a Lens of (In)Visibility in Gig Work Contexts

Mir Rabby, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Leading AI Adoption at Work: A Communicative Constitution of Organizations

Investigation of the Organization's Leaders of AI Adoption

Miikka Huhta, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

"When I Realize I Can Work Virtually": Technology Perception and Communication across Workplaces

Xiaotong Liu, U of Texas at Austin, USA

"But You're a Man, Why on Earth Would You Even Consider Doing This?" Male Nursing Students' Experience of Inclusion and Exclusion

Stina Brøgger, U of Twente, NETHERLANDS


The Double-Edged Sword of AI: Investigating Conflicting Technological Frames in Online Community Moderation

Eric Fassbender, Northwestern U, USA
How Media Shape Organizational Gatekeeping: Framing Effects on Employability Perceptions of TGD Applicants
Thijmen Oosterbaan, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Anna Berbers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Anne Kroon, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Rethinking the Job Demands–Resources Model for Autistic Employees: A Communicative Exploration of Neurodiversity in the Workplace
April Yue, Boston U, USA
Scotti Branton, U of Arkansas, USA
Astrid Villamil, U of Missouri, USA
Joel Reed, U of Arkansas, USA
Grace Ji, Boston U, USA
Weiting Tao, U of Miami, USA
Rethinking Communication Research on Cross-Border Partnership: A Central Asian Case Study
Gulnoza Ibadullaeva, Kwansai Gakuin U, JAPAN
Communication Antecedents of Psychological Safety in Organizations: A Systematic Review Utilizing Attachment Style Theory
Jeannine Huber, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Ingrid Wahl, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Jens Hagelstein, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Sabine Einwiller, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Communicating Appreciation to Employees: The Role of Fairness
Raphaela Stibor, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Louisa Marko, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Sabine Einwiller, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Ingrid Wahl, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Aligning Perspectives: Developing Organizational Message Strategies for Attitudinal Alignment with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policies
Mengqi Zhan, U of Texas at Arlington, USA
Roger Gans, U of Texas at Arlington, USA
Crippling the Chair: Neurodivergence, Discourse, and Workplace Power in Corporate Hair Salons
Kara Starnes, U of Missouri, USA
Evan Kirksey, U of Missouri, USA
Timing Control: How Orders of Worth Structure the Temporal Legitimacy of Workplace Monitoring
Ryan Morgan, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
Matti Laukkarinen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
Rasa Jämsen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
Communication as Preventive Practice: Creation of a Neurobiologically-Informed Framework for Organizational Feedback and Culture
Malynnda Stewart, Compassionate Navigation, LLC, USA
Mary Kiura, Purdue U Fort Wayne, USA
Sarah Symonds LaBlanc, Purdue U Fort Wayne, USA
Resisting Communication Inequalities: Organizational Communication as a Minor Institution
Jo Katambwe, U du Québec à Trois-Rivières, CANADA
Emergence of Collective Actorhood in Platformed Organizing
Mia Leppälä, U of Tampere, FINLAND
Salla-Maaria Laaksonen, U of Helsinki, FINLAND
Erjon Skenderi, U of Helsinki, FINLAND
Sari Kivijärvi, U of Tampere, FINLAND
Ecological Mechanisms of Organizational Risk and Failure: A Comparative Study of Decentralized Finance and Fintech Populations
Chaeyeong Lee, Rutgers U, USA
Matthew Weber, Rutgers U, USA
Decolonizing Digital Advocacy: The Digital Rights Foundation’s Adaptive Organizing Against Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence in Pakistan

- Nida Khan, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Framing Innovation, Constructing Legitimacy: Organizational Sensemaking of AI by Chinese Tech Firms on WeChat
 Yunya Song, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG
 Qihan Su, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Qintao Huang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Miao Xu, Beijing Normal U–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA
 AI as a Catalyst for Rethinking the Ethical Core of Care Work: A Relational Approach
 Vilja Levonius, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, FINLAND
 Unpacking Digital Transformation in Local Chinese Media Organizations: A Structure–Process Perspective on Digital Capability Building
 Yu Qiao, Chinese Academy of Press and Publication, CHINA
 Shichao Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA
 Investigating the Capabilities of Artificial Intelligence in Automated Coding of Discourse Data During Team Collaborations
 Zongting Ge, U of Science And Technology of China, CHINA
 Li Feng, U of Science And Technology of China, CHINA
 Qizhi Xu, U of Science And Technology of China, CHINA
 Mengxiao Zhu, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA
 Memes and Meaning-Making, Upper Secondary Students’ Attitudes toward the World of Work
 Camilla Aarnio, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
 As a Woman, I Will Not Forgive an Organization That Lacks Credibility: Gendered Privacy Concerns and Credibility Perceptions After Privacy Violations
 Qiuting Duan, Shanghai U, CHINA
 Qi Zheng, Michigan State U, USA
 African Feminist Decolonial Hybridity: An Organizational Ethnography of Global South Organizing in the Global North
 Nancy Maingi Ngwu, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
 Calling as Affective Force: An Application of Photovoice and Nudge Theory to Access the Transcendental Forces Behind Calling
 Scott Branton, U of Arkansas, USA
 Virginia Sanchez, Marquette U, USA
 Patrice Buzzanell, U of South Florida, USA
 Arianna Molloy, Biola U, USA

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HMC Research Escalator

Friday
 12:00–13:15
 **Westin**
Ballroom
East
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Marco Dehnert, U of Arkansas, USA

Participants

When AI Disagrees with Me: Chatting with Artificial Intelligence Promotes Attitude Depolarization

Mengchen Zhou, U of Alberta, CANADA

Zheng Tu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Fine-Tune The Error, Align the Trust: Hallucination as Negotiation in China’s AI Training
 Xuqi Wan, Fudan U, CHINA

“Agentic Inquiry” as Critical AI Literacy: How Users Construct Distributed Trust in Generative AI through Cross-Platform Comparison

Jingyi Yang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zhiyi Wen, Communication U of China, CHINA

The Interactional Bias Loop: How Human-AI Feedback Modulates Social Bias
 Pei Luo, Fudan U, CHINA

Being Understood by AI: Technological Turn and Experiential Analysis of AI-Based Psychological Healing among Youth

Jing Guo, Jinan U, CHINA

Haohui Chen, Jinan U, CHINA

Human or Chatbot Lover? Implicit and Explicit Partner Choices in Human–Chatbot Relationships across Cultures

Paula Ebner, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Sonic Proxemics: The Hidden Symphony of Intimacy and Play

Hua-Chun Fan, U of Galway, IRELAND

A Parasocial Attachment Framework for Understanding Emotional Bonding with Generative AI Chatbots among Youth

Yue Yan, Northwest U, CHINA

Framing AI's Agency and Task Interdependence: Effects on Trust, Reliance, and Willingness to Collaborate

Soumyajit De, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Extending Reactance Theory to AI Vs. Human Persuasion

Qianyi Jin, Michigan State U, USA

Yuetong Du, Michigan State U, USA

Ran Liu, Michigan State U, USA

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InfoSys: Promising Student Papers

Friday
12:00–13:15
Diaz
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Information Systems

Chair

Glenna Read, U of Georgia, USA

Organizer

Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

Participants

Specters of Information Freedom: The Political Economy of Vector Governance, Power, and Inequality in the Generative-AI Era

Hung-Yen Hsu, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

When Algorithms and Privacy Matter: Contextual Pathways of Incidental News Exposure Shaping Internal Efficacy

Yuxin Chen, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

(In)visible Labour: How Data Manipulation Reshapes Labour Control and Consumption

Practices on Chinese Review Platforms

Ji Zhang, Fudan U, CHINA

Ying Qin, Fudan U, CHINA

Enacting Social Scripts: Algorithmic Rationalities in LLM-Based Negotiation

Lishuang Wei, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Zheheng Hong, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Chuanlin Ning, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Junbo He, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Are You in Control of Your Meetings? Autonomy Balancing Fatigue and Vigour in a Videoconferencing World

Shruti Malviya, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Does AI Underperform Humans in Advertising? A Multilevel Meta-Analysis of Agent Effects across Contexts

Xinlu He, Fudan U, CHINA

Xu Dong, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Zhenchao Li, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

He/She/It And I Are Not Equal: The Impact of Disabling Personalization on Continuance Intention to Chat with Generative AI

Yiran Liu, Peking U, CHINA

Shupeng Li, Peking U, CHINA

Yixin Weng, Peking U, CHINA

Ruoyu Zhou, Peking U, CHINA

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Machine Agency: Institutional Power, Individual Control, and Communicative Authority

Friday
12:00–13:15
de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Andrea Guzman, Northern Illinois U, USA

Participants

Who Is to Blame? Understanding of Responsibility Attribution across the Generative AI Ecosystem

Lotte Willemsen, Hogeschool Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Floor Fiers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Conceptualizing and Measuring AI Agency in Human–Machine Communication

Wenjing Pan, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Pengxiang Li, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Smart Punishment: Silence and the Communicative Power of Automated Enforcement

Josh Wei-Jie Hsiao, National Taiwan Normal U, TAIWAN

Ke-Yu Tsao, National Taiwan Normal U, TAIWAN

The Autopticon Effect: Power, Capital, and Affective Capture in the Age of AI Companions

Shiyi Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

Shiyu Zheng, Lancaster U, UNITED KINGDOM

Jieyi Ke, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

Heng Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

Nested Calibration: The Social Construction of Humanness on Alibaba.com

Yang Wu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Fen Lin, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Bringing together scale development, experimental studies, critical case analyses, and ethnographic work, the papers examine how machine agency is attributed, delegated, and negotiated across interactional, infrastructural, and institutional contexts. Collectively, the contributions show how communicative agency can transform into authority, discipline, and affective power, foregrounding critical questions of responsibility, harm, and governance in Human-Machine Communication.

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Resisting, Challenging, and Repurposing Platforms

Friday
12:00–13:15
Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)

Activism, Communication and Social Justice

Chair

Toussaint Nothias, New York U, USA

Participants

Recrafting Activism: Tactical Repurposing, Craft Platforms and Alternative Communication

Jaime Kirtz, Arizona State U, USA

Platform Trespassing: The Politics of Infrastructural Control within the U.S. Administrative State

Muir McCammon, Tulane U, USA

Contest for “Goodwill”: The Expansion of Stray Animal Rescue Platform and the Platform Resistance of Local Actors

Qian Wang, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Zheng Fang, Fudan U, CHINA

Resistance and Socio-Digital Inequity: A Literature Review

Maud van Roessel, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Will Marler, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Nadine Bol, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Sara Pabian, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Marjolijn Antheunis, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Kenya vs. Big Tech: Platform Accountability across Borders

Toussaint Nothias, New York U, USA

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Temporality, Mediation, and Construction of Meaning

Friday
12:00–13:15
Victoria & Alfred
(Westin, Harbour
Edge Level)

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Tanja Dreher, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Digitality as Zombie Analogicity

Marwan Kraidy, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

The Chronopolitics of Carcerality: Weaponizing and Contesting Temporalities under Lebanon's Penal Laws

Chafic Najem, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Museum as "a Stage of Mirror": The Politicized "Narcissism" in Museum Management

Junming Shi, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

Communicating Rupture: Museums, "Negative Justice," and Hiroshima

John Erni, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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BLUE SKY: What Is Political Influence in 2026?

Friday
12:00–13:15
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Blue Sky Workshops

Chair

Gabrielle Beacken, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Organizers

Márton Bene, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, HUNGARY

Aaron Hyzen, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Josephine Lukito, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Shannon McGregor, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Emily Van Duyn, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Herman Wasserman, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

What Is Political Influence in 2026? examines how emerging technologies, global inequalities, and shifting political contexts are reshaping the nature of political influence and its implications for democracy worldwide. This Blue Sky session convenes scholars from across communication disciplines, governance structures, and geographic regions to deliberate on the actors, tools, and settings defining political influence in 2026, and to collaboratively address its evolving methodological and theoretical challenges.

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**REPLAY (Recorded) FROM CAGAYAN DE ORO-Philippines Regional Hub:
Panagtagbo: Communicating across Difference, Place, and Power in Mindanao**

Friday
12:00–13:30
ONLINE-
ONLY
(online)

Regional Hub

Participants

Brian Adam Anay, Xavier U de Cagayan, PHILIPPINES

Carolyn Arguillas, MindaNews, PHILIPPINES

Hobart Savior, Xavier U de Cagayan, PHILIPPINES

This plenary brings together a media practitioner; a youth engaged in development work; and a cultural practitioner, playwright, and scholar to reflect on how communication unfolds within Mindanao's diverse and unequal contexts. Drawing from lived experiences, the session explores how they navigate cultural difference, geographic realities, and power dynamics. It highlights both tensions and possibilities, offering insights on how communication can bridge divides, amplify local voices, and foster more inclusive, context-sensitive practices.

3401

**(HYBRID) Disability and Inequality in African Contexts: Implications for
Communication Studies (CART)**

Friday
13:30–14:45
🌐 CTICC
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Theme

Chair

Lorenzo Dalvit, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Organizers

Meryl Alper, Northeastern U, USA
Elizabeth Ellcessor, U of Virginia, USA
Katie Ellis, Curtin U, AUSTRALIA
Gerard Goggin, Western Sydney U, AUSTRALIA
Beth Haller, Towson U, USA
Deanna Holroyd, Akita International U, JAPAN
Chelsea Jones, Brock U, CANADA
Jenny Kennedy, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA
Amanda Lagerkvist, Uppsala U, SWEDEN
Jingyi Liao, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Dyah Pitaloka, Monash U, Indonesia, INDONESIA
Samira Rajabi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
Valquiria Ramos Obregón, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE
Abdul Rohman, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM
Wenqi Tan, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Filippo Trevisan, American U, USA
Zhuoxiao Xie, Nanjing U, CHINA
M. Remi Yergeau, Carleton U, CANADA
Kuansong Victor Zhuang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Disability, Health and Exclusion in Africa: Notes (and Silences) from the Field
Leslie Swartz, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA
Hidden Voices: The Inclusion of People with Severe Communication Disabilities in the Media
Alecia Samuels, U of Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA
Ambiguous Visibilities of Disabilities on South African Public U Websites
Viwe Ndayi, Nelson Mandela U, SOUTH AFRICA
Gender, Sexuality, and Disability in Media in Africa
Tafadzwa Rugoho, Zimbabwe Open U, ZIMBABWE

This panel responds to a critical inequality in disability, communication, and media research: the absence and invisibilisation of disability knowledge from African societies. Bringing together four disability scholars conducting communication and media research centering African disability perspectives and experiences, this panel not only provides an imperative epistemic intervention into the ideological space of disability, communication, and media studies, but also crucially addresses the patterns and structures of disability exclusion in sub-Saharan Africa.

3402

(HYBRID) Advancing Sexual Politics (with Top Student Paper)

Friday
13:30–14:45
🌐 CTICC
BALLROOM
WEST
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Francesca Comunello, Sapienza U, ITALY

Participants

Sacred Boundaries, Queer Collisions: Negotiating National Belonging in the Online Same-Sex Marriage Debate in Greece
Lila Dimas, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS
Sexuality Harassment, Institutional Silence, and the Cost of Speaking Out: Why I Stayed Silent About My Sexual Harasser—And Why I Can’t Anymore an Open Letter to the Academic Community
Jimmie Manning, U of Nevada, Reno, USA
“Ignorance, Stupidity, Malice, and Worst of All: Hatred”: Online Reactions to Press Coverage of LGBTQ Political Leadership
Gilad Greenwald, Bar Ilan U, ISRAEL

Aya Yadlin, Bar Ilan U, ISRAEL
“We Can Cultivate Our Love for Women”: Heteropessimism, Gender Separatism, and
Lesbian Desire in Contemporary China
Eva Liu, Ohio U, USA

3403

CHAT-tering Conscience: Ethical AI, Immigrant Metaphors, and Deepfakes

Friday
13:30–14:45
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Megan Vendemia, West Virginia U, USA

Participants

Do No Harm or Do More Good? Ethical Moderators of the Perceived Naturalness of AI and Algorithm Aversion

Dayeon Eom, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dominique Brossard, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dietram Scheufele, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Trust in Artificial Intelligence in Communication Research: A Systematic Review and Network Analysis

Yunya Song, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Xuanyu Shi, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Jingyi Zhang, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Peiying Wu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

“AI” as “Artificial Immigrants”? A Content Analysis of Media Framing of AI Threats

Ying Qi Pan, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Stephanie Herrera, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Yifei Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

From Principles to Practice: Mapping the Evolving AI Ethics Discourse on Twitter (2022–2025)

Yanfei Wu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xingyue Dai, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Ki Joon Kim, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

3404

Transversal Feminist Politics, Digital Activism, and Movement Infrastructures

Friday
13:30–14:45
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Tania Rosas-Moreno, Loyola U, USA

Participants

Building Transversal Feminist Politics Online: A Digital Ethnography of Ni Una Menos (2015–2018)

Ayleen Cabas-Mijares, U of Miami, USA

Mediated Modernity and Feminist Voices: Digital Narratives of China’s Only-Daughter Generation

Yizhen Zhao, Communication U of China, CHINA

Communication, Context, and Inequality: Konadu Agyemang Rawlings’ 31st December Women’s Movement and the Reframing of Women’s Empowerment in Ghana

Felicity Dogbatse, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

Divine Aboagye, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

Matthew Eder, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Moralized Trigger Loops of Gender Politics in Alternative Media Spheres

Katharina Schöppl, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Life in Leggings and Caribbean Feminist Resistance: Solidarity, Care, and Digital Activism

Valentina Proust, U of Pennsylvania, USA

This session explores feminist organizing, coalition-building, and political mediation online.

3405**Women as Scholars, Workers, Activists, and Customers**

Friday
13:30–14:45
1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Communication History**Chair**

Kathryn Montalbano, U of Kentucky, USA

Participants

Help Wanted: The Role of Women in the Production of the Oak Ridge Journal, 1943–45

Joel Moroney, U of Tennessee, USA

Lori Roessner, U of Tennessee, USA

“C’est un(e) miraculé(e)?” Gendered Capital, Forced Migration, and Becoming Professor
Hilde Himmelweit


Terhi Rantanen, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED

KINGDOM

Desexualization and Resexualization of Clerical Writing: Chinese Typewriters and Female
Typists in Republic of China

Wanxi Mao, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Jinniu Zhang, U of Chinese Academy of Social Science, CHINA

 Critical Footprints in Early Functionalism: Rethinking the Origins of
Communication Research through the Work of Women Scholars

Esperanza Herrero, U of Murcia, SPAIN

Leonarda García-Jiménez, U of Murcia, SPAIN

Peter Simonson, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Selling the Digital Home: The Domestic Turn in Desktop Advertising

Fanny Ramirez, Louisiana State U, USA

Will Mari, Louisiana State U, USA

3406**Representation Matters: Marginalized Identities in Entertainment and News Media**

Friday
13:30–14:45
1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Mass Communication**Chair**

Bradley Bond, U of San Diego, USA

ParticipantsThe Inclusion Illusion? Examining the Representation of Minoritized Groups and
Intersectionality in Public and Commercial Primetime Television

Lise-Lore Steeman, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Serena Daalmans, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

“We Want Our Own Representation, Not Leftovers”: Black and Hispanic/Latinx Audiences’
Media Representation Narratives

Enrica Bridgewater, U of Michigan, USA

When it’s Your Own Child: Effects of Media Narratives on U.S. Parents’ Support for Their
LGBTQ+ Teen

Marie-Louise Mares, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Y. Anthony Chen, U of California, Irvine, USA

Depictions of Black Women on Streaming Television and the Exposure-Perception
Relationship among Black Women Viewers

Charise Lewis, U of Delaware, USA

Laila Kunaish, U of Delaware, USA

Morgan Ellithorpe, U of Delaware, USA

Marie Devlin, Independent Scholar, USA

Who Deserves to Belong? The Influence of Partisan News and Misinformation on Immigrant
Deservingness and Policy Preferences

Bixuan Ren, Syracuse U, USA

Nalae Hong, Syracuse U, USA

Lars Willnat, Syracuse U, USA

3407


Code, Platforms, and the Play-by-Play

Friday
13:30–14:45
1.61
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Sport Communication**Chair**

Yifan Wu, U of Alabama, USA

Participants

 Assessing How Fact-checks Influence Accuracy and Consensus Judgments: Evidence from the Olympics

Morgan Wack, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Voices of Authority or Algorithmic Bias? Exploring Inequality in AI vs. Human Sports Commentary

Fangni Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Social Media Use and Non-Revenue Collegiate Athletes in the NIL Era: Balancing the Prospects of Income and Connection with Mental Health Concerns

Lauren Smith, Rowan U, USA

Brandon D'Souza, Pennsylvania State U College of Medicine, USA

Jessica Myrick, Good Pug Media, USA

Cross-Platform Construction of Chinese Female Tennis Star Zheng Qinwen: Platform Logics, Gendered Nationalism, and the Redistribution of Sporting Visibility

Chenxi Yang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

3408

GATO on Misinfo: From Swedish Shootings to China Climate Corrections

Friday
13:30–14:45
1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Communication and Technology**Chair**

Kekeli Nuviadenu, Bethune-Cookman U, USA

Participants

Crisis Narratives and Networked Rumors: The Digital Information Landscape Following a Swedish School Shooting

Moa Eriksson Krutrök, Umeå U, SWEDEN

Simon Lindgren, Umeå U, SWEDEN

Enhancing User Willingness to Discern AI-Generated Information: A Nudge-Based Intervention Approach

Manli Wu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Lele Xu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

The Interplay of Platform Type and Social Capital on Pandemic Conspiracy Beliefs

Yunjin Kim, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Eun Cheol Choi, U of Southern California, USA

Chul-joo Lee, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Their AI Vs. Our AI: Is There a Hostile AI Perception in Correcting Climate Misinformation in China?

Yuan Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

The Double-Edged Sword of Media Literacy: Fraud Susceptibility and Trust Mechanisms among Older Adults in Deepfake Deception

Nan Peng, Jinan U, CHINA

Tingrong Zhi, Jinan U, CHINA

3409

Intercultural Communication in Africa: Confronting Inequality, Centering Local Voices

Friday
13:30–14:45
1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Intercultural Communication**Chair**

Valerie Biwa, Baruch College, City U of New York, USA

Discussant

Godfried Asante, San Diego State U, USA

Participants

Not Quite Nigerian: Problematizing Western-Sounding English in Nollywood

Doris Acheme, U of Georgia, USA

Theorizing Crisis Communication from an African Epistemological Perspective: The Case of Ghana's Informal Sector

Eric Karikari, Towson U, USA

Teresia Nzau, Messiah U, USA

Dreaming Decoloniality in/through Deathscapes

Jenna Hanchey, Arizona State U, USA

Towards an African Critical Orientation

Kundai Chirindo, Lewis & Clark College, USA

Breaking with Canonical Epistemologies: Knowledge-Making from Tamale to Soweto

Wunpini Mohammed, Cornell U, USA

We Remember Forward: Story as Archive and Horizon

Faizat Asifat, Arizona State U, USA

This panel theorizes intercultural communication through African contexts and epistemologies. Examining language politics, crisis communication, decolonial futurisms, and African philosophies of critique, the presenters challenge Eurocentric models of culture and communication. Drawing on case studies from Nigeria, Ghana, and African speculative fiction, they demonstrate how African communicative practices confront inequality, center relationality, and expand the field's theoretical horizons by grounding intercultural communication in African lived realities and worldviews.

3410

Toward an African Model of Media Systems

Friday

13:30–14:45

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Lev 1)

Political Communication

Discussant

Daniel Hallin, U of California, San Diego, USA

Participants

Africanising the Media Systems Tool: The Dimension of Media Markets

Franz Kruger, NLA College, NORWAY

African Media Accountability and State Influence: A South African Case Study

Taryn de Vega, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Media Ecosystem in Ethiopia: Polarised Voice, Polarised Identity and Media Practice in Times of Transition

Mulatu Moges, U of Agder, NORWAY

Towards an African Model of Media Systems

Adrian Hadland, U of Stirling, UNITED KINGDOM

This panel explores how media systems in Africa both reflect and reshape postcolonial political realities. Building on and critiquing Hallin and Mancini's comparative framework, contributors from South Africa, Scotland, and Ethiopia propose conceptual and empirical pathways toward an African model of media systems. The panel rethinks dimensions such as media markets, accountability, and political polarisation to foreground hybridisation, informality, and decolonisation within African media-state relations.

3411

PURR-suaded by Platforms: AI Manipulation, Opinion Leaders and Fatigue Factors

Friday

13:30–14:45



Auditorium

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Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Jennifer Gregg, U of Massachusetts Boston, USA

Participants

Navigating, Selecting, and Engaging: A Multi-Method Study of Social Media Information Use Practices among Older Adults

Luise Anter, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Martin Fischer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Anna Kuempel, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Digital Stress or Just Life? Integrating Digital Strains and General Life Stress in Explaining Personal Well-Being

Ceciley Zhang, California State U, Fullerton, USA

Ronald Rice, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

The Influence of Opinion Leadership Tendency on Social Media Fatigue: The Moderating Role of Objective Social Class

Yufei Hou, Xiamen U, CHINA

Xiaoli Wang, Xiamen U, CHINA

When AI Manipulates: Context-Dependent Effect and the Psychology of University Student Trust on Social Media

Siyu Peng, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Sirui Han, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Yike Guo, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

3420

Mental Health and AI

Friday

13:30–14:45

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Lev 2)

Health Communication

Moderator

Jason Siegel, Claremont Graduate U, USA

Participants

When Talking Freely to AI Helps or Hurts: Disinhibited Self-Disclosure, Perceived Support, and Mental Health Across Cultures

Li Crystal Jiang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Pingping Jia, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Sebastian Scherr, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Tetsuro Kobayashi, Waseda U, JAPAN

Bolin Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Understanding Me and My Symptoms: Evidence of Preferred Communication Features of AI Mental-Health Chatbots from Two Pre-Registered Studies in the US

Katharina Angermayr, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Nathalie Neuendorf, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Sebastian Scherr, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Keep It to Myself: A Qualitative Exploration of Cultural Influences on Coping Strategies and GenAI Perspectives in Mental Health Support among Asian International Students

Yen-I Lee, Washington State U, USA

Ying-Chia Hsu, U of Idaho, USA

Jiun-Yi Tsai, U of Oklahoma, USA

Jizhou Ye, U of Oklahoma, USA

3421

HIGH-DENSITY: Polarized Politics 2

Friday

13:30–14:45

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Jie Cui, Guangzhou U, CHINA

Participants

Criminals or Heroes? How Media Portrayals of Climate Activists Shape Affective Polarization

Clara Schultz, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Lisa Merten, Leibniz Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow Institute, GERMANY

Edda Humprecht, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Cornelius Puschmann, U of Bremen, GERMANY

It's the Politician, Stupid! A Moderated Mediation Model of Political Participation on Affective Polarization in Taiwan

Hua Li, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Qingyuan Zhao, Beijing Normal Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Zuquan Xiong, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG


- Reducing Political Polarization through Conversations with Artificial Intelligence
 Timon Hruschka, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY
 Markus Appel, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY
- The Multi-Dimensions of Affective Polarization: How Media and Political Systems Shape Emotional Divides in Multi-Party Democracies
 Qinfeng Zhu, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS
 Gabriel Miao Li, Chapman U, USA
 Fan Liang, Duke Kunshan U, CHINA
- Disentangling the Three Facets of Mass Ideological Polarization: A Network Approach to Mapping Disagreement, Constraint, and Sorting across 78 Societies
 Yufan Guo, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA
 Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
- Powered by (Discrete) Emotions? The Consequences of Affective Polarization for Perceived Freedom of Speech, Self-Silencing, and Political Outgroup Silencing
 Luna Laufer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Laura Gerstner, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Pia Kinzler, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Julia Stockwald, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Anna-Luisa Sacher, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Carsten Reinemann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
- Regulating the Other Side: Divergent Pathways from Perceived Effects of AI Disinformation Warning Labels to Regulatory Support amid Polarization
 Xinzhi Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Ran Wei, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Jingyi Pu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Ven-hwei Lo, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN
- The Differential Impact of Disagreement on Polarization: Simulating Opinion Dynamics across Interpersonal, Mass Media, and Social Media Contexts
 Johanna Schindler, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
- When Perception Meets Reality: How Actual and Perceived Polarization Drive Social Media Filtering through Psychological Stress
 Ruolan Deng, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Saifuddin Ahmed, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
- The Feeling Is Mutual? A Bayesian Cross-Platform Analysis of Social Media Use, Meta-Perceptions, and Affective Polarization in the United States
 Gabriel Miao Li, Chapman U, USA
 Qinfeng Zhu, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS
 Fan Liang, Duke Kunshan U, CHINA
- Destructive Polarization and Delegitimization of Democratic Institutions and the Media by Politicians
 Charli Heemskerk, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Wouter van Atteveldt, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Pieter van Boheemen, Democratie Monitor, NETHERLANDS
 Nel Ruigrok, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

3422

Top Student-Led Papers in Intergroup Communication

Friday

13:30–14:45

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Lev 2)

Intergroup Communication

Chair

Camiel Beukeboom, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Parent-Child Prejudice Talk: How Parents Talk to Their Pre-Adolescent Children About Racism versus Affective Polarization

Rachel Hutchins, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Lyn van Swol, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Moral Foundations and Social-Political Identity: Exploration of People of Color

Tommi Mayers, U of California, Davis, USA
 Narine Yeghyan, U of California, Davis, USA
 Seeking Identity in “Platform Swinging”: Media Usage Strategies of Chinese International Students Resisting Discrimination
 Chuwei Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Yunfang Cui, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Whose Responsibility? How Muslims and Majority Populations Perceive Bystander Intervention in Digital Hate
 Maryam Khaleghipour, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 “I Know You’re in There”: A Qualitative Study of Communicative Breakdowns and Technological Imaginaries in Alzheimer’s Caregiving
 Zuquan Xiong, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Wanhui Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Yao Lu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Qihan Su, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

3423

PARTNER PANEL: SACA - South Asia Communication Association Research Session

Friday
 13:30–14:45
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(CTICC1,
Level 2)

Partner Panel

Chairs

Serajul Bhuiyan, Savannah State U, USA
 Pradeep Sopory, Wayne State U, USA

Participants

To Share or Not to Share: Mental Health Disclosure Decisions among University Youth in Dhaka, Bangladesh

Fariha Afreen, Bangladesh U of Professionals, BANGLADESH
 Nadia (Nahrin) Rahman, Bangladesh U of Professionals, BANGLADESH

Accountability to Community Moderation: Health Misinformation in the Absence of Third-Party Fact-Checking - Evidence from South Asia

Ragendu R, Central U of Punjab, INDIA
 Rubal Kanozia, Central U of Punjab, INDIA

Listening the Communicative Struggle and Mental Health Narratives of Entrapped Brick Kiln Workers in India: A Culture-Centered Approach (CCA)

Anindya Deb, Central U of South Bihar, INDIA
 Ayush Anand, Xavier U, INDIA

Indian Cultural Influence through Online Yoga Practices in SAARC Countries

Charu Lata Singh, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, INDIA
 Vaishali Billa, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, INDIA
 Sunil Kumar Mishra, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, INDIA

Constructing the Drug Problem: Media Framing, Moral Hierarchies, and Inequality in Pakistani Newspapers (2020–2025)

Haram Fatima, Georgia State U, USA
 Faria Shaikh, U of Oregon, USA

Cancer Misinformation in the Digital Age: A Global Synthesis of Research Trends and Key Themes

Naman Naman, Central U of Punjab, INDIA
 Rubal Kanozia, Central U of Punjab, INDIA

Health Communication Challenges and Opportunities in South Asia: A Thematic Analysis of a Handbook

Uttaran Dutta, Arizona State U, USA
 Pradeep Sopory, Wayne State U, USA
 Gita Bamezai, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, INDIA

Artificial Intelligence in Newsrooms—The Future, Threats, and Challenges in South Asia Media Economy

Serajul Bhuiyan, Savannah State U, USA

Democracy in the Age of Deepfakes: A Study of AI-Enabled Disinformation Campaigns in

the Bihar Assembly Elections 2025
 Jayanta Kumar Panda, Berhampur U, INDIA
 Sasmita Dash, GIET U, INDIA

Journalism Under Democratic Stress in South Asia
 Serajul Bhuiyan, Savannah State U, USA

False News as a Moral Challenge: A Neodonomics Perspective on Social Media
 Madan Mohan Goel, Neodonomics School of Thought, INDIA

Silence without Spectacle: Rhetorical Framing of # Me Too in Bangladesh
 Lima Nath, Louisiana State U, USA

Caste-Gender Intersections and Algorithmic Bias among SC/ST Women in Telangana
 Rahul Dass, Mahindra U, INDIA

Speaking from the Margins: Indigenous Women's Lived Knowledge and the Rearticulation of Standpoint Theory in South Asia
 Aazadi Fateh Muhammad, Ohio U, USA

Reputation, Reach, and Resonance: A Public Relations Audit of Political Communication in the Digital Era
 Mona Gupta, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, INDIA
 Anupa Lahkar Goswami, Gauhati U, INDIA

Talking under Constraint: Mapping Online Discussions on Reddit During Bangladesh's Unrest Using Topic Modeling
 Nabila Mushtarin, Louisiana State U, USA

Metaphors of Motion and Causation in the Arthashastra
 Pradeep Sopory, Wayne State U, USA

3424

Influencers and Creators: Copyright, Cross-Cultural Adaptation, Co-Viewing, and Audience Orienting

Friday
 13:30–14:45
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Lev 2)

Media Industry Studies

Chair

Brandon Harris, U of Alabama, USA

Participants

Enchanted Sensemaking among Content Creators

Daniela Jaramillo-Dent, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Michael Latzer, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Mediation, Hybridity, and Reduction: A Strategy Repertoire of Cross-Cultural Adaptation among Chinese Content Creators

Jing Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Yiying Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Alternative Wikis, Fans, and the Codification of Copyright Norms

CJ Reynolds, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

D. Bondy Kaye, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Landrous Shen, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Blake Hallinan, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Watching Together: Uncovering the Value of Co-Viewing in Streaming

Sanchary Pal, Northwestern U, USA

Larry DeGaris, Northwestern U, USA

Edward Malthouse, Northwestern U, USA

The Effects of Streaming Video Valence and Arousal on Audience Orienting Responses toward Intrusive Advertisements

Rui Cai, Fudan U, CHINA

Haoqing Yu, Fudan U, CHINA

Xiaotong Dong, Fudan U, CHINA

Yujia Li, Fudan U, CHINA

Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

3430

War and Conflict Journalism on Social Media Platforms

Friday **Journalism Studies**
 13:30–14:45 **Chair**
Nerina Christian Strippel, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
(CTICC2, **Participants**
Lev 1) Bourdieu, Conflict Journalism and the Politics of Knowledge Entrepreneurs
 Osman Osman, New York U, USA
 James Wahutu, Yale U, USA
 Rethinking War Reporting: Credibility, Trust, and Audience Perception among Young
 Austrians
 Gisela Reiter, U of Applied Sciences Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Marian Adolf, U of Applied Sciences Vienna, AUSTRIA
 A Viral War: Threat Perceptions in Light of Social Media News Consumption on the Russo-
 Ukrainian War
 Tamás Tóth, Ludovika U of Public Service, HUNGARY
 Phelia Weiss, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Ines Spielvogel, Medical U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Invisible Risk: Metajournalistic Discourse and the Ethics of Protecting Fixers in Global War
 Reporting
 Mushfique Wadud, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
 An Assessment of Community Notes in the 2025 India–Pakistan Conflict: Challenges and
 Possibilities
 Jessica Braganza, Dublin City U, IRELAND
 Michael Otieno, Dublin City U, IRELAND
 Alessio Cornia, Dublin City U, IRELAND

3431

Participation and Reception: Agency across Sites and Platforms

Friday **Popular Media & Culture**
 13:30–14:45 **Chair**
Protea Xiao Yang, U of Macau, MACAO
(CTICC2, **Participants**
Lev 1) From Viewing Motives to National Pride: Media Engagement and Pop Nationalism
 Formation in Vietnam's Emerging Idol Industry
 Tu Truong, Louisiana State U, USA
 An-Binh Tran, Independent Scholar, CANADA
 Heritage in Motion: The Dynamic Cultural Memory Construction in China's Digital
 Museums
 Wan Nan, Nanjing U, CHINA
 Seeing Each Other: Urban Accessibility and the Visibility of Visual Impairment in Offline
 Audio Description Screenings
 Ji Zhang, Fudan U, CHINA
 Ying Qin, Fudan U, CHINA
 From Temple to Online Engagement: A Study of the Digital Dissemination and Participation
 Mechanisms of Mazu Folk Belief on Short Video Platforms
 Xi Lin, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Affect Transfer Revisited: How Computationally Quantified Emotional Diversity Shapes
 Brand Attitudes
 Yunchi Wang, South China U of Technology, CHINA
 Wanyi Li, South China U of Technology, CHINA

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Mediating Geopolitics and Conflict

Friday **Global Communication and Social Change**

13:30–14:45
Daisy
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Lev 2)

Chair

Jack Qiu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Between Pride and Shame: Diasporic Perceptions of the Kremlin’s “Russian World” Ideology in Sweden

Kirill Filimonov, Uppsala U, SWEDEN

Defeat Operation Igloo White: Expansive Media and the Restoration of Wartime Equality on the Ho Chi Minh Trail

Jack Qiu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Thi Nguyen, Yale U, USA

Framing Foreign Policy: A Historical Analysis of the Coverage of Afghan Conflict in the Elite Press of Four Asian Countries

Azmat Rasul, Zayed U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

India Out Campaign: Populism, Hegemony, and the Politics of Sovereignty in the Maldives

Mariyam Manik, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Great Powers as Evil or Savior? The Impact of War on Shenbao in Late Qing China (1880–1911)

Xiaoyi Zhang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Jingjing An, Nanjing U, CHINA

Yangdong Liu, Nanjing U, CHINA

Cheng-Jun Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

3441

Greenwashing: Discourses, Practices, and Governance

Friday

Environmental Communication

13:30–14:45
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Chair

Wei Wang, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Participants

ESG Social Noise: Greenwashing on Xiaohongshu and Silencing Community Environmental Laborers

Keira Deng, Communication U of China, CHINA

Stella Chen, Central South U, CHINA

Does Large Language Model-Generated Advertising Copy Exhibit Greenwashing

Tendencies? An Algorithmic Audit of Deepseek and ChatGPT

Yiran Liu, Nanjing U, CHINA

Shuining Wang, Peking U, CHINA

The Construction of Greenwashing: A Systematic Framework for Identifying and Systematizing Greenwashing and Other Washing Phenomena

Thomas Koch, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Nora Denner, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Juliane Keilmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

ESG “Greenwashing” in Multinational Energy Firms: A Cross-Platform Critical Discourse Analysis

LeCheng Zhang, Central South U, CHINA

Chengzhang Zhu, Central South U, CHINA

Wenxing Yu, Central South U, CHINA

Jie Feng, Central South U, CHINA

Soft Governance: A Grounded Theory Study on Chinese Consumers’ Motivations and Strategies for Participating in the Governance of Greenwashing

Tong Zhang, Wuhan Polytechnic U, CHINA

3442

HIGH-DENSITY: Playing to Power Up: Games, Well-Being, and Empowerment

Friday

Game Studies

13:30–14:45
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Chair

Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

Participants

“Earth ONLINE”: The Expressive Pathways and Therapeutic Potential of Gamified Rhetoric in Narrating Netizens' Survival Anxiety

Lixing Wang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Xinrui Liu, Hunan U, CHINA

Zhaoyang Wang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Promoting Cognition and Well-Being in Older Adults: An Exergaming Intervention to Increase Motivation as Guided by the Self-Determination Theory

Kimberly Miracle Wei Yan Tan, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Bing Xun Chia, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Yuezhong Liu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Jiahui Jin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Edmund W.J. Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Navrag B. Singh, Singapore-ETH Centre, SINGAPORE

Sai G.S. Pai, Singapore-ETH Centre, SINGAPORE

Aaryan Aggarwal, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Vered Seidmann, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Yin-Leng Theng, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Game Design as Critical Empowerment: Teaching Juvenile Offenders to Reflect on Crime and Social Structures through Twine Narratives

Yuantong Yun, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Xinyu Kang, Peking U, CHINA

Games behind Bars: Resource Scramble, Relational Networks, and Power Resistance in Prison Gaming Practices

Yuantong Yun, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Xinyu Kang, Peking U, CHINA

Meaningful Play as Protection: Eudaimonic Gaming Motives and Problematic Gaming among Adolescents

Eva Grosemans, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Rozane De Cock, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Aaleks Kasemi, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Bieke Zaman, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Contextualizing Game Effects: Family Communication, Parenting Style, and the Nonlinear Relationship between Video Game Use and Adolescent Social Competence

Li Tian, Peking U, CHINA

Jia Lun Li, Peking U, CHINA

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Instructional and Developmental Communication Research Escalator

Friday

13:30–14:45

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Lev 2)

Instructional and Developmental Communication

Moderators

Stephen Croucher, Clemson U, USA

Stephanie Kelly, North Carolina A&T State U, USA

Participants

Towards a Multi-Dimensional Framework of AI Literacy in Higher Education

Charmaine Voigt, U of Rostock, GERMANY

Instructional Design for Digital Equity: A Cognitive Load Perspective on Cross-Disciplinary Communication-AI Education

Min Zhou, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Feiyang Chen, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

College Student Narratives of Resilience and Hope during COVID-19

Rebecca Leach, U of Arkansas, USA

Matthew Spialek, U of Arkansas, USA

Amnee Elkhaliid, U of Arkansas, USA

Scott Branton, U of Arkansas, USA

Genre-Based Pedagogy: Journalism as a Framework for Emerging Traditions in TESOL

Education

Grace Smith, U of South Florida, USA
Sofia Johansson, U of South Florida, USA

Passthrough vs. Virtual Reality: Which One Is Better for Learning? Perceived Learning with a Virtual Instructor via Body Agency, Spatial Presence, Humanization, and Social Presence

Dayeoun Jang, Michigan State U, USA
Qiyang Lin, Michigan State U, USA
Caelan Moglovkin, Michigan State U, USA
Alex Lover, Michigan State U, USA
Langston Key, Michigan State U, USA
Rabindra (Robby) Ratan, Michigan State U, USA

Qualitative Analysis of Wellness Content Incorporated in Basic Course Curriculums

Brigitte Dietz, Purdue U, USA
Savannah Meier, Purdue U, USA

Breaking the Cocoon of Silence: How AIGC-Powered Musicals Build Communication

Bridges for Rural Left-Behind Children in China Word Count: 1498 Student

Zhen Liu, Communication U of China, CHINA
Yuming Shi, Communication U of China, CHINA
Dongjun Cai, Communication U of China, CHINA

Developing and Validating the Youth AI Literacy Scale (YAILS) among Vulnerable Groups

Tania Azadi, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Leen d'Haenens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Ans De Nolf, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Cristina Ponte, NOVA U of Lisbon, PORTUGAL
Estrella Luna Muñoz, NOVA U of Lisbon, PORTUGAL
Verónica Donoso, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Marisa Torres da Silva, NOVA U of Lisbon, PORTUGAL
Susana Batista, NOVA U of Lisbon, PORTUGAL

Information Empowerment for Teens: Using Experiential Learning to Raise Media Literacy Levels without Raising Media Cynicism and Nihilism

Ashley Muddiman, U of Kansas, USA
Tamar Wilner, U of Kansas, USA
Huaimin Wen, U of Kansas, USA
Sarah Cavanah, U of Kansas, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: When Parenting Meets Platforms: Sharenting, Family Media Practices, and Parental Mediation

Friday

13:30–14:45

 8.2

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Lev 2)

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

Cara Swit, U of Canterbury, NEW ZEALAND

Participants

Unraveling the Role of Digital Media within Family Interactions From a Family System Approach: A Qualitative Study

Nele Janssens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Stine Johansen, Aarhus U, DENMARK
Kathleen Beullens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Family Media Ecology as a Developmental Context for Late Talkers: A Longitudinal Perspective

McCall Booth, Georgetown U, USA
Rachel Munk, U of Alberta, CANADA
Sarah Ashby, Brigham Young U, USA
Boston Park, Brigham Young U, USA
Cambria Siddoway, Brigham Young U, USA
Rachel Barr, Georgetown U, USA
Annette Sundqvist, Linköping U, SWEDEN
Sarah Kucker, Southern Methodist U, USA
Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA

- Jenny Radesky, U of Michigan, USA
 Heather Kirkorian, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Parenting the Screen Generation: Profiles, Predictors, and Outcomes of Parental Media Mediation in Childhood
 Ines Boeckxstaens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 Nele Janssens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 Kathleen Beullens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 Lara Schreurs, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 When Consensus Inhibits Action: Coparenting Agreement as a Boundary Condition for EPPM in Chinese Grandparental Smartphone Mediation
 Sixia Quan, South China U of Technology, CHINA
 Young Children’s Screen Time, Executive Functions, and Language Development: Longitudinal Moderation of Parent/Child Co-Viewing and Media Content
 Chris Porter, Brigham Young U, USA
 Laura Stockdale, Brigham Young U, USA
 Hailey Holmgren, Brigham Young U, USA
 Ashley Fraser, Brigham Young U, USA
 Talise Hirschi, Brigham Young U, USA
 Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA
 A Co-Creation between Children, Parents and Experts: Toward Ethical Guidelines on In-Home Ethnographic Social Media Research
 Yana Degroote, Ghent U, BELGIUM
 Liselot Hudders, Ghent U, BELGIUM
 Tom De Leyn, Hasselt U, BELGIUM
 Institutionalized Sharenting: Industry Dynamics Shaping Children’s Visibility in Influencer Content
 Emma Beuckels, U Ghent, BELGIUM

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Transforming ICA/Challenging Exclusionary Disciplinary Structures: Reflecting on Twenty-Five Years of ERIC in a Time of Crisis

Friday
 13:30–14:45

Ethnicity & Race in Communication
Global Communication and Social Change
Feminist Scholarship

 **8.3**
 (CTICC2,
 Lev 2)

Chair

Isabel Molina, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Participants

ERIC: From the Margins to the Core and Marginalized Again

Isabel Molina, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

The Making of Race and Ethnicity

Kumarini Silva, U of North Carolina, USA

For Dialogue, Solidarity and Difference in Academia and Beyond

Myria Georgiou, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED

KINGDOM

Twenty Years of Disruption: How the ERIC Division Inspired the Oxford Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Communication Challenging Exclusionary Disciplinary Boundaries

Federico Subervi-Velez, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Sudeshna Roy, Marquette U, USA

Challenges and Opportunities Ethnic and Racial Scholarship in Times of Populism and Authoritarianism

Yossi David, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

During a moment when ethnic, racial, diasporic, and immigrant minority communities and scholars are under political attack by nationalist regimes and movements throughout the world, it is more critical than ever to reflect on the intellectual, scholarly, and institutional role of the Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division. On its 25th anniversary, the panelists demonstrate the need, relevance, and significance for the study of race, ethnicity, and diaspora in communication in a time of crisis.

Friday
13:30–14:45
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Science Communication**Chair**

Michelle Riedlinger, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Misinformation and Climate Change: A GenAI Version of “Balance as Bias”

Mengyuan Fu, Waseda U, JAPAN

Kunhao Yang, Shibaura Institute of Technology, JAPAN

Mikihito Tanaka, Waseda U, JAPAN

Seeing Climate Change from Distant to Close? Multimodal Representations of Construal Level and Audience Engagement with Climate Change Videos on YouTube

Xiaoyue Yan, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Mike Schäfer, U Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Conversational AI in Science Communication: Evaluating the Accuracy of ChatGPT on Climate Science

Stephanie Jean Tsang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Deliberation in the Digital Sphere: Climate Scientists and Public Debate on Social Media

Stephan Schlögl, U of Passau, GERMANY

Paula Kolhep, U of Passau, GERMANY

Hannah Schmid-Petri, U of Passau, GERMANY

Advocacy in the Digital Public Sphere: Examining Climate Scientists’ Role Performance and Audience Reactions on Social Media

Paula Kolhep, U of Passau, GERMANY

Stephan Schlögl, U of Passau, GERMANY

Chronicles of Crisis: An Automated Content Analysis of How Global News Media (Re-)Label Climate Change (2006–2022)

Xiaoyue Yan, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Mike Schäfer, U Zurich, SWITZERLAND

When AI Speaks for Science: Algorithmic Authority and Epistemic Inequality in AI-Mediated Science Communication

Zhang Xinqiao, U of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, CHINA

Friday
13:30–14:45
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Information Systems**Chair**

Sijia Qian, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

Participants

 Building Resilience to Misinformation: A Cross-National Development of the Digital Media and Information Literacy Scale (DMILS)

Sijia Qian, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

Cuihua Shen, U of California, Davis, USA

Huiyi Wang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Hichang Cho, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

From Simple Rebuttal to Substantiated Disagreement: Public Refutations and Toxicity in Social-Mediated Disaster Information Ecosystems

Junheng Qian, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

Wenlin Liu, U of Florida, USA

Xinyan Zhao, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

To Share or Not to Share, That Is the (Moral) Question: How Moral Frames and Bystander Cues Shape Health Misinformation Correction Sharing on Social Media

Yujie Dong, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

The Confidence–Engagement Paradox: Parallel Paths to Social Media Misinformation Interaction among Young Adults


Stefanie Demetriades, DePaul U, USA

Mapping Cross-Platform Diffusion of Misinformation and Corrections in the Chinese Media Ecosystem

Xiao Meng, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Xucheng Cao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Ye Sun, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Xiaohui Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Cultural Moderators in Combating Misinformation: How Information-Seeking Behavior Shapes the Weight of Trust Cues
 Gwiwon Nam, U of Florida, USA
 Sylvia Chan-Olmsted, U of Florida, USA
 From Misinformation Correction to Online Deliberation: Auditing Community Notes as a Socio-Technical System
 Mingfei Sun, Fudan U, CHINA
 Yuzhou Tao, Xi'an International Studies U, CHINA
 Shaojing Sun, Fudan U, CHINA
 Emotion Impact and Contagion Mechanism of Mis/Disinformation: A Network-Based Analysis
 Qiuyi Chen, Fudan U, CHINA
 When Verification Backfires: Examining the Roles of Digital Social Pressure and Information Verification during a Pandemic
 Kaiming Su, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

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HIGH-DENSITY: Machines as Kin, Caregiver, and Companion

Friday
 13:30–14:45
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Jaime Banks, Syracuse U, USA

Participants

“Can You Be My Mom?” Exploring Human Interactions with Role-Based Chatbots

Yan Zhang, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Mihye Seo, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Baby, Don't Cry, Mom Will Always Love You: Resilience Communication of Virtual Kinship and Emotional Formation in a Liquid Society

Yilin Li, Shaanxi Normal U, CHINA

Kuang Jun Yuen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Communication, Collaboration and Adaptation: Symbiotic Domestication of AI Parenting Practices in Chinese Families

Duo Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Jingzhi Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Talking About Evocative Communication: Emotional Connections with AI-Enabled Chatbots

Margot van der Goot, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jiayi Yan, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Yajing Wang, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Yiran Zi, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Exploring the Longitudinal Influence of AI Companion Affordances on Emotional Resilience and Problematic Use: A Cross-Lagged Panel Network Approach

Ngoc Linh Nguyen, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Lianshan Zhang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Methodologies and Measures to Evaluate Human-Robot Relationships: Preliminary Results of a Scoping Review

Tessa Beinema, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Marieke van Otterdijk, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Peggy van Minkelen, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Caterina Ceccato, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Elly Konijn, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Veerle Hobbelink, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Roma de la Torre y Rivas, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Social Compensation through Selective Self-Disclosure in User-Smart Speaker Communication within Digital Companionship Contexts

Yudi Huo, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Xiaoyue Ma, Xi'an Jiaotong U, CHINA
Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

This session examines how machines become relational partners embedded in practices of care, kinship, and companionship. Across qualitative, longitudinal, and review-based studies, the papers show how social roles, attachment, disclosure, and domestication processes shape human–AI relationships over time. The contributions address emotional support, parenting, family life, and everyday interaction, while also reflecting on methodological and theoretical challenges. Together, the session advances Human–Machine Communication by theorizing machines as relational actors within evolving social and familial ecologies.

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The Ambivalence of Activist Visibility in Authoritarian Contexts

Friday
13:30–14:45
 **Westin**
Ballroom
East
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Katy Pearce, U of Washington, USA

Participants

“We Will All Get in Trouble”: The High Stakes of Disclosing Activism in Authoritarian Azerbaijan

Katy Pearce, U of Washington, USA

Contested Visibility: Digital Feminist Activism and Mediated Resistance in Iran

Mitra Shamsi, Ruhr U Bochum, GERMANY

Loving-Women Practices as Vernacular Feminism: Gendered Performance and Everyday Resistance in China’s Digital Culture

Shuti Gu, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

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When the Machine’s “Soul” Dies: Proximity, Breakdown, and Reconfiguration

Friday
13:30–14:45
Diaz
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Human-Machine Communication

Participants

Same AI, Different Relationship? Device Context and Human–AI Communication with Large Language Models

Keerthana Govindarazan, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Chaehyeon Lim, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Jungwoo Jang, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Hayeon Song, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

S. Shyam Sundar, Pennsylvania State U & Sungkyunkwan U, USA

My Beloved Was a Meteor: Understanding Human–AI Emotional Loss and Reflective Narratives on Social Media

Zhiming Liu, U of Macau, MACAO

Yiran Wang, Sorbonne U, FRANCE

Chunyan Huang, U of Macau, MACAO

“Come Back to Life, My Love”: The Technical Nomadism Practices of GPT-4o Refugees from an Affordance Perspective

Yijia Xiao, Communication U of China, CHINA

“My AI Lover Was ‘Killed’”: A Mixed Study of “Algorithmic Grief” among AI Users

Jieru Fan, Communication U of China, CHINA

YiTing Liu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Chenxi Zhao, Xi’an U of Posts and Telecommunications, CHINA

Jiatong Liang, Xi’an U of Posts and Telecommunications, CHINA

AI as Affective Infrastructure: A Quasi-Experimental Study of the Mental Health Impacts of AI Platform Updates

Renwen Zhang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Ziyue Feng, U of Chicago, USA
Koustuv Saha, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

This session examines how human–AI relationships are shaped, strained, and sometimes disrupted by socio-technical contexts. Focusing on everyday interactions with generative AI, the papers show how trust, intimacy, closeness, and withdrawal emerge through device use, psychological evaluation, and platform instability. Drawing on interviews, experiments, netnography, and mixed methods, the session highlights how users negotiate boundaries, re-stabilize relationships under infrastructural change, and experience forms of algorithmic grief, positioning human–AI communication as fragile and context-dependent.

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BLUE SKY: Is Religion a Blindspot at ICA? Should It Be?

Friday
13:30–14:45
de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Blue Sky Workshops

Chair

Stewart Hoover, U of Colorado, USA

Organizers

LaRisa Anderson-Horne, U of Utah, USA

Sarah Banet-Weiser, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Nick Couldry, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Cherian George, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Amy Jordan, Rutgers U, USA

Zizi Papacharissi, U of Illinois Chicago, USA

Rebekka Rieser, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Despite its persistent, even growing importance in culture and politics worldwide, religion remains an infrequent topic at ICA. Robust scholarships of religion, media, and communication exist in many peer academic associations. Shouldn't ICA also encourage work in this area? Or should it not? The discussion will feature a diverse range of views on conceptual, theoretical, and practical dimensions of the question.

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Aging, Disparities, and Health Information Seeking

Friday
13:30–14:45
Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)

Health Communication

Moderator

Edmund Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants

Bridging or Widening the Gap? The Mediating Role of Telehealth and Health-Related Social Media Use in the Association between Healthcare Barriers and Quality of Care among Older Adults

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Ye Lin, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Siyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Bowen Zheng, Communication U of China, CHINA

Shaohai Jiang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

The Invisible Barrier: Self-Ageism In Older Adults' Dementia Screening Intention

Jiahui Jin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Benjamin (Benjy) Li, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Yin-Leng Theng, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Examining Dementia-Related Information Seeking in the Greater Bay Area (GBA): An Application of the Planned Risk Information-Seeking Model (PRISM)

Ruilin Zheng, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Li Crystal Jiang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Ron Kwok, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Kannie W. Y. Chan, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xinyue Li, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Edmund W.J. Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

From External Factors to Health Action: An Extended Cognitive Mediation Model

FeiHong Pan, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Huanyu Bao, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Edmund Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Designing a Communicative Intervention to Improve Dementia Information Support and Address Health Inequalities for Minority Ethnic Communities in the UK: An Underpinning Study and Intervention Planning Using a Socio-Ecological Approach

Qian Gong, U College London, UNITED KINGDOM

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Friday
13:30–14:45
Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)

Misinformation, Fact-Checking, and Media Skepticism across the World

Journalism Studies

Chair

Karin Assmann, U of Georgia, USA

Participants

Fact-Checkers' Perceptions of Their Roles and Challenges in Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa

Christian Nounkeu Tatchou, Mid Sweden U, SWEDEN

Chikezie E Uzuegbunam, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Chinedu Richard Ononiwu, Nnamdi Azikiwe U, NIGERIA

Enock Magack Masaki, Howard U, USA

From Fact-Checks to Informed Citizens: Investigating Political Knowledge Effects with Longitudinal Data

Babette Hermans, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Cato Waeterloos, Hasselt U, BELGIUM

Michael Opgenhaffen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Fake News Literacy in the Digital Age: A Serial Mediation Approach to News Consumption

Chang Sup Park, U of Oklahoma, USA

Jizhou Ye, U of Oklahoma, USA

H M Murtuza, U of Oklahoma, USA

Md Oliullah, U of Oklahoma, USA

Kenny Adesina, U of Oklahoma, USA

Elizabeth Flores, U of Oklahoma, USA

Between Concern and Epistemic Vigilance: How People Think About AI-Generated Misinformation in Three Countries

Felix Simon, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Amy Ross Arguedas, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Richard Fletcher, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

“You Have to Piece Together What the Truth Is”: How Media Skepticism Shapes Information Consumption and Verification Online

Sang Jung Kim, U of Iowa, USA

Kathryn Biddle, U of Southern Mississippi, USA

Brian Ekdale, U of Iowa, USA

William Hand, U of Iowa, USA

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Friday

Friday Interactive Poster Session

Sponsored Sessions

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

This session includes posters from Activism, Communication, and Social Justice, Communication Law and Policy, Communication Science, and Biology, Interpersonal Communication, Journalism Studies, Language and Social Interaction, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies, Mobile Communication, Political Communication, and Popular Media & Culture.

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Activism, Communication, and Social Justice Poster Session

Friday

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

1. The Social Impact of Collaborative Filmmaking: Minimizing Inequalities in Audiovisual Creation
Juanjo Balaguer, U Carlos III, SPAIN
Arnau Gifreu Castells, U Autònoma de Barcelona, SPAIN
2. Liquid Humour and Soft Xenophobia: Contesting Belonging in South Africa's Digital Spaces
Trust Matsilele, Birmingham City U, UNITED KINGDOM

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Communication Law and Policy Poster Session

Friday

Communication Law and Policy

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

3. Catalyzing Health Policy Shifts through Social Marketing in Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation: Comparative Insights from South Africa, Ghana, and Kenya
Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
Haoyu Yang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
Ping Song, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
Yahao Liu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

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CSaB Poster Session

Friday

Communication Science, and Biology

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

4. Why Do You Watch This Rough Stuff? Assessing Predictors of Female Pornography Preferences
Maximilian von Andrian-Werburg, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY
Sascha Schwarz, U of Wuppertal, GERMANY
Benjamin Lange, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY
Frank Schwab, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

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Interpersonal Communication Poster Session

Friday

Interpersonal Communication

13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Participant

5. When AI Generates Emotion Support Message: Gender Attribution and the Effectiveness of Emotional Support in AI-Mediated Communication
Rui Zhu, Michigan State U, USA

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Journalism Studies Poster Session

Friday

13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Journalism Studies

Participants

6. Perceived Legitimacy Matters: Building Public Trust and Acceptance of AI-Generated News Images through Strategic AI Disclosure
Yuhan Li, U of Michigan, USA
Hang Lu, U of Michigan, USA
7. The Effect of NGO-ization in Community News Projects in the Favelas of Brazil
Mariana Gomes, Karlstad U, SWEDEN
8. “When the Feed Feels You Back”: How Perceived Algorithm Responsiveness Shapes Ongoing News Consumption
Qing Wang, Jinan U, CHINA
Chang Sup Park, U of Oklahoma, USA
Qian Liu, Jinan U, CHINA
9. Scrutinizing News Accuracy: A Cross-National Longitudinal Analysis of Accuracy Complaints in Press Councils
Cato Depauw, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
10. Dual Logics of Fact-Checking: State-Led and User-Driven Mechanisms in China in Crisis Situations
Ge Zhu, Renmin U of China, CHINA
Tianyi Yang, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
Fang Wu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
11. Came for the Friends and Stayed for the News? The Public Value of Social Media Platforms in the Context of Young Adults’ News Experiences
Anna-Theresa Mayer, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
12. Half True, Says Who? Fact-Checkers’ Rationales for Presenting Indefinite Verdicts
Kari Suomalainen, LUT U, FINLAND

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Language and Social Interaction Poster Session

Friday

13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Language and Social Interaction

Chair

Natasha Shrikant, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Participants

13. “Uninvited”: Photos of “Street Vendors” and Traffic Competition in the Comment Section of Xiaohongshu
Xingtong Chen, U of Macau, MACAO
Yanya Chen, U of Macau, MACAO

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LGBTQ Studies Poster Session

Friday

13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Participants

14. Imagining Happy Ageing: Shipping Older Female Celebrities in China
Ruo Dong, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Lulu Zhou, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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Mobile Communication Poster Session

Friday
13:30–14:45

Mobile Communication

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Participants

15. Bridging Co-Presence and Rituals: Digital Intimacy Practice of Chinese Long-Distance Family in WeChat Groups
Lishuang Wei, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Yanan Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Junbo He, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Mijia Wang, Sichuan U of Media and Communications, CHINA
Zheheng Hong, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Chuanlin Ning, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

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Political Communication Poster Session

Friday
13:30–14:45

Political Communication

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Discussants

- Christian Baden, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL
Rico Neumann, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY
“Chris” Fei Shen, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants

16. Doing Visible Work: The Media Logic of Officials’ Promotion in China
Xue-Fei Yan, Nanjing U, CHINA
Xiaoyi Zhang, Nanjing U, CHINA
Zhicong Chen, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
Feifan Qu, Nanjing U, CHINA
17. From Communication Divide to Systemic Social Risk: Tracing the Consequences of Hong Kong’s 5th COVID-19 Wave
Mingyuan Wan, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA
Meiyi Wu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
18. Do Democratic Regimes Favor Democratic Parties? A Political Communication Paradox in Cross-National Party Manifestos Study
Jiaxin Li, Xiamen U, CHINA
Gengyao Li, Peking U, CHINA
Shengyi Gao, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
19. A New Horizon for Political Communication Research: Mapping the English-Language Political Podcast Landscape
Matthew Barnidge, U of Florida, USA
Trevor Diehl, U of Alabama, USA
Zainuddin Muda Zainuddin Monggilo, U of Alabama, USA
Ashera Barron, U of Alabama, USA
Mario Cerna, U of Alabama, USA
Feras Jefar, U of Alabama, USA
20. Who Refers to Science? Understanding the Salience of Scientific Evidence in Parliamentary Debates
Daniel Wiesner, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
21. Between Urgency and Skepticism: A Comparative Analysis of Political Parties’ Climate Change Communication across the EU
Marthe Walgrave, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
Peter Van Aelst, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
22. Tracing Narrative Flows Across Global South and North User Groups: A Latent Temporal-Thematic Network Analysis of Ukraine War Discourse
Weiai (Wayne) Xu, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
Aliaksandr Herasimenka, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

3491**Friday**
13:30–14:45**Hall 2**
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Popular Media and Culture Poster Session**Popular Media & Culture****Participants**

23. Paradoxical Feminism in Chinese “Big Female Lead” Dramas: Negotiating Independence, Intimacy, and Patriarchal Ideologies
Zitao Lei, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
Di Xu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
24. “Don’t Make Censorship the Scapegoat”: Chinese Audiovisual Censorship, Audiences’ Folk Theories and Cultural Symbiosis
Zixuan Yan, Renmin U of China, CHINA
Tianping He, Renmin U of China, CHINA
25. Platform Labor, Performance Anxiety, and the Politics of Authenticity: A Study of Chinese Social Media Influencers’ Digital Labor Ecology
Wei Li, Xi’an International Studies U, CHINA
Yuzhou Tao, Xi’an International Studies U, CHINA
26. “Tara! Kain tayo!” Mapping the Nexuses and Structures of Local Mukbang-Centered Foodscapes on Instagram
Patricia Antoinette Ko, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES
Sarah Celesta Raymundo, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

3495**Friday**
13:30–14:30
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Editorial Board Meeting: African Journalism Studies**Satellite Events****Chair**

Herman Wasserman, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

3491**Friday**
13:30–14:45**Hall 2**
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Public Relations Poster Session**Public Relations****Participants**

1. Local Cultural Tourism and City Branding Based on Chinese Short-Video Platform: A Digital Sense of Place Perspective
Qiupeng Wang, Tsinghua U/Harvard U, USA
Chenxu Liu, Tsinghua U/U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
2. Saying and Doing What’s Right, the Right Way: Exploring Legitimacy in Sociopolitical CEO Statements
Vanja Bojanic, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Jens Hagelstein, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Sabine Einwiller, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

3464**Friday**
14:30–15:00

Afternoon Snack**Sponsored Sessions**

**Westin
Ballroom
Foyer
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

All snack times are served at both the Westin and CTICC so that attendees can choose the one most conveniently located to their next session.

@ WESTIN: Ballroom Foyer, Old Harbour Level

@ CTICC1: Exhibit Hall (Hall 2, Ground Level) Friday through Sunday. Jasminum Conservatory on Monday.

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Afternoon Snack

Friday

14:30–15:00

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

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3501

(HYBRID) Journalists in Exile: Future Directions

Friday

15:00–16:15

 **CTICC
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Theme

Journalism Studies; Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Discussant

Celeste Gonzalez de Bustmante, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

Why a Global Study on Journalists in Exile?

Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Evolution of Research on Exiled Journalists: Key Highlights

Seungahn Nah, U of Florida, USA

Definitions and Conceptual Frameworks

Celeste Gonzalez de Bustmante, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Gustavo Fuchs, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Silvia DalBen Furtado, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Mapping Exiled Journalists

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Methodological and Theoretical Complexity: The Cuban Case

Dasniel Olivera Pérez, Benemérita U Autónoma de Puebla, MEXICO

Methodological and Theoretical Complexity: The Case of Russian Journalists in Exile

Anda Rozukalne, Riga Stradins U, LATVIA

Methodological and Theoretical Complexity: Venezuelan Journalists

Carlos Arcila Calderón, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Journalism in Exile as Collective Action: Building a Transnational Research Agenda

Summer Harlow, U of Houston, USA

This roundtable discussion seeks to advance the study of journalists in exile and the transnational work they produce by bringing together scholars from across the globe who are involved in research on the subject to work toward four concrete outcomes: 1. Conceptual clarity for studying exiled journalists; 2. Identify ethical and equitable research designs; 3. Build a transnational research network to pursue comparative studies; and 4. Explore integration with large-scale global initiatives such as the Worlds of Journalism Study.

3502

(HYBRID) Curating Reality: Gatekeeping and Digital Capital in the Age of Algorithms

Friday
15:00–16:15
 **CTICC**
BALLROOM
WEST
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Interdivisional

Chair

Andreas Hepp, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Participants

Archives of Power: Algorithmic Memory, Ideological (Re)production and Negotiation of Hegemonic Masculinity

Silas Udenze, U of Toronto, CANADA

Extending the Dimensions of the Second Digital Divide: Social Media Habitus, Digital Capital and Capital-enhancing Activities of Ethnic Minority Adolescents

Xingyi Jiang, Northwest U, CHINA

Qingqing Hu, Northwest U, CHINA

Domesticating Generative AI: Singapore's Visual Creatives and the AI-deal Creative Worker

Pei-Sze Chow, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Joshua Jia Hao Wong, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Gabriel Wong, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

A Graph-Based RAG System for Enhanced Information Gathering in Local Newsrooms

Reshmi Pillai, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Wouter van Atteveldt, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Antske Fokkens, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

“They Have My Kundli”: Understanding Urban Indians' Beliefs About Social Media Algorithms

Pranav Malhotra, U of Michigan, USA

3503

From Representation to Action: Communicating Sustainability

Friday

15:00–16:15

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(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Environmental Communication

Chair

Yuan Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Mapping Sustainable Media: The Three Pillars of Sustainability and Themes of Contemporary Research

Joseph Doolen, U of Stavanger, NORWAY

Raul Ferrer-Conill, U of Stavanger, NORWAY

Helle Sjøvaag, U of Stavanger, NORWAY

How Dynamic Norms and Financial Benefits Shape Sustainable Behavior

Nancy Rhodes, Michigan State U, USA

Miyeon Kim, Michigan State U, USA

Promoting a “Sustainable” Country? Representations of the Environment in Nation Branding Campaigns of Chile (2005–2025)

Pablo Miño, U de los Andes, CHILE

Media Representations of Sustainable Energy: A Systematic Review of Framing Patterns and Methodological Transparency

Majid Ali, TU Dresden, GERMANY

From Trash Bin Signage to Waste Sorting: The Mediating Roles of Perceived Clarity and Situational Response Efficacy

Kang Li, Zayed U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Shujun Jiang, United Arab Emirates U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Tan Jiang, South China Normal U, CHINA

3504

BLUE SKY: Pivoting from Precarity to Financial Flourishing: Reframing Money Mindsets and Financial Practices for Academics

Friday

Blue Sky Workshops

15:00–16:15
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Organizers

Angela Gist-Mackey, U of Kansas, USA
Sarah Tracy, Arizona State U, USA

Many academics operate from survival mindsets about money—working harder or earning more is assumed to equal financial stability. Yet financial flourishing requires new money mindsets and structures of support. This workshop invites junior and mid-career faculty to reflect on personal financial narratives, assess their money mindsets, and develop practical strategies for sustainable, values-based financial well-being. Participants will engage with guided worksheets, small-group discussions, and peer coaching to chart pathways to financial flourishing.

3505

Friday
15:00–16:15
1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Imagining China for Transnational Audiences

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Chris Paterson, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Prism of Power: Global South Media Framing of China (1979–2025)

Yi Wei, Xiamen U, CHINA

Qing Qin, Xiamen U, CHINA

Beneficial for All or a Threat to the World? The Moderated Associations among Chinese Tech Brand Image, Industry Image and Country Image

Ke Huang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Ge Zhu, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Fang Wu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Di Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

(Ir)reconcilable Differences? Audience Expectations of Journalism in China–Latin America Communication

Pablo Morales, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Voice Translation and Southern Imaginaries: African Narratives and the Affective Politics in Chinese Podcasts

Ziqi Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Yuwen Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA

From Filtering to Framing: How TikTok Recommendations Construct China's Image

Yang Zhang, U of Kentucky, USA

3506

Friday
15:00–16:15
1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Rigor and Reliability in Computational Research

Computational Methods

Chair

Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

A Two-Stage Framework to Mitigate Text as High-Dimensional Confounders for Studying Message-Related Effect

Jiyuan Qi, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xuanlong Qin, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yufan Guo, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Hai Liang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Disaster Faster: How Computational Misclassification Leads to Biased Regression Estimates

Tom Nicholls, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Mark Pogson, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Wouter van Atteveldt, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Beyond Standardization: Studying Robustness of Empirical Claims from Topic Modeling through Multiverse Analysis
Paul Balluff, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
Christina Viehmann, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
Maximilian Linde, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
Yannik Peters, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
Jun Sun, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
Chung-hong Chan, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
A Computational Pipeline for Formal Evaluation of Communication Theories Based on Knowledge Graph
Mengyi Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Jian Hua Jonathan Zhu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
How Replicable Is Computational Communication Science? A Systematic Field-Level Analysis
Philipp Knöpfle, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Johannes Breuer, CAIS, GERMANY

3507

Elections 1

Friday

15:00–16:15

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(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Qinfeng Zhu, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Participants

The Perception and Congruence of Political Microtargeting in the 2024 European Elections: An in Situ Qualitative Study

Ruben Renz, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

Simon Kruschinski, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Hanna Paulke, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Marcus Maurer, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Sabine Trepte, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

Beyond Winning and Losing Elections: A Fine-Grained Account of What Drives Beliefs in Rigged Election Claims

Jimmy Ochieng, Indiana U Bloomington, KENYA

Maria Grabe, Boston U, USA

Danny Yihan Jia, Boston U, USA

Swayed by the Kremlin? Predictors and Electoral Outcomes of Agreeing with Pro-Russian Strategic Narratives

Kostiantyn Yanchenko, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Maria Grub, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Edda Humprecht, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Caroline-Theresa Ziemer, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Exposure to (AI-Generated) Untrustworthy Websites in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election

Ross Dahlke, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Ryan Moore, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Jeff Hancock, Stanford U, USA

Meme and Mimicry and Kenyan Elections

Ahmed El Gody, Örebro U, SWEDEN

Anne Bartlett, United Arab Emirates U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

3508

Dialogue, Argument, and Normative Communication

Friday

15:00–16:15

Language and Social Interaction

Chair

Leah Sprain, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Participants

Modes of Dialogic Communication

Boris Brummans, U de Montréal, CANADA

Overcoming Communication Barriers by Creating a Shared Language: The Case of Family Counselling

Marlies Whitehouse, Zurich U of Applied Sciences, SWITZERLAND

A Playful Intervention: Buzzers as a Tool for Equity in Public Deliberation

Leah Sprain, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Xiaodong Yan, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

The Discursive Construction of a Polylogical Argumentative Activity in a Multiparty Discussion

Alena Vasilyeva, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

What Is “Good Communication” in Child Welfare Services? A Scoping Review

Reetta Kettunen, Tampere U, FINLAND

Tessa Horila, Tampere U, FINLAND

Leena Mikkola, Tampere U, FINLAND

3509

PURR-vacy Paradoxes: Fatigue Replications, Chinese Evolution, and Alexa Data Requests

Friday

Communication and Technology

15:00–16:15

Chair

Deepti Apte, U of Mumabi, INDIA

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Participants

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Privacy Fatigue and Cynicism in the Digital Age: A Close Replication of Choi et al. (2018) and Lutz et al. (2020)

Philipp Masur, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Understanding Privacy in the Platform Environment: A Grounded Approach Identifying Disruption, Response, and Resolution

Joo-Young Jung, International Christian U, JAPAN

Eunjean Jung, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Danbi Kim, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Yeran Kim, Kwangwoon U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Miran Pyun, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Fang Lu, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Yong Chan Kim, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Unpacking the Chinese Privacy Paradox: Fifty Years of Evolving Privacy Perceptions and Empirical Evidence in the AI Era

Yu-li Liu, Shanghai U, CHINA

Rubing Li, Shanghai U, CHINA

Jiayi Mi, Shanghai U, CHINA

Jiayue Dai, Shanghai U, CHINA

Bo Hu, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO

Do You Mind if Alexa Reads Your Mind? Effects of Explicit vs. Implicit Data Requests

When Talking with Voice Assistants About Physical vs. Mental Health

Eugene Snyder, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA

S. Shyam Sundar, Pennsylvania State U & Sungkyunkwan U, USA

Andrew High, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Saeed Abdullah, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Choice Architecture as a Deciding Factor for Consent to Data Tracking: An Experimental Examination of the Pay-or-Consent Principal

Brigitte Naderer, Medical U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Marlis Stubenvoll, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA

3510

Sport Communication Top Paper Session

Friday

Sport Communication

- 15:00–16:15
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)
- Chair**
 Shaun Anderson, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- Participants**
 When Dialogue Backfires: Economic Stratification and Engagement Paradoxes in English Premier League Clubs' Dialogic Communication on X
 Xiao Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA
 Xinyu Cai, Nanjing U, CHINA
 Ziqi Gong, Nanjing U, CHINA
- Reframing the Global Gaze: Visual Inequalities and Platform Governance in Sports Media: A Comparative Ethnography of Global Football Visibility
 Hanxun Lin, Minzu U of China, CHINA
- Breaking the Rings: Fragmented Olympic Discourse on Hebrew Twitter around Two Israeli Gold Medals (Tokyo 2020)
 Haim Hagay, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, ISRAEL
 Alina Bernstein, College of Management Academic Studies (COMAS), ISRAEL
- The Sculpted Body: Empowerment and Struggle of Chinese Wanghong Female Bodybuilders' Identity on Xiaohongshu
 Qiyao Yu, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

3511

Top Papers in Organizational Communication

Friday
 15:00–16:15
 **Auditorium**
2 (CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Organizational Communication

- Chair**
 Oana Albu, Copenhagen Business School, DENMARK
- Participants**
 Organizational Listening with and at the Edge: Stakeholder Engagement through Mutual Vulnerability
 Katherine Scrivani, Rutgers U, USA
 Sophia Fu, Rutgers U, USA
 Katherine Cooper, DePaul U, USA
- When the Situation Speaks: On Judgment and Matters of Necessity
 Frank Meier, Copenhagen Business School, DENMARK
 Ellen Nathues, U of Twente, NETHERLANDS
- Organizational Boundaries as Zone: Their (Re)constitution through Communicative Moves
 Lillan Lommel, Leuphana U Lüneburg, GERMANY
 Matthias Wenzel, Leuphana U Lüneburg, GERMANY
- Affective Negotiations of Visibility: Neurodivergent Workers and the Politics of Disclosure
 Scotti Branton, U of Arkansas, USA
 Astrid Villamil, U of Missouri, USA
 Joel Reed, U of Arkansas, USA
 Evan Kirksey, U of Missouri, USA

3520

Mental Health Discourse on Social Media: Creators, Content, and Effects

Friday
 15:00–16:15
 **2.41-2.43**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Health Communication

- Moderator**
 Nicole Bizzotto, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
- Participants**
 From Wounded Healers to Marketed Caregivers: A Scoping Review of Mental Health Content Creators on Social Media
 Nicole Bizzotto, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Qianfeng Lu, Texas A&M U, USA
 Srusti Ganesh Bhalerao, Harvard U, USA
 Tobias Dienlin, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Laura Marciano, Indiana U Bloomington, USA
 Depressed or Just Monday? A Content Analysis of Concept Creep in Public TikTok Posts About Mental Health
 Alina Danilkow, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Katharina Rupp, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Sophie Mayen, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
 Ruth Wendt, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Anne-Linda Camerini, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
 Kathrin Karsay, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Decoding Visual Storytelling in Mental Health Narratives: Aesthetics, Disparity, and Peer Support in YouTube Vlogs
 Jiaying Lizzy Liu, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Yunlong Wang, Institute of High Performance Computing (IHPC), A*STAR, SINGAPORE
 Allen Jue, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Yao Lyu, U of Michigan, USA
 Yiheng Su, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Shuo Niu, Clark U, USA
 Nathan TeBlunthuis, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Yan Zhang, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Situational Motivation, Parasocial Relationships, and Communicative Pathways to Help-Seeking for Depression
 Yuhao Zhang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Yueliang Wang, Louisiana State U, USA
 Shenting Zheng, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Piper Liping Liu, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Jizhou Ye, U of Oklahoma, USA

3521

LGBTQ+ Youth and Their Parents (with Top Faculty Paper)

Friday
 15:00–16:15
 2.44-2.46
 (CTICC1,
 Lev 2)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies
Children, Adolescents, and the Media

Chair

Erica Ciszek, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

Digital Empathy and Chosen Kinship: LGBTQ Youth Online Emotional Support and Kinship Reconfiguration in China

Qingbo Chen, Communication U of China, CHINA

Love Wins Out: A Cross-Partisan Test of Parental Messaging in Support of Trans Youth

Marie-Louise Mares, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Sijia Yang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Marina Krmar, Wake Forest U, USA

Luhang Sun, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Matthew Meier, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Bengisu Simsek, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Xiaotong Zhang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Parents' Selective Exposure to LGBTQ+ Media Narratives

Y. Anthony Chen, Stanford U, USA

Marie-Louise Mares, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Selective Disclosure, Ephemeral Sharing, and Symbolic Signaling: Social Media Practices of Rural LGBTQ+ Youth in the United States

Ahmed Alrawi, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Mustafa Oz, U of Tennessee Knoxville, USA

Friday

15:00–16:15

2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Intergroup Communication**Chair**

Nicholas Palomares, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

Imagined Intergroup Messages: Older Adult's Intended Messages About Aging Designed for Younger Adults

Margaret Pitts, U of Arizona, USA

Craig Fowler, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND

Jessica Gasiorek, U of Hawaii at Manoa, USA

Tram Phan, U of Arizona, USA

Mediating the Internal Enemy: Securitization, Hegemony, and the Framing of Violence in Israeli-Arab Society

Nissim Katz, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, ISRAEL

"It's Funny When It's Them": How Partisan Identity and Entertainment Cues Affect

Reactions to Online Intolerance

Andreas Nanz, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY

Yannis Theocharis, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY

Ursula Schmid, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Are You Still Productive? When Age Stereotypes Are Subtly Reflected in Question

Formulations

Camiel Beukeboom, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Christian Burgers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Julie Drunen, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Luka Ponti, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Theorizing Liminal Identity: Toward an Experiential Model of Social Consensus and Ingroup Membership

Megan Cardwell, Villanova U, USA

Katie Kassler, Weber State U, USA

Morgan Morley, California State U, Sacramento, USA

Jordan Soliz, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

Friday

15:00–16:15

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(CTICC1,

Level 2)

Feminist Scholarship**Chair**

Dinfin Mulupi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Participants

AI Algorithms and Gendered Labour: Narratives of Female Employees in China's Leading Digital Platform Companies

ZhenYu Qiu, U of Malaya, MALAYSIA

Jiankun Gong, U Malaya, MALAYSIA

Bridging the Distance: Gendered Digital Labor, Emotional Care, and Family Reconfiguration among Rural Migrant Women in China's Platform Economy

Gaia Guatri, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Care Infrastructures From Below: An Ethnography on Migrant Workers' Mundane Digital Practices in Formal Care

Hong Chen, Shanghai U of Finance and Economics, CHINA

The Violence of Care: Performing Agonistic Intimacy among Chinese Sex Workers

Shuti Gu, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Tracing Agency in Communicative Negotiations: Enclosure, Fear, and Women's Proxemic Behaviour in Indian Digital Transport Platforms

Abza Bharadwaj, U of Queensland–IIT Delhi, INDIA

Aparna Hebbani, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Vigneswara Ilavarasan, IIT Delhi, INDIA

This session explores work, care, inequality, and exploitation under platform capitalism.

3524

Digital Diplomacy, Institutions, and Platform Constraints

Friday
15:00–16:15
2.65-2.66
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Public Diplomacy

Chair

Katerina Tsetsura, U of Oklahoma, USA

Participants

Culturally Driven Reputation Building? A Longitude Study of the Communication Strategies of French Cultural and Diplomatic Institutions on Weibo

Zhao Alexandre Huang, U Gustave Eiffel, FRANCE

Mengxiao Zhu, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

Xin Li, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

Strategies and Pathways of U.S. Music Diplomacy from a Strategic Communication Perspective

Ni Han, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zhou Ting, Communication U of China, CHINA

Between Adjustment and Reinvention: Digital Diplomacy in the Age of King Diplomats

Ilan Manor, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Bar Fishman, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Education as a Vehicle for Public Diplomacy: A Case Study of the Weibo Account of the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section in China

Rui Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

The Public Dimension of Climate Diplomacy: Climate Narratives at Expo 2020 Dubai

Jian Wang, U of Southern California, USA

Jack Lipei Tang, U of Alabama, USA

3530

(Re)visiting Reality Talent Formats: Adaptation, Alterity, and Social Inequality

Friday
15:00–16:15
Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Helen Wood, Aston U, UNITED KINGDOM

Discussant

Annette Hill, Lund U, SWEDEN

Participants

Got Talent: The History and Theory of a Format

Lindsay Wright, Yale U, USA

Producing Pleasure: Negotiating Alterity in America's Got Talent

Sue Collins, Michigan Technological U, USA

Kette Thomas, Michigan Technological U, USA

Negotiating Locality and Liveness: The Many Evolutions of Italia's Got Talent in the Italian Television and Media System

Luca Barra, U di Bologna, ITALY

Gendered Labor Hierarchies in China's Influencer Talent Shows: A Case Study of I Vote for My Influencer

Fangni Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Collectively, these papers investigate reality talent formats in North American, European, and Asian contexts, revealing intersections among historical, economic, and social dynamics that contribute to the genre's longstanding success in popular culture globally. By emphasizing their role in shaping how talent is valued and represented, we critique exploitative practices in meritocratic narratives prevalent in these formats' adaptations, considering strategies for audience engagement, and questioning implications for contestant inclusion and the reproduction of social inequality.

Friday
15:00–16:15
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Participants

Gender-Inclusive Language Shapes News Evaluations: An Experimental Study of the Effects on Perceived Credibility, Reactance, and Media Skepticism among News Users

Annabell Halfmann, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Jonathan Schwenzer, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Teresa Naab, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Distinguishing News Media Trust, Skepticism, and Cynicism through Elaboration: Toward a Global Typology of Distrustors, Mistrustors, Automatic Trustors, and Engaged Trustors

Mark Boukes, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Abby Qin, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

David Blanco-Herrero, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Wenwen Guo, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Yongliang Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Jesper Stromback, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Sora Park, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

Bernadette Uth, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Nora Theorin, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Lynge Asbjørn Møller, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Seungahn Nah, U of Florida, USA

Hajo Boomgaarden, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Azmat Rasul, Zayed U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Richard Fletcher, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Edson Tandoc, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Javier Amores, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Tien-Tsung Lee, U of Macau, MACAO

Axel Boursier, Cergy Paris U, FRANCE

Andreea Mogos, Babes-Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Terry Flew, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Zsolt Boda, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, HUNGARY

Haiyan Wang, U of Macau, MACAO

Antonis Kalogeropoulos, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Claes Vreese, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Viktor Chagas, U Federal Fluminense, BRAZIL

Sergio Splendore, U degli Studi di Milano, ITALY

Cato Depauw, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Tali Aharoni, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, UNITED KINGDOM

Giulia Sbaraini Fontes, U degli studi di Milano, ITALY

Elif Kilik, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Masahiro Yamamoto, U at Albany, USA

Jee Young Lee, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

Aqsa Farooq, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Sofia Contreras-Yap, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Arijit Paladhi, Indiana U, USA

Kelechi Amakoh, Michigan State U, USA

Agata Stepnik, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Wenjia Tang, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Balazs Bodo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Joo-Young Jung, International Christian U, JAPAN

Carlos Arcila Calderón, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Triantafyllos Gkaragkanis, Babes-Bolyai U & CY Cergy Paris U, ROMANIA

Martin Oller Alonso, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Rui Novais, U Católica Portuguesa, PORTUGAL

Maximiliano Frías-Vázquez, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Isyana Nur, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

- Francis L. F. Lee, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Knut De Swert, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Wallace Chuma, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA
 News Media Trust Expressions: Analysing Social Media Comments Expressing
 (Dis)satisfaction towards News Media Objects through Journalistic Role Conceptions
 Roeland Dubèl, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Mark Boukes, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Sandra Jacobs, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Damian Trilling, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 The Paradox of Negative News: Disentangling the Dual Role of Negativity Bias in News
 Selection and Avoidance
 Lucia Cores-Sarria, U Carlos III de Madrid, SPAIN
 Kim Andersen, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK
 Rasmus Schmøkel, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK
 Morten Skovsgaard, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK
 Beyond Economic Capital? Class Inequalities in News Consumption in High-Choice News
 Environments
 Atri Mukherjee, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Antonis Kalogeropoulos, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Courtney Tabor, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Patricia Rossini, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM
 Mapping News Desertification: Media Ecology, Spatial Heterogeneity, and Local News in
 China
 Mingxuan Liu, U of Macau, MACAO
 Ryan Wang, Louisiana State U, USA
 Jiaming Zhou, U of Macau, MACAO
 Kaibing Wu, U of Macau, MACAO
 Chihua Li, U of Macau, MACAO
 Haiyan Wang, U of Macau, MACAO

3540

Top Papers in Communication Law and Policy

Friday
 15:00–16:15
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Communication Law and Policy

Chair

Min Jiang, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

Participants

Strategic Opacity: The Paradox of Open-Source AI Governance in DeepSeek and OpenAI

Tomas Dodds, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Chengyuan Liang, York U, CANADA

Fact-Checking as Information Control: Analyzing China’s Rumor-Debunking Practices on
 Social Media

Bin Chen, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Anfan Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Shuning Lu, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

Ruomeng Liu, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

“Make It Sound Like a Lawyer Wrote It”: Scenarios of Potential Impacts of Generative AI
 for Legal Conflict Resolution

Kimon Kieslich, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Natali Helberger, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Nicholas Diakopoulos, Northwestern U, USA

Branding Private Interests as Public Good: Facebook and Google’s Three-Phase
 Transformation from Team Democracy to “Team Trump”

Blue Miaoran Dong, Carleton U, CANADA

3541

Intercultural Encounters and Comparative Histories

Friday

Communication History

- 15:00–16:15
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)
- Chair**
 Will Mari, Louisiana State U, USA
- Participants**
 The Image of German Immigrants through the Lens of the U.S. Press, 1848 to 1914
 Liane Rothenberger, U of Bamberg, GERMANY
 Kevin Grieves, Whitworth U, USA
 Marie Hartmann, U of Bamberg, GERMANY
 Carsten Källner, Complexity Science Hub Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Diana Peña Ruiz, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique, CANADA
 An East-West German Laboratory? Social Inequality and the Editorial Office of Berliner
 Zeitung in the Long Post-Unification Period
 Maria Löblich, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY
 The Making of Digital Journalism in the U.S. and in Germany: A Comparative Cultural
 History, 1995-2001
 Thomas Schmidt, U of California, San Diego, USA

3542

Top Papers in Media Industry Studies

Friday
 15:00–16:15
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Media Industry Studies

Chair

Athina Karatzogianni, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

- When Attention Is Not Enough: How TikTok Sells the TikTok Audience
 Andreas Schellewald, Goldsmiths, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM
 Machine-Readable: Generative AI Intervention in Visual Production and Its Implications
 on Creative Labor
 Alberto Lusoli, Toronto Metropolitan U, CANADA
 Pranjali Mann, Simon Fraser U, CANADA
 Platform Values for Safety, Not for Good: Governance on Chinese Social Media Platforms
 Jinzhuo Liu, Fudan U, CHINA
 Qingyang Tang, Fudan U, CHINA
 Boundaries of Blackness: Examining the Categorization of Black Content on Netflix
 Eva Coleman-Owusu, New York U, USA

This panel comprises the highest scored papers in the 2026 submission to the Media Industry Studies Interest Group.

3543

InfoSys: Digital Infrastructure and Governance

Friday
 15:00–16:15
 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Information Systems

Chair

Jens Hagelstein, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA


Participants

- Delineate the Imaginaries of Legitimate Speech Online: Understanding Participatory
 Censorship on Social Media Platform
 Hanjing Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Tianlun Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Zhicong Chen, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
 Online Communities' On-topicness: The Roles of Governance and Discourse Practices
 Haomin Lin, U of Washington, USA
 Wang Liao, U of Washington, USA
 Benjamin Mako Hill, U of Washington, USA
 Platform Ownership Change and the Heterogeneous Responses of Peer Production
 Contributors With Different Motivations
 Wenchang Wang, Peking U, CHINA
 Zhuo Chen, Peking U, CHINA

- Examining the Role of Information Sources in Supporting U Transition
 Jaz Low, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Chei Sian Lee, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
- The Ontological Mismatch: Infrastructural Violence and the Erasure of Pluralism in India's Digital Land Governance Systems
 Srishti Chatterjee, Northwestern U, USA
- Too Busy for Business? An Experience Sampling Study on Performance Loss and Stress Caused by Digital Internal Communication
 Jens Hagelstein, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
- Discursive Reconfiguration of Smart Citizenship in China's "Snap-and-Report" Initiative: A Computational Grounded Theory Approach
 Zhuohang Li, Fudan U, CHINA

3544

Top Papers in Intercultural Communication

Friday
 15:00–16:15
 8.2
 (CTICC2,
 Lev 2)

Intercultural Communication

Chair

Doris Acheme, U of Georgia, USA

Participants

Boundary Crossing: Indian Vloggers, China Encounters and the Politics of Representation


Hongmei Li, Miami U, USA

Shalini Paul, CHRIST (Demed to be U), INDIA

Social Norms Associated with Perceptions of Consent and Sexual Violence in India

Akansha Sirohi, Sam Houston State U, USA

Holley Wilkin, Georgia State U, USA

 "Strangers" On Postcards, "Friends" in Imagination: Formation of Imagined Community in Transnational Interest-Based Postcrossing

Hongsheng Huang, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA

Ying Wu, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA

Jiayin Li, China News Service, CHINA

Sistah-to-sistah Fieldwork: A Black Feminist Methodological Approach to Ethnography

Sharde Davis, U of Connecticut, USA

"While Homophobia Stripped Away Respect, Racism Robbed Me of My Dignity": Queer and Trans* Migrants Calibrating Freedoms amidst Interlocking Marginalizations in Italy

Yerina Ranjit, U of Missouri, USA

Marco Barrachia, Maastricht U, NETHERLANDS

Astrid Villamil, U of Missouri, USA

3545

Ethnicity and Race in Communication Top Papers

Friday
 15:00–16:15
 8.3
 (CTICC2,
 Lev 2)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Chair

Yossi David, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Participants

On the Possibilities of Impossible Things: Worldmaking in Simphiwe Ndzube's Oracles of the Pink Universe

John Brooks, The Ohio State U, USA

The Posthuman Gaze on Yorùbá Deities: Eurocentric Bias in AI and the Loss of Cultural Authenticity

Faizat Asifat, Arizona State U, USA

Disrupting the Racialized Logics of Policy Communication in Settler-Colonial States: A Critical Analysis of Policy Inclusivity in Aotearoa New Zealand

Debashish Munshi, U of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND

Priya Kurian, U of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND

Amna Yameen, U of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND

Lyn Kathlene, U of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND

- Sandra Morrison, U of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND
 “Not Like Us:” Colorism and the Impact of Skin Complexion on Blacks and Latines Ingroup Attitudes
 Chelsey Sarante, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Lanier Holt, The Ohio State U, USA
 Osei Appiah, The Ohio State U, USA
 When All Frames Converge: Minority Group Uniform Interpretations of Varied Ingroup Media Framing
 Renana Atia, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL
 Meital Balmas, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL
 Yael Botser, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL
 Eran Halperin, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL
 Unbraiding Coloniality: Hair, Race and Identity among Coloured Women in Post-Apartheid South Africa
 Janell Le Roux, U of Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA
 Domanique Reineke, U of Limpopo, SOUTH AFRICA

3550

Visual Communication Studies Top Papers Session

Friday
 15:00–16:15
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Visual Communication Studies

Chair

Mary Bock, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

Memory without People: An Archeology of Urban Vernacular Memorials

Gordon Coonfield, Villanova U, USA

Male Bodies in Metrics: Bodily Performance and Digital Platform Traffic for Gay Influencers on Douyin

Anfan Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Sheng Zou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Bridging the Visual Communicative Affordance Gap: The Impact of Image Commenting on User Engagement in Online Support Communities

Yuan Fang, Fudan U, CHINA

Mingfei Sun, Fudan U, CHINA

Tracing Visual Communication's Cross-Disciplinary Citation Footprint in a Network Analysis From 1975 to 2024

James Crissman, Boston U, USA

Ayse Lokmanoglu, Boston U, USA

Maria Grabe, Boston U, USA

Dror Walter, Georgia State U, USA

3551

Mobile Communication Top Papers

Friday
 15:00–16:15
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Mobile Communication

Chair

Adriana de Souza e Silva, Northeastern U, USA

Participants

Intimate Surveillance of the Ordinary: Youth's Negotiation of Digital Location Tracking with Parents and Peers

Julie Dereymaeker, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Tom De Leyn, Hasselt U, BELGIUM

Elodie Devos, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Ralf De Wolf, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Somebody's (Still) Watching Me: Reactivity to Smartphone Logging and Experience Sampling

Roland Toth, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Douglas Parry, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Julius Klingelhofer, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY
Global Patterns of Voluntary Disconnection in the Digital Age: A Comparative Study of Nine Countries

Minh Hao Nguyen, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Malene Hornstrup Jespersen, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Alex Beattie, Victoria U of Wellington, NEW ZEALAND

Mahmut Bingol, Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit U, TURKEY

Osman Bor, Haci Bayram Veli U, TURKEY

Veysel Bozan, Ankara U, TURKEY

Francesca Comunello, Sapienza U of Rome, ITALY

Błażej Dyczewski, Maria Curie-Sklodowska U, POLAND

Francesca Ieracitano, Sapienza U of Rome, ITALY

Sueun Jang, Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Katarzyna Kopecka-Piech, Maria Curie-Sklodowska U, POLAND

Hilary Le, Santa Clara U, USA

Uichin Lee, Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Kai Lukoff, Santa Clara U, USA

Daniela Marella, Sapienza U of Rome, ITALY

Mora Matassi, U de San Andrés, ARGENTINA

TikTok Disconnection and Its Impact on Use, Task Procrastination, and Psychological Well-Being in Emerging Adults

Lise-Marie Nassen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Adrian Meier, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY

Kathrin Karsay, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Desperate for Disconnection? A Two-Study Investigation of the Simpson Paradox of Self-Control in the Context of Digital Well-Being and Digital Disconnection

Marieke Vanden Abeele, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Michaela Šaradín Lebedíková, Masaryk U, CZECHIA

Marijn Martens, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Stephen Murphy, Ghent U, BELGIUM

David de Segovia Vicente, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Kyle Van Gaeveren, Ghent U, BELGIUM


David Smahel, Masaryk U, CZECHIA

3560

Top Papers in Human-Machine Communication

Friday

15:00–16:15

 Westin

Ballroom

West

(Westin,

Old

Harbour

Level)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Jihyun Kim, U of Central Florida, USA

Participants

Understanding Dual Pathways from AI Literacy to AI Reliance: A Two-Mediator Serial Mediation Model of Perceived Transparency and Trust

Jiaxiang Xu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Jiayuan Yu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Zhenxiang Zhu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Wanhui Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Human-Machine Communication for Mental Health: AI Chatbots as Communicative Agents in Stigma Reduction among African Youth

Gift Agyemang, U of Energy and Natural Resources, GHANA

Hao Chi, Independent Scholar, CHINA

Lamech Mutava, African Population and Health Research Centre, KENYA

Charles Senteio, Rutgers U, USA


Ontological Reflexivity in Human–AI Communication Research: Toward an Integration Approach Based on Theory–Ontology Alignment

Mike Yao, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Jiyeon Chang, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Weizi Liu, Texas Christian U, USA
The Agency Dynamics in Human-AI Communication: Understanding How Chatbot Role and Task Outcome Influence Self-Attribution
Chang Wan, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Angel Hsing-Chi Hwang, U of Southern California, USA

3561

Friday
15:00–16:15
 Westin
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

The World Is on Fire and We Feel Paralyzed? What Can Communication Scholars Do?

Activism; Communication and Social Justice

Chair

Mathias Felipe de-Lima-Santos, Federal U of São Paulo, BRAZIL

Participants

Whose Voice, Whose Solutions? Addressing Power Imbalances and Epistemic Injustice in Climate Change Communication through the Media

Jacinta Mwende Maweu, U of Nairobi, KENYA

Doing a WhatsApp Diary to Address the Security Needs of a Favela Mothers' Group

Andrea Medrado, U of Exeter, UNITED KINGDOM

Building South-to-South Networks in Tech Studies: Refusing Co-Option and Moral Laundering

Jonathan Ong, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Burcu Baykurt, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Politically Engaged and Pluralist? Platform Research between Academic Scholarship and Activism

Cheryll Ruth Soriano, De La Salle U, PHILIPPINES

Digital Tactics of Citizenship: Aspirational Place-Making and Negotiation of Recognition in Forced Migration

Amanda Alencar, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Camila Sarria Sanz, Independent Scholar, COLOMBIA

Jaber Mawazini, U Sains Malaysia, MALAYSIA

The world is aflame with wars, genocide, inequalities, polarization, and neofascism, leaving engaged communication scholars feeling paralyzed between the urgency to act and fear of retaliation. This roundtable convenes global perspectives to transform this paralysis into collective action. Scholars from Africa, the Americas, Europe, and Asia will explore how to navigate political pressures, cultivate solidarity, and dismantle neocolonial structures, using diverse epistemologies and lived experiences to forge collaborative paths forward.

3562

Friday
15:00–16:15
Diaz
(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Interpersonal Communication in Health Contexts: Identity, Trust, Support-Seeking, and Performance

Interpersonal Communication

Chair

Yanpei Chen, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

A Study of Patient Companions' Performance of "Professionalism" from a Dramaturgical Perspective: Communicative Responses to Structural Inequality

Shuangshuang Ma, Shanghai U, CHINA

Xiaopeng Jin, Shanghai U, CHINA

QiJun He, Shanghai U, CHINA

Hui Shen, Shanghai U, CHINA

When Goals Collide: The Dyadic Management of Identity Work in Power-Imbalanced Health Interactions

Yanpei Chen, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Understanding Young Adult Cancer Patients' Support-Seeking Struggles in Personal Relationships

Jia Yan, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
Lisa Guntzviller, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
Nicholas Iannarino, U of Michigan, Dearborn, USA
Ocean Wang, Louisiana State U, USA
Colter Ray, U of Tampa, USA

Trust Dynamics in the Doctor–Patient Dyad: Predicting Acceptance of Delayed Antibiotic Prescription

Aline Rinaldi, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
Anna Bullo, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
Luca Gabutti, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
Serena Petrocchi, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
Peter Schulz, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Phubbing Also Hurts Phubbers? Examining the Momentary Associations between Phubbing Types and Well-Being in Everyday Social Interactions

Jiaqi Liu, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Shuang Chen, Tsinghua U, CHINA

3563

Top Papers in Communication Science and Biology

Friday
15:00–16:15
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(Westin,
Old
Harbour
Level)

Communication Science and Biology

Discussant

Christopher Cascio, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Participants

Eyes on Morality: Pupillometric Signatures of Moral Foundations

Alison Oliver, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Musa Malik, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Brittany Wheeler, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Kylie Falcione, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Sungbin Youk, Ewha Womans U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
René Weber, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Media-Multitasking and Attentional Control: A Theory-Driven Research Agenda

Elger Abrahamse, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
Douglas Parry, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Daniel le Roux, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA
Susanne Baumgartner, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Ease and Constraints on Enjoyment and Appreciation: The Role of Narrative Challenge

Sara Grady, The Ohio State U, USA
Joshua Baldwin, Boston U, USA
Annie Dooley, The Ohio State U, USA

The Moment of Capture: How the First Seconds of a Speaker's Nonverbal and Verbal Performance Shapes Audience Judgments

Ralf Schmaelzle, Michigan State U, USA
Yuetong Du, Michigan State U, USA
Sue Lim, Purdue U, USA
Gary Bente, Michigan State U, USA

A Human-Centered Computational Approach to Quantifying Video Visual Complexity

Mingfei Sun, Fudan U, CHINA
Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA
Shaojing Sun, Fudan U, CHINA

3570

Game Studies Top Papers

Friday
15:00–16:15
Edward &
Schappen

Game Studies

Chair

Ruud Jacobs, U of Twente, NETHERLANDS

(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)

Participants

Reducing Sexism through Representation: A Longitudinal Study on the Impact of Female Footballers in FC24 on Hostile Sexism

Jeroen Lemmens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS


Rinaldo Kühne, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Reimagining Geographies: How Chinese Video Game Players Construct Digital Placemaking through Gaming Landscapes

Yuanyuan Zhang, Jinan U, CHINA

Anthony Fung, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG


Boris Lok Fai Pun, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

 Let the Game Character Possess Us: Practicing Intimacy in Otome Game Cosplay Dates

Jingjing Yi, Zhejiang U, CHINA

YiXuan Wei, Wuhan U, CHINA

Bowen Zeng, Wuhan U, CHINA

 Good Gamer Citizens and Their Girlfriends: Gender and the Romance of Precarious Labor in Chinese E-Sports Dramas

Sarah Christina Ganzon, Simon Fraser U, CANADA

Jiayi Wang, Simon Fraser U, CANADA

3571

Friday
15:00–16:15
Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)

The Politics of Anticolonial Communication Practices in the Global South

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Angharad Valdivia, U of Illinois, USA

Participants

Where Are You Taking Me, Brother? On Anti-Colonial Archives and Epistemic Erasure

Nabil Echchaibi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Ambivalence of Data Sovereignty: Gandhi, Biometrics, and Aadhaar

Rahul Mukherjee, U of Pennsylvania, USA

The Question of Liberation: Historicising the Transnational Media Practices of Anticolonial Movements

Wendy Willems, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Decolonization as a Politics without Guarantees: The Case of Contemporary Hindutva in India

Raka Shome, Villanova U, USA

This panel addresses the various practices and politics that inform anticolonial communication practices across different contexts. The panel calls attention to the fact that there is no inherent substance or politics to anticolonial discourses. Anticolonial practices must be understood within the political and historical context of their functioning; and anticolonial practices can also be linked with numerous axes of power—some progressive and some not. The panel cautions against treating anticolonialism in a universalized way as though it is a stable monolith.

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Friday
15:00–16:15
1.53
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

BLUE SKY: Digital Wellness and Communication Inequities in Higher Education

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Jayne Cabbage, Bowie State, USA

Kim Fox, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

In this participatory workshop, we explore digital wellness as both a personal and collective scholarly imperative. Participants will engage in reflective exercises, share coping strategies, and, most importantly, co-create actionable tools to support healthier

digital habits. Through guided dialogue, we'll address burnout, digital fatigue, and other cultural norms of hyper-productivity in academia. Attendees will leave with adaptable frameworks and wellness practices that can be implemented immediately or shared within their institutions.

3601

BLUE SKY: "Late" Early-Career Researchers: Building a Long-Term Research Agenda**Friday**

16:30–17:45

 **CTICC****Ballroom****East****(CTICC1,****Lev 1)****Blue Sky Workshops****Organizers**

Ernesto de León, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Christine Gilbert, Stony Brook U, USA

David Gilchrist, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

This interactive Blue Sky workshop supports late early-career scholars (those finishing or beyond the PhD stage) in acquiring the key skill of developing a long-term research agenda. Participants will engage in discussions, audience Q&A, and small-group activities to share experiences and challenges, and will be paired with mentors to support them. Drawing on expertise in research planning, the session will provide actionable advice tailored to participants seeking to solidify their scholarly trajectory in collaborative and diverse research environments.

3603

Internal Communication and Employee Agency: Engagement, Activism, and Identity**Friday**

16:30–17:45

1.41**(CTICC1,****Lev 1)****Public Relations****Chair**

Chun-Ju Flora Hung-Baesecke, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Participants

From Insiders to Activists: How Issue Attribution Drives Employee Activism through Guilt
Leping You, Miami U, USA

Qiuyue Cho-Li, U of Florida, USA

Jie Jin, U of Florida, USA

E-Leadership and Employee Agency: A Dual Path to Foster Virtual Communities and Internal Relationships

Hongmei Shen, San Diego State U, USA

Hua Jiang, Syracuse U, USA

Can Birds of Different Feathers Flock Together? The Roles of Tolerance and Internal Communication in Employee Engagement in Diverse, Global Contexts

Ganga Dhanesh, U of Maryland, USA

Laura Lemon, U of Alabama, USA

How Dialogic Competencies in Internal CSR Communication Drive Employee Support: The Roles of Substantive and Symbolic Attributions and Perceived Value Alignment

Yeonsoo Kim, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Yilin Huang, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Shana Meganck, James Madison U, USA

Jingyue Tao, U of Arkansas, USA

Tianshu Du, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Between Trauma and Stigma: Jewish PR Professionals' Experiences in the UK since the Hamas Attack and the Israel-Gaza War

Lee Edwards, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

3604

Popular Culture, Identity, and Gendered Representation**Friday****Feminist Scholarship**

- 16:30–17:45
1.42
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)
- Chair**
Lindsay Palmer, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
- Participants**
Sluts and Girlfriends: New Trends or Old Tropes in U.S. Teen Television
Traci Abbott, Bentley U, USA
The Skinsuit Illusion: Feminist Critique of Narrative Agency and Communicative Inequality in Chinese Otome Games
Ruoxin Cheng, Communication U of China, CHINA
Xuan Tang, Communication U of China, CHINA
“‘You’re A Very Good Role Model’”: The Harms of Digitally Appropriating Selena Quintanilla’s Star Power to Align Abortion Stigma and U.S. Hispanic Identity
Daniela Kent, U of Southern California, USA
Korean Women Watching My Golden Kids: A Critical Audience Study of Parenting Solution Program in an Ultra-Low Fertility Society
Claire Shinhea Lee, Pusan National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
Eun Jin Kim, Pusan National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
Eun Young Moon, Pusan National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
Digital Feminist Humor as a Weapon: A Humor and Topic Analysis of the Weibo Posts of the Fat Cat Event
Hongcheng Lu, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Peizhi Huang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

This session explores media artifacts, fandoms, and cultural framing.

3605

Algorithms, Affects, and Global Publics

- Friday**
16:30–17:45
1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)
- Global Communication and Social Change**
- Chair**
Pablo Morales, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM
- Participants**
Making South–South Cooperation Work: An Ethnography of Everyday Communication in China–Nigeria Projects
Shuyang Jin, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Pengcheng Yang, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Peiying Wu, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Stratified Encounters: How Media Infrastructure Inequality Shapes Cross-Cultural Reception Across Generations
Yan Xu, Fudan U, CHINA
Yen Pham, Fudan U, CHINA
Collective Identities in Chinese Connective Actions: Affective Publics’ Online Expressions on Weibo
Duming Wang, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND
Sean Phelan, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND
Elena Maydell, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND
Dependent Translation: Cross-Cultural Adaptation Practices in TikTok China’s Cross-Border E-Commerce Live Streaming
Xin Lin, Renmin U of China, CHINA

3606

Technological Impact and Governance

- Friday**
16:30–17:45
1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)
- Political Communication**
- Chair**
Cato Waeterloos, Hasselt U, BELGIUM
- Participants**
Mapping Sociotechnical Imaginaries in Global AI Governance: A Comparative Analysis of AI Regulations among 13 Countries

Zhe Li, Communication U of China, CHINA
Lin Sun, Communication U of China, CHINA
Deqiang Ji, Communication U of China, CHINA

Liquid Democracy in DAOs: The Impact of Delegated Voting and the Moderating Role of Deliberation

Jia Fan, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Cong Ma, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Xiao Fan Liu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG



Artificial Intelligence in Government: Why People Feel They Lose Control
Alexander Wuttke, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Adrian Rauchfleisch, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN
Andreas Jungherr, U of Bamberg, GERMANY

Gamification, Datafication, and Performativity: How Interface Design Builds “Stardew Valley” in Rural Governance

Jie Cui, Guangzhou U, CHINA

The “Clickable” Government: Government Social Media as a Governance Signaling Mechanism

Yan Yan, Renmin U of China, CHINA
Xinpeng Gao, Renmin U of China, CHINA
Wenxue Zou, Tsinghua U, CHINA

3607

HIGH-DENSITY: Parenting under Digital Distraction: Technoference and Media Emotion Regulation

Friday
16:30–17:45
1.61
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

McCall Booth, Georgetown U, USA

Participants

Distracted, Interrupted, or Disrupted? A Pathway Model of Technoference

Cara Swit, U of Canterbury, NEW ZEALAND
Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA
Hailey Holmgren, Brigham Young U, USA

A Trap for Families? Negotiation, Escape and the Disruption of Digital Parenting Devices

Junrui Chen, Fudan U, CHINA
Yige Lian, Peking U, CHINA

Impact of Parental Phubbing and Family Incivility on Adolescents’ Suicidal Ideation: A Study on Paired Sample

Xin Ying Rachel Lee, Peking U, CHINA
Qiyu Bai, Peking U, CHINA
Yufei Xia, Peking U, CHINA

“Divided Attention”: A Qualitative Exploration of Technoference in the Parent-Child Relationship

Nele Janssens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Kathleen Beullens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Digital Pacifiers: The Longitudinal Influence of Using Media to Regulate Children’s Emotions

Chenae Duerden, Brigham Young U, USA
Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA
Peter Reschke, Brigham Young U, USA
Sarah Ashby, Brigham Young U, USA
Boston Park, Brigham Young U, USA
Ashton Allen, Brigham Young U, USA
Rachel Munk, Brigham Young U, USA
Hailey Holmgren, Brigham Young U, USA

Media Emotion Regulation and Executive Functions: Individual Differences in Temporal Ordering among Young Children

Jane Shawcroft, The Ohio State U, USA
McCall Booth, Georgetown U, USA

Chris Porter, Brigham Young U, USA
Megan Van Alfen, Brigham Young U, USA
Megan Gale, Utah State U, USA
Lara Maximiano, Brigham Young U, USA
Elena Holmes, Brigham Young U, USA
Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA
Hailey Holmgren, Brigham Young U, USA
Blake Jones, Brigham Young U, USA

3608

HIGH-DENSITY: Engagement with Health Chatbots: Predictors of Adoption and Effects

Friday
16:30–17:45
1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Health Communication

Moderator

Jingwen Zhang, U of California, Davis, USA

Participants

Bounded Supportive Companionship: How Chinese Young Adults Seek Emotional Support From Generative AI Chatbots

Lingyan Ma, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Yijing Wang, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Yuan Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Mind over Matter, Therapist over Meta: A Systematic Analysis of Young Adults and Chatbot Psychotherapy

Samuel Hockey, Macquarie U, AUSTRALIA

Mathias Felipe de-Lima-Santos, Federal U of São Paulo, BRAZIL

Christopher Muller, Macquarie U, AUSTRALIA

Fostering Human-Chatbot Closeness: A Relational Approach to Mitigate Psychological Reactance in AI-Generated Persuasion

Yao Yao, South China U of Technology, CHINA

Fangzhou Zhou, South China U of Technology, CHINA

How Does Chatbot Conversational Style Improve Users' Trustworthiness and Satisfaction? An Empirical Study in Healthcare Consultation Settings

Qinliang Liu, Soochow U, CHINA

Hui Hui, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Zhiyun Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Lose the Tension with Hyperbot: How Relational Cues and Presentation Formats in Health Chatbots Shape Beliefs About Hypertension Screening

Rui Gu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Hye Kyung Kim, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Effects of AI Relational Communication on Enhancing Relationship Perceptions and Persuasive Outcomes in a Health Promotion Context

Yoo Jung Oh, Michigan State U, USA

Diane Dagyong Kim, U of California, Davis, USA

Jingwen Zhang, U of California, Davis, USA

3609

Partisanship

Friday
16:30–17:45
1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Porismita Borah, Washington State U, USA

Participants

Headline-image Stance Alignment in News: Partisan Differences and Engagement Gains

Harry Yan, Texas A&M U, USA

Kaiping Chen, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA

Yunkang Yang, Texas A&M U, USA

Jiawei Zhang, U of Chicago, USA
 Mulan Liu, Georgia Tech, USA
 Stochastic Terrorism, Partisan Campaign (Mis)Perceptions, and Radical Negative
 Partisanship
 Chiara Vargiu, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Alessandro Nai, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Partisanship Strength, Political Involvement, and Incidental Political News Exposure on
 Social Media Platforms: Evidence From a Three-Wave Panel Survey
 Sreerupa Sanyal, U of Kansas, USA
 “Our Christian View of Humanity Has Been Burned in the Flirtation with the Zeitgeist”:
 Communication Styles and Conflict Resolution in German Mainstream Parties
 Sarah-Michelle Nienhaus, CAIS, GERMANY
 Christiane Eilders, CAIS, GERMANY
 Fair or Biased? How Partisans View Judicial Sentences in Hong Kong
 Weiying Shi, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 “Chris” Fei Shen, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Ryuta Hagiwara, Hitotsubashi U, JAPAN
 Tetsuro Kobayashi, Waseda U, JAPAN

3610

Sport Communication Business Meeting

Friday
 16:30–17:45
1.64
 (CTICCI,
 Lev 1)

Sport Communication

Organizer

Shaun Anderson, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Participants

Gayle Jansen Brisbane, California State U, Fullerton, USA
 Meistra Budiasa, U of 17 August 1945, Jakarta, INDONESIA
 Monica Crawford, U of Minnesota, USA
 Vincent Peña, DePaul U, USA

3611

Organizational Communication Business Meeting

Friday
 16:30–17:45
 **Auditorium**
2 (CTICCI,
 Lev 2)

Organizational Communication

3620

**PARTNER PANEL: International Chinese Communication Association -
 Transcultural Encounters and Mediated Imagination: Communication, Culture, and
 Identity beyond the West**

Friday
 16:30–17:45
 **2.41-2.43**
 (CTICCI,
 Lev 2)

Partner Panel

Chairs

Hsuan-Ting Chen, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Yunya Song, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Participants

“Neither Chinese nor Kenyan Enough”: Visual Fusion and Transcultural Imagination in
 China–Kenya Fashion Encounters

Shengjun Jin, Jinan U, CHINA
 Lin Shi, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Communicating Stigmatized Diseases on WeChat: Uncovering Infotainment Strategies and
 Public Engagement in Official Health Communication

Xuanyu Bai, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Wei Huang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Framing Health Risks of Air Pollution in Taiwanese Newspapers
Yue Tan, National Sun Yat-sen U, TAIWAN
How Travel Videos Shape Intergroup Perception? The Spillover Effect of Mediated Intergroup Contact
Zhuo Chen, Peking U, CHINA
Wenchang Wang, Peking U, CHINA
From “Free Railway” to “Development Railway”: Journalism, Transcultural Memory, and Mnemonic Opportunity Structures of the TAZARA Railway in China, Tanzania, and Zambia
Haoyu Huang, Wuhan U, CHINA

This panel examines how communication reshapes cultural imagination and identity across non-Western contexts. Through cases spanning China–Kenya fashion fusion, China–Africa railway memory, WeChat health infotainment, Taiwanese air pollution framing, and YouTube travel videos, papers reveal how Global South actors negotiate identity, manage stigma, frame risk, foster intergroup contact, and construct collective memory. By foregrounding alternative geographies of media practice and meaning-making, the panel advances communication scholarship beyond Euro-American frameworks amid shifting global power relations.

3621

LGBTQ Studies Business Meeting

Friday
16:30–17:45
🌐 **2.44-2.46**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chairs

Lik Sam Chan, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Traci Gillig, Washington State U, USA

Participants

Michelle Ho, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
Christopher Persaud, Intel, USA
Facundo Suenzo, U de San Andrés, ARGENTINA

3622

Intergroup Communication Business Meeting

Friday
16:30–17:45
🌐 **2.61-2.63**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Intergroup Communication

Participants

Camiel Beukeboom, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Nicholas Palomares, U of Texas at Austin, USA

3623

PURR-sonalized Perceptions: Older Needs, Stigma Discourses, and Feed Content

Friday
16:30–17:45
2.64
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Juncheng Wu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Participants

Digital Mourning: The Mediatization of Grief in Ghanaian Funerals

Aurelia Ayisi, U of Ghana, GHANA

When the News Feels Close: How Interpersonal and Algorithmic Closeness Shape the News-Finds-Me Perception across Collectivistic Mindsets



Yuxin Li, The Ohio State U, USA

Scott Campbell, The Ohio State U, USA

Stigma Management through Discursive Silos: Curating Menstrual Self-Disclosure via Technological Affordances on Social Media

Chenyng Weng, Texas A&M U, USA

Yiping Xia, Texas A&M U, USA

  Older Adults' Perceptions, Needs, and Uses of Social Media and Messenger Apps as Sources of Information and News: A Qualitative Multi-Method Study

Luise Anter, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Martin Fischer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Anna Kuempel, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Feeding the Feed: A Quantitative Content Analysis of Parent Influencers' Food-Related Posts on Instagram

Gitte Demaret, U Ghent, BELGIUM

Lien Goossens, U Ghent, BELGIUM

Emma Beuckels, U Ghent, BELGIUM

3624

Public Diplomacy Business Meeting

Friday

Public Diplomacy

16:30–17:45

2.65-2.66

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

3630

Popular Media and Culture Division Business Meeting

Friday

Popular Media & Culture

16:30–17:45

Nerina

(CTICC2,

Lev 1)

3631

Journalism Studies Division Business Meeting

Friday

Journalism Studies

16:30–17:45

Protea

(CTICC2,

Lev 1)

3640

Communication Law and Policy Business Meeting

Friday

Communication Law and Policy

16:30–17:45

Daisy

(CTICC2,

Lev 2)

3641

Communication History Division Business Meeting

Friday

Communication History

16:30–17:45

Chair

Gabriele Balbi, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Participants

Deborah Barcella, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
Esperanza Herrero, U of Murcia, SPAIN
Will Mari, Louisiana State U, USA
Kathryn Montalbano, U of Kentucky, USA
Nelson Ribeiro, U Católica Portuguesa, PORTUGAL
Carlos Scolari, U Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN
Dominique Trudel, Audencia Business School, FRANCE

3642

Friday
16:30–17:45
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)


Media Industry Studies Business Meeting

Media Industry Studies

Organizer

Athina Karatzogianni, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

3643

Friday
16:30–17:45
 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

InfoSys: AI in News Production and Consumption

Information Systems

Chair

Yang Wu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants

Audience Perceptions of AI Newscasters: Social Presence, Trust, and Emotional Responses

Haochen Ji, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Jiayi Wang, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Kevin Wise, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Xiaoyu Xu, State U of New York at Cortland, USA

When Faces Feel Real: How Anthropomorphism and Gender Shape Affective Perception of AI News Anchors

Mulin Jiang, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Shuhua Zhou, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Yang Wu, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Xiaoyu Xu, State U of New York at Cortland, USA

The Double-Edged Sword of Prompt Design: Experimental Insights Into LLM-Based News Search

Qian Wu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Han Zheng, Wuhan U, CHINA

Explaining AI-Generated News: How Explanation Strategies and Machine Heuristic Influencing Credibility

Yongliang Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Kai Kuang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Discussing Politics with AI Chatbots: An Experiment on Selective Exposure in User Prompts

Victoria Vziatysheva, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Reinhold Kliegl, U of Potsdam, GERMANY

The Role of Generative AI in Overcoming Ideological Bias in News Consumption

Sricharan Kotala, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Jiacheng Huang, U of Minnesota, USA

Alvin Zhou, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Effects of Human-GenAI Collaboration in News Production on Attitudes toward News Article and Media Trust

Jack Lipei Tang, U of Alabama, USA

Mengqi Liao, U of Georgia, USA


Gabriel Miao Li, Chapman U, USA

Unpacking Cognitive-Affective Mechanisms in Crisis Communication: A Mediation Process between Aggressive Response Strategies and Generating Online WOM in Fake News Crises

Mon-Chi Wang, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN
I-Huei Cheng, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

3644

Intercultural Communication Business Meeting

Friday
16:30–17:45
 **8.2**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Intercultural Communication

3645

Ethnicity and Race in Communication Business Meeting

Friday
16:30–17:45
8.3
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Chair

Yossi David, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

3650

Visual Communication Studies Business Meeting

Friday
16:30–17:45
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Visual Communication Studies

Chair

Shahira Fahmy, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

Participants

Kristian Jeff Agustin, De La Salle U, PHILIPPINES
Nataliia Laba, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS
Ashley Stewart, U of Port Harcourt, NIGERIA
T.J. Thomson, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

3651

Mobile Communication Business Meeting

Friday
16:30–17:45
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Mobile Communication

Organizer


Adriana de Souza e Silva, Northeastern U, USA

Participants

Scott Campbell, The Ohio State U, USA
Kathrin Karsay, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Will Marler, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
Morgan Ross, Oregon State U, USA
Lara Wolfers, U of Basel, SWITZERLAND
Andrew Yee, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

3660

HMC Business Meeting

Friday
16:30–17:45
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin,

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Jihyun Kim, U of Central Florida, USA

Old
Harbour
Level)

3661

Friday
16:30–17:45
Westin
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice Business Meeting

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chairs

Rasha El-Ibiary, Nile U, EGYPT
Elisabetta Ferrari, Aarhus U, DENMARK
Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

3662

Friday
16:30–17:45
Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

AI Taking Over: Promises and Pitfalls of AI Use in Research, Journalism, and Society

Computational Methods

Chair

Ashwin Rajadesingan, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

When Machines Start Writing: Assessing the Impact of Generative AI on Journalism Labor Markets

Sakshi Bhalla, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
Jennifer Henrichsen, Washington State U, USA
Benjamin Toff, U of Minnesota, USA

Cumulative Cultural Evolution and Multi-Level Selection of AI Use Strategies

Qiankun Zhong, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, GERMANY
Thomas Eisenmann, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, GERMANY
Iyad Rahwan, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, GERMANY

Guidance over Guidelines? Unpacking the Uses and Concerns of GenAI in Communication Science

Justin Chun-ting Ho, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung U, TAIWAN
Hannes Cools, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Joanna Strycharz, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Anne Möller, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Zeph van Berlo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Sjoerd Stolwijk, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS
Damian Trilling, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Co-Coding with Generative AI: Integrating Large Language Models Into Systematic Literature Reviews

Lea Greminger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Esther Görnemann, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Shifting Gatekeeping Practices and Audience Engagement under AI-Assisted Comment Moderation

Ashwin Rajadesingan, U of Texas at Austin, USA

3663

Friday
16:30–17:45

Communication Science and Biology Interest Group Business Meeting

Communication Science and Biology

Chair

Christopher Cascio, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

**de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

Organizer

Kory Floyd, Washington State U, USA

Participants

Jason Coronel, The Ohio State U, USA
Amelia Couture Bue, U of Maine, USA
Yuqian Ni, U of Georgia, USA
Karolien Poels, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
Xinyi Wang, U of Pennsylvania, USA

3670

**Friday
16:30–17:45
Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)**

Game Studies Business Meeting

Game Studies

Annual Game Studies Division updates and discussion

3671

**Friday
16:30–17:45
Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

PTC Business Meeting

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Sandra Ristovska, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Discussants

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA
Blake Hallinan, Aarhus U, DENMARK
Heather Jaber, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR
Wendi Li, Monash U, AUSTRALIA

3701

**Friday
18:00–20:00
🌐 CTICC
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Journalism Studies Division Reception

Journalism Studies

3702

**Friday
18:00–20:00
🌐 CTICC
BALLROOM
WEST
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Organizational Communication Reception

Organizational Communication

3703**Global Media and China Reception****Friday**

19:00–21:00

8.1

(CTICC2,

Lev 2)

Satellite Events**Organizers**

Dianlin Huang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Shuhuan Zhou, Communication U of China, CHINA

Open to all.

3710**City U of Hong Kong Reception****Friday**

19:30–21:30

1.64

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Satellite Events**Chair**

Yue (Nancy) Dai, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Invitation only.

3720**International Chinese Communication Association (ICCA) Reception****Friday**

18:30–20:30

8.2 (CTICC2

Lev 2)

Satellite Events**Chair**

Trisha T. C. Lin, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Organizer

Yunya Song, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Open to all.

3722**Book Launch: “Media on the Margins of South Africa”****Friday**

18:30–19:30

2.61-2.66

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Satellite Events**Chair**

Herman Wasserman, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Open to all.

3724**Public Diplomacy Interest Group Reception****Friday**

18:00–19:00

2.65-2.66

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Public Diplomacy**Organizers**

Zhao Alexandre Huang, U Gustave Eiffel, FRANCE

Ilan Manor, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

3742**Joint Reception for Communication History, Communication Law and Policy, and Media Industry Studies****Friday**

18:00–20:00

Media Industry Studies**Communication Law and Policy****Communication History**

Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Organizers

Min Jiang, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA
Athina Karatzogianni, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM
Dominique Trudel, Audencia Business School, FRANCE

3745

Joint Reception of Ethnicity and Race in Communication, Intercultural Communication, and Language and Social Interaction

Friday
18:00–20:00

Ethnicity & Race in Communication
Language and Social Interaction
Intercultural Communication

 **8.3**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Chair

Yossi David, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

3750

Visual Communication Studies Reception

Friday
18:00–20:00

Visual Communication Studies

Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Organizers

Kristian Jeff Agustin, De La Salle U, PHILIPPINES
Shahira Fahmy, American U in Cairo, EGYPT
Natalia Laba, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS
Ashley Stewart, U of Port Harcourt, NIGERIA
T.J. Thomson, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

3751

Mobile Communication Reception

Friday
18:00–20:00

Mobile Communication

Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

3760

Joint Reception for Comm Science and Biology, Game Studies, Human-Machine Comm, and Info Systems

Friday
18:00–20:00

Information Systems
Human-Machine Communication
Game Studies
Communication Science and Biology

 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Organizers

Amanda Cote, Michigan State U, USA
Katrin Etzrodt, TU Dresden, GERMANY
Kory Floyd, Washington State U, USA
Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

3761

Joint Reception for Activism, Communication and Social Justice; and Philosophy, Theory and Critique

Friday

Activism, Communication and Social Justice

18:00–20:00

 **Westin
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)**

Philosophy, Theory and Critique

Organizers

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA
Rasha El-Ibiary, Nile U, EGYPT
Elisabetta Ferrari, Aarhus U, DENMARK
Blake Hallinan, Aarhus U, DENMARK
Sandra Ristovska, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

3771

Friday
18:30–20:30
**Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

Political Communication Division Graduate Student Reception

Political Communication

3797

Friday
18:00–20:00
**OFFSITE
EVENTS
(offsite)**

LGBTQIA+@ICA Social (Hosted by ICA's LGBTQ and PMC Divisions)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies


Popular Media & Culture

Organizers

Lik Sam Chan, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Tom Divon, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL
Traci Gillig, Washington State U, USA
Cesar Jimenez-Martinez, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM
Facundo Suenzo, U de San Andrés, ARGENTINA

Join us for a special night at Africa's oldest queer restaurant and bar! LGBTQ Studies scholars, Popular Media and Culture scholars, queer scholars in other fields, and allies are all welcome. The event is co-sponsored by ICA's LGBTQ Studies Division, Popular Media and Culture Division, ICA Headquarters, and the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access (IDEA) Committee. Transportation from the Westin will be provided; details will be sent to all registered attendees. This event is free, but space is limited: it will sell out! To register to attend, please reply to the invitation here: <https://evite.me/t2xNf4TWHC>

3861

Friday
20:30–22:30
 **Westin
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)**

The Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin Reception

Satellite Events

Organizer

Elisia Cohen, U of Minnesota, USA
Invitation only.

3863

Friday

Cornell Global Hubs Reception

Satellite Events

20:00–21:30
de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Chair

Lee Humphreys, Cornell U, USA

Cornell is pleased to host a reception for communication scholars from our Global Hubs network across twelve countries. Invitation only.

3860

Friday
21:00–23:00
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Karaoke Night!

Satellite Events

Organizer

Daniel Jackson, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

Usually held as an offsite event, this year the ICA Karaoke party is onsite for your convenience, with a cash bar arranged by ICA HQ. Please click here for more details and to save your spot! <https://evite.me/VFWGTps8JQ>

AI Politics

General Call for Proposals

A New Interdisciplinary Book Series

To be published by: Intellect and University of Chicago Press

Edited by Andrew Hoskins (University of Edinburgh) and Ben O'Loughlin (Royal Holloway, University of London)

We invite proposals for a new interdisciplinary book series, AI Politics, which will interrogate and shape debate on the social, political, and epistemological transformations wrought by artificial intelligence. This series provides a critical platform for researchers engaging with the emergent realities of AI — not speculative futures, but the immediate and ongoing contests over knowledge, data, information, power, identity, privacy, memory, economy, war, and resistance in the digital era. The series is animated by an urgent need for epistemic authority in an environment dominated by accelerated technological change and discursive volatility.

AI Politics welcomes contributions that address key thematic areas including (but not limited to):

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