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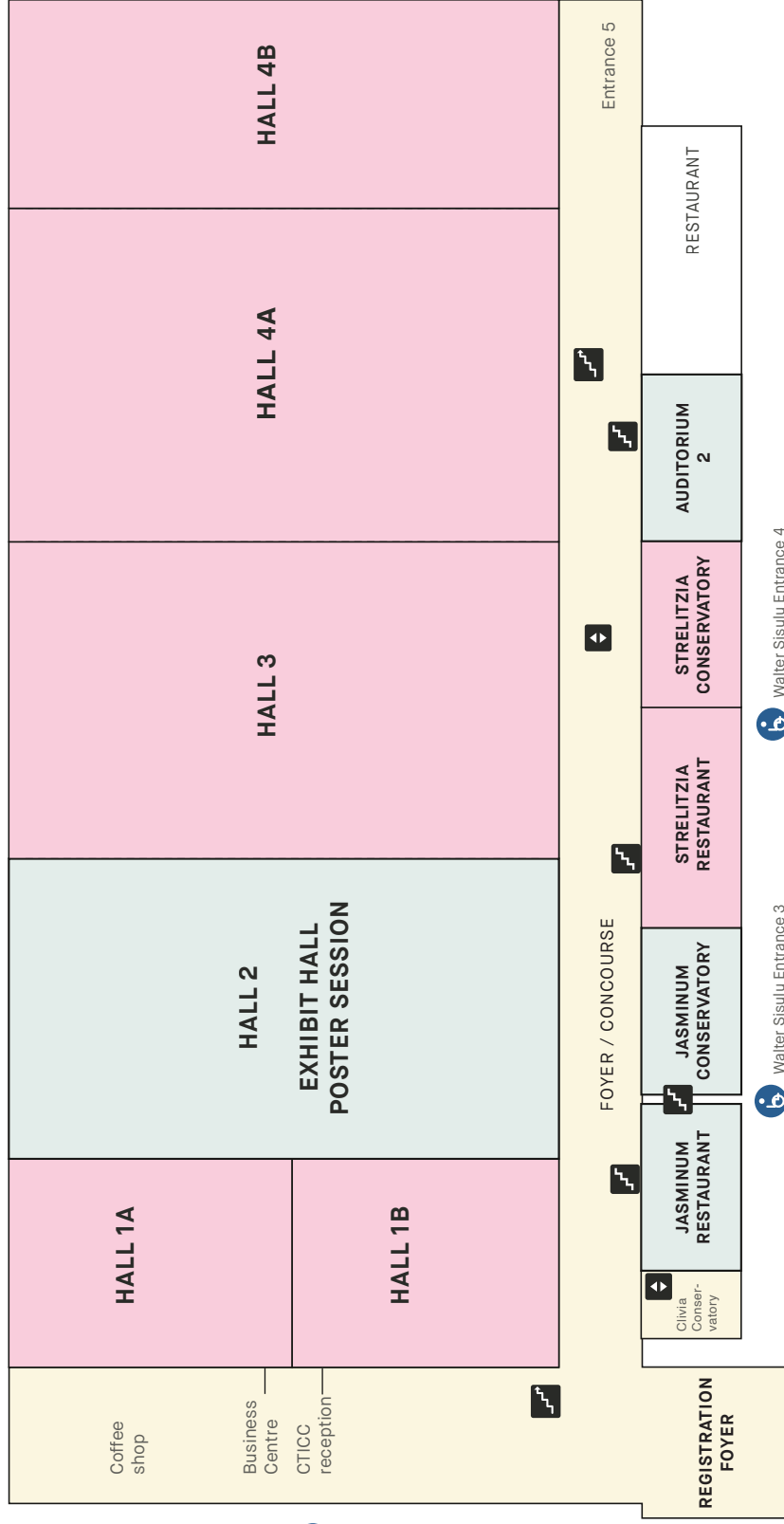
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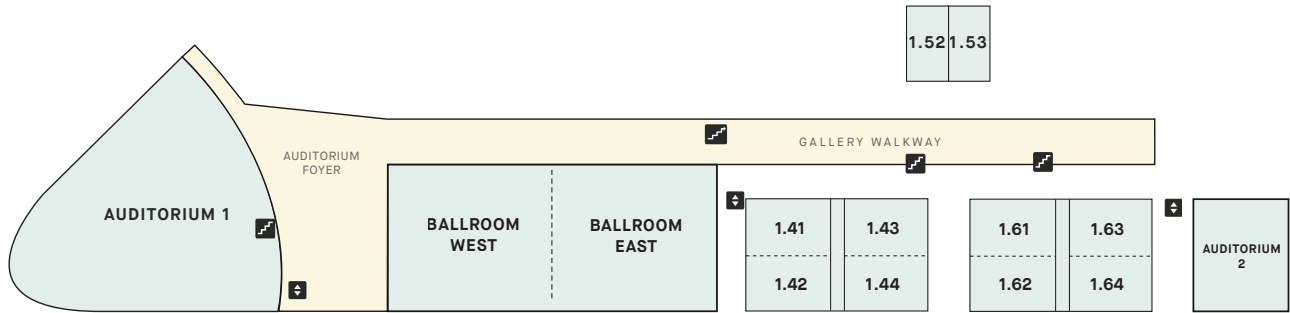
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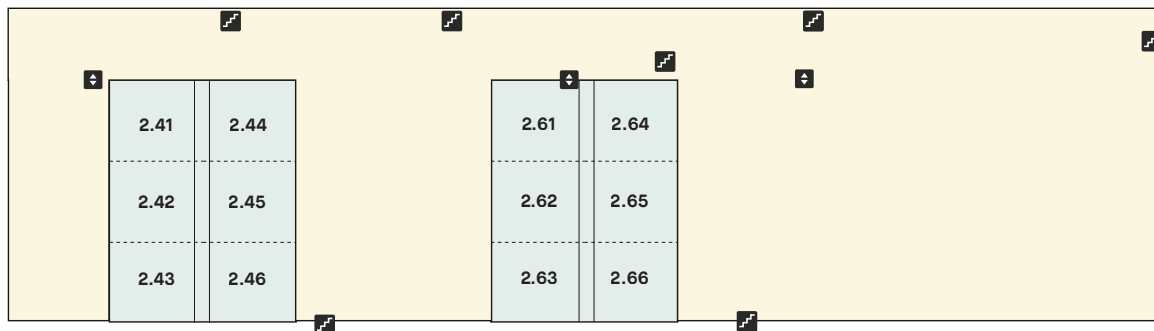


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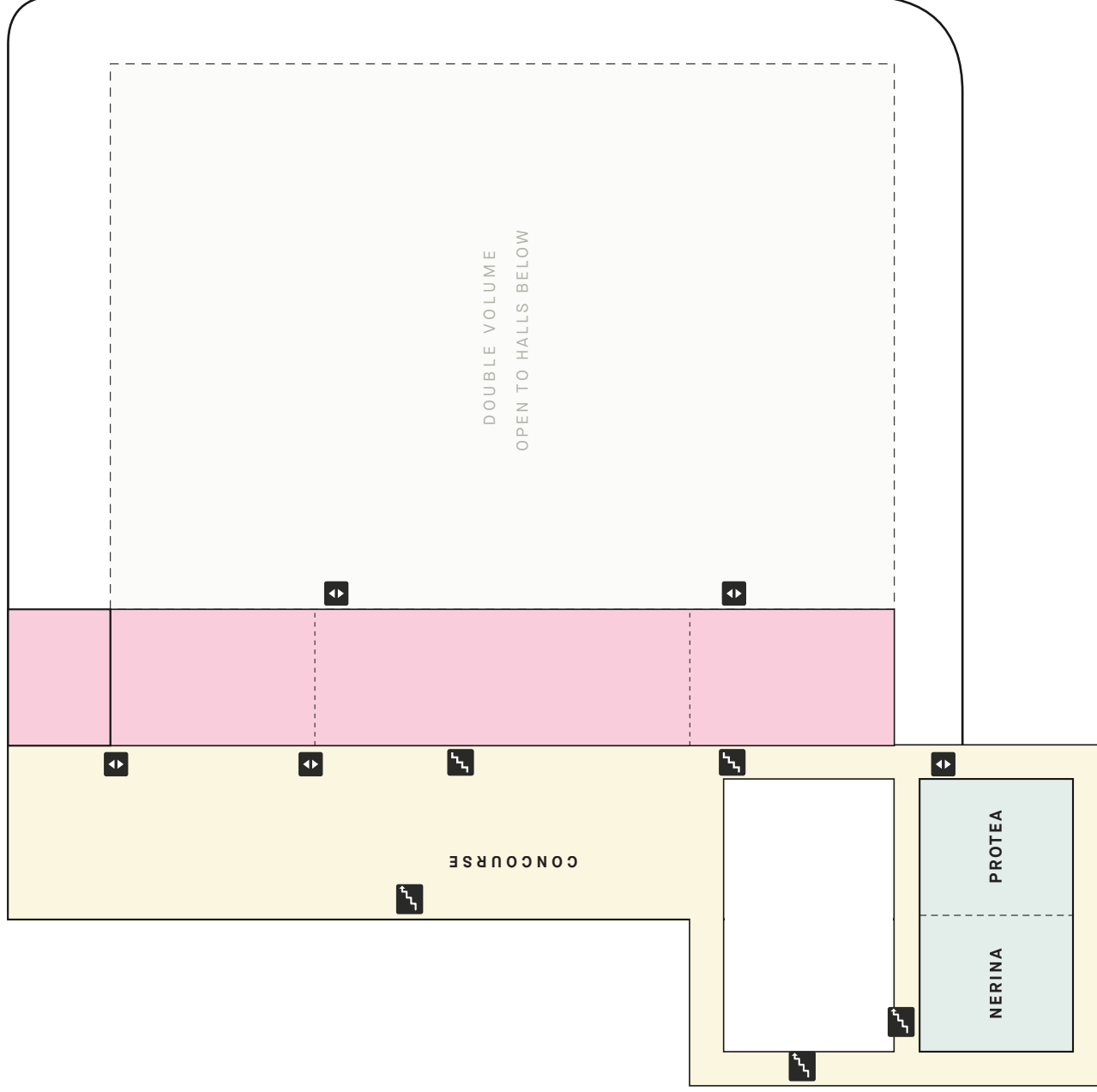
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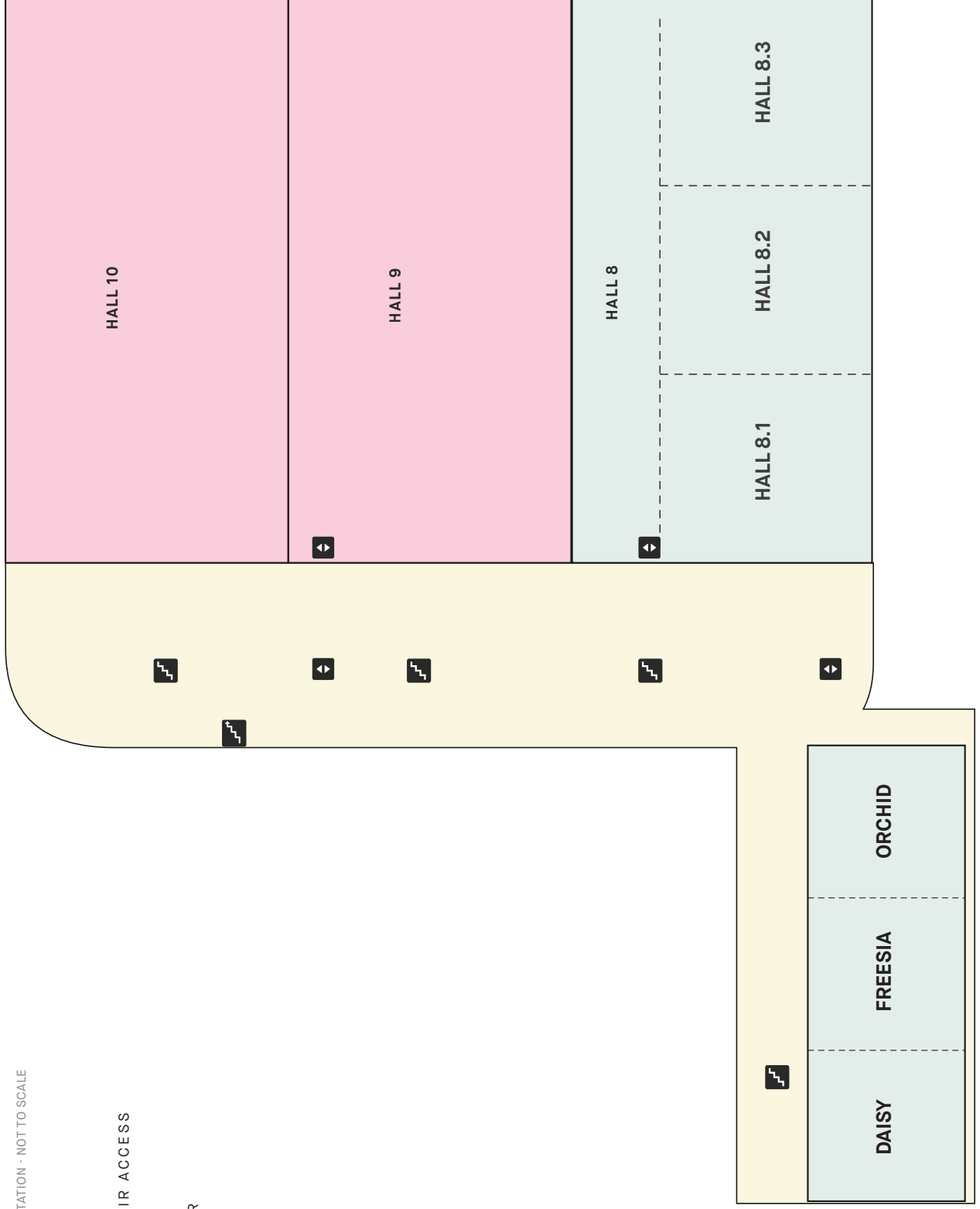
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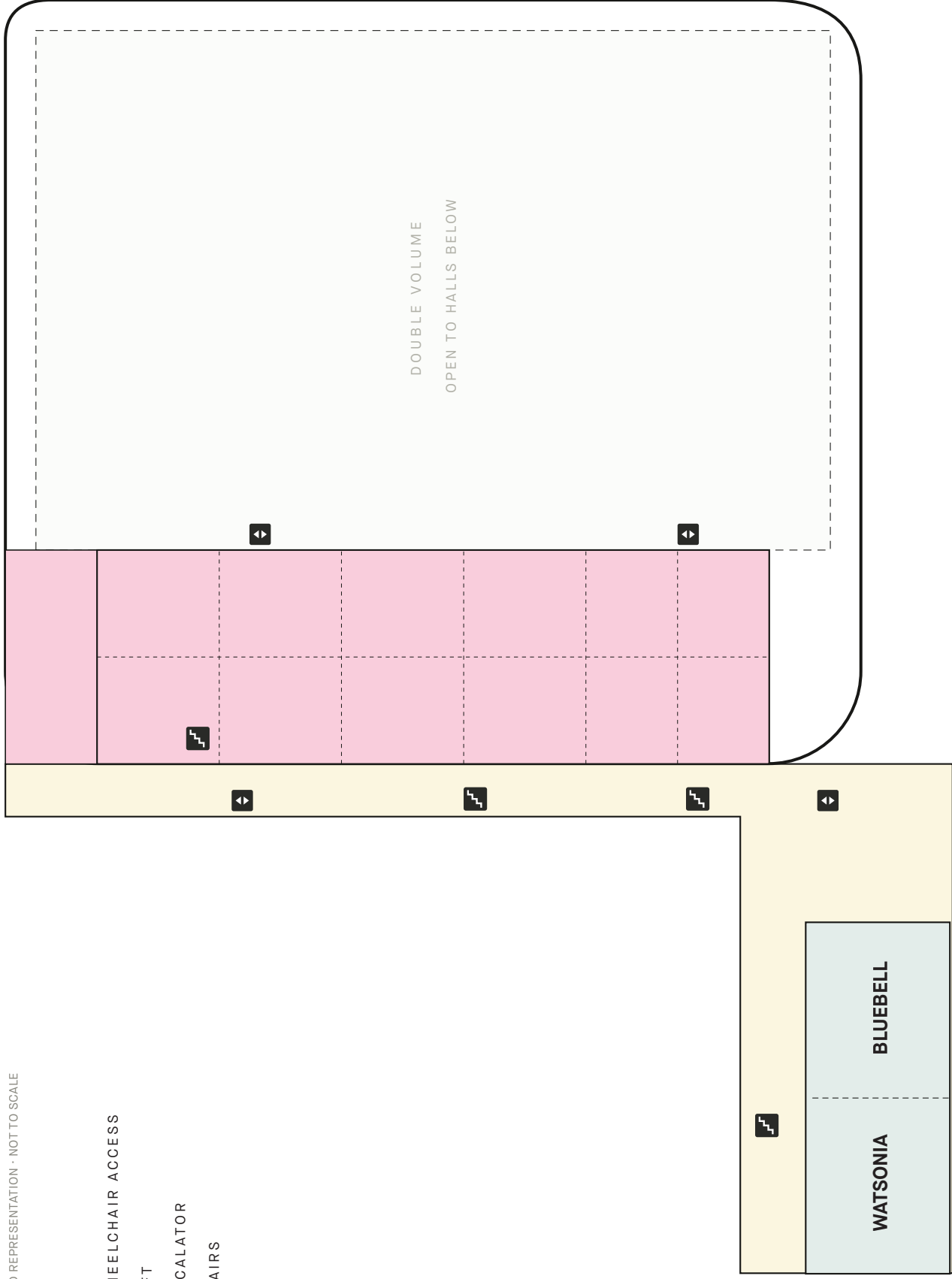
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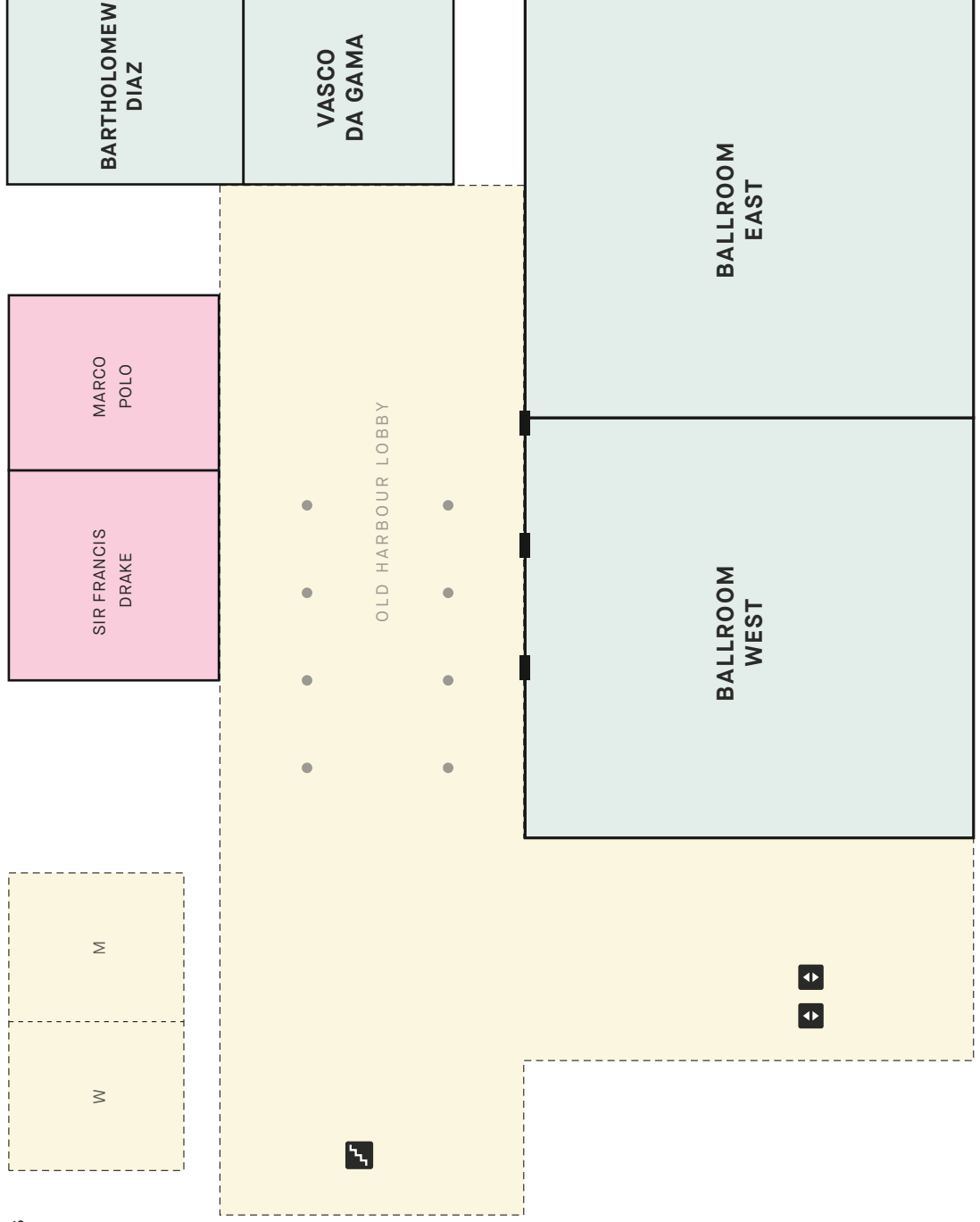
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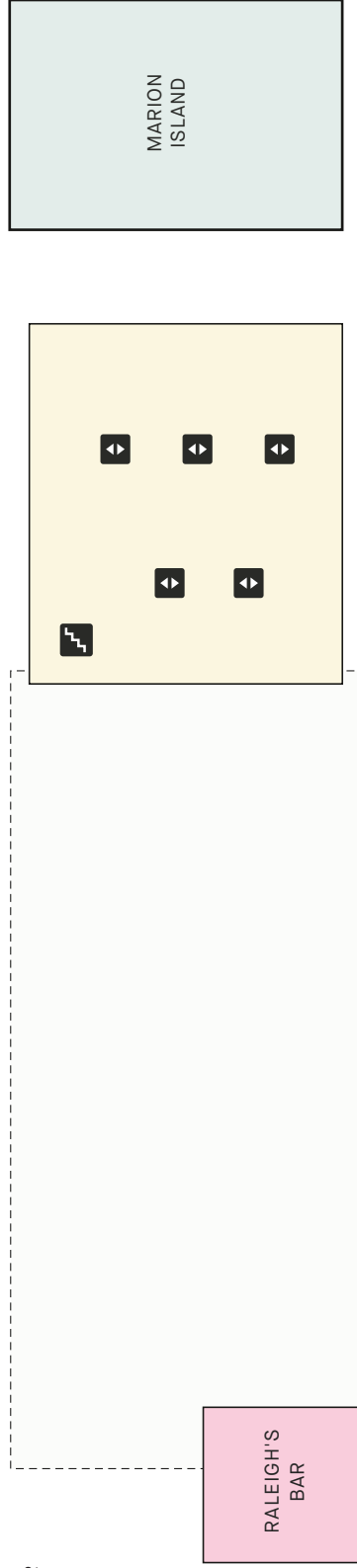
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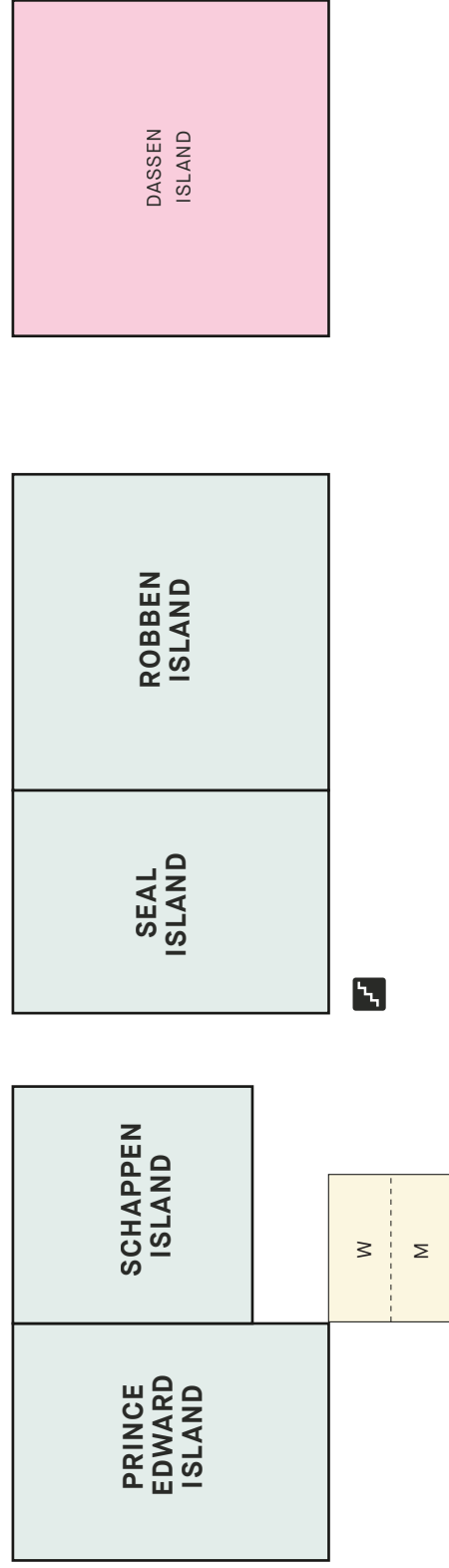
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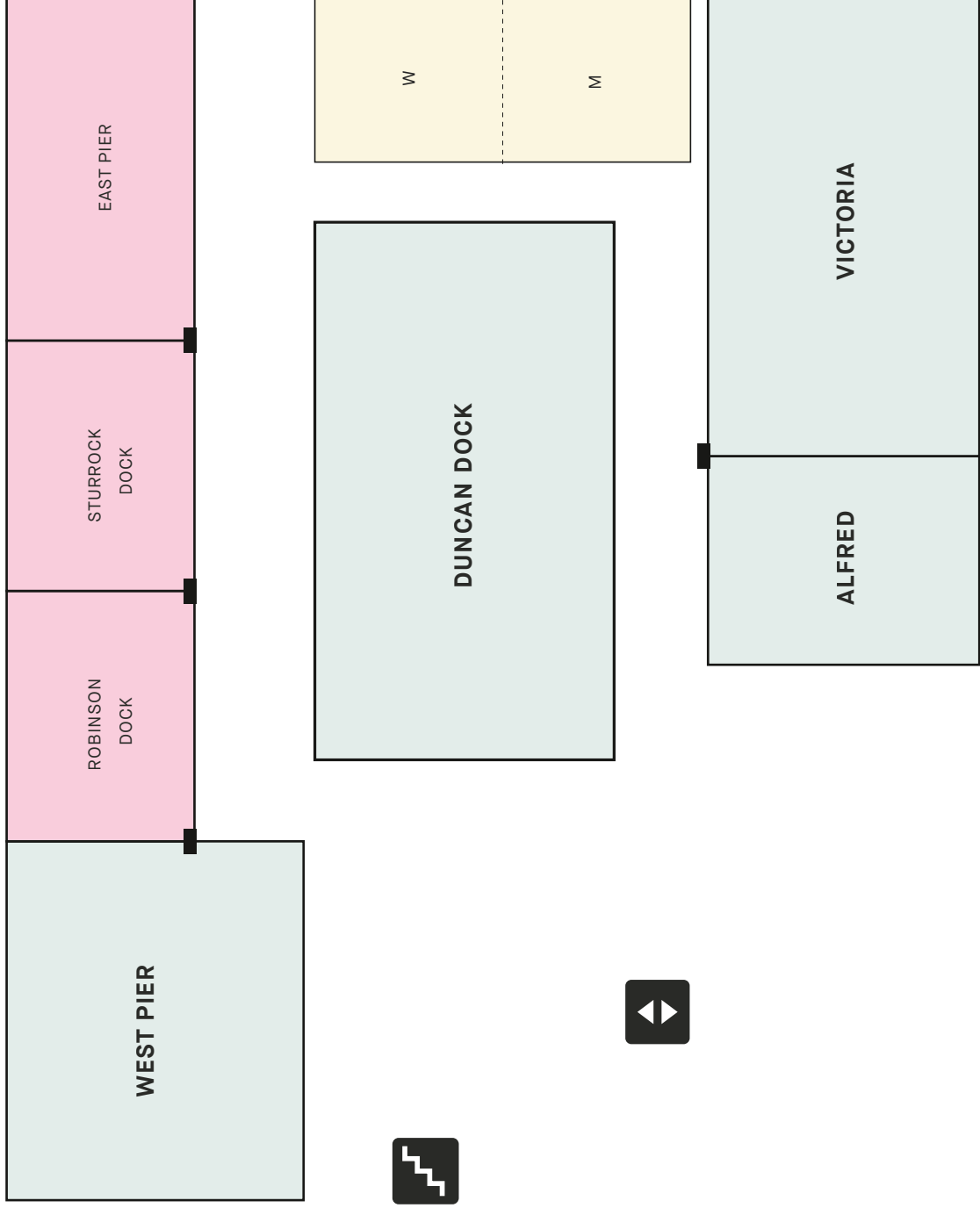


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Welcome to the 76th Annual ICA Conference from ICA

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.

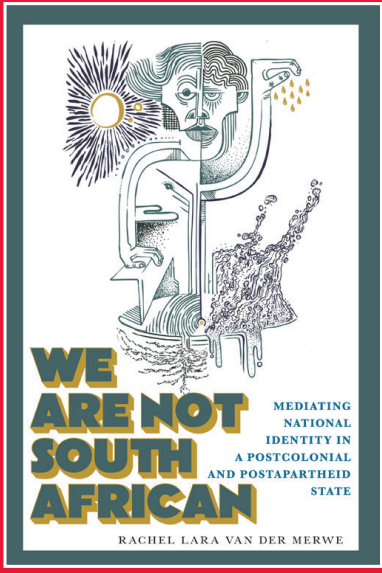
You will have noticed already that this is a complex city, with contested histories and heartbreaking inequalities. You have arrived in a society still marked by the long aftermath of colonialism and apartheid, but also a harbour city which has been globally connected for centuries. These global connections have not always been beneficial. From the exploitation of colonial times, through the oppression of apartheid to contemporary global trade, this society has always borne the economic consequences of domestic and geopolitical power struggles. Yet this is also a city and a society defined not only by its difficulties, but by its warmth and its fierce commitment to social justice; a society whose people have a profound love for their country that has survived a great deal and has in recent years taken moral leadership in global affairs lacking in much richer countries. You will find a society where lack is turned into creativity, and suffering is met with resilience. You may even go home with a perspective you did not arrive with.

We wish you a rewarding, enjoyable and enriching conference.

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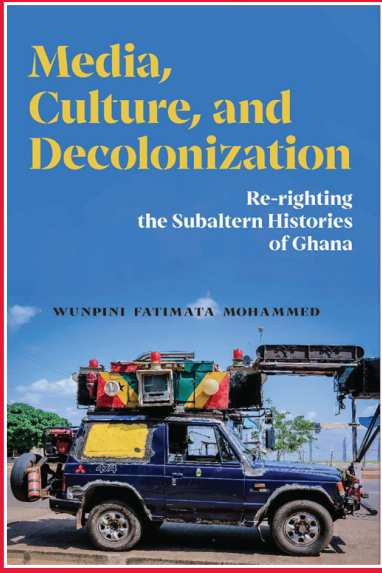
Herman Wasserman, on behalf of the ICA 2026 Host Committee.

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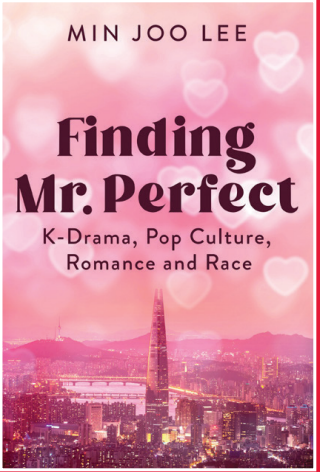
What does it mean to be South African, if the idea of “South Africa” is a European invention that continues to channel colonial values into our world? This book imagines a planet without nations, exploring why and how we could form sociopolitical communities imagined through decolonial commitments to mutual care.

WE ARE NOT SOUTH AFRICAN
Mediating National Identity in a Postcolonial and Postapartheid State
Rachel Lara van der Merwe

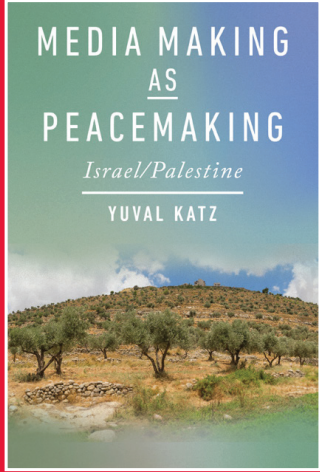


This book examines media by highlighting how African languages, cultures and traditions can shift how we think of knowledge. By focusing on Ghana, the book demonstrates the potential that African language media hold as tools of cultural and epistemological decolonization.

MEDIA, CULTURE, AND DECOLONIZATION
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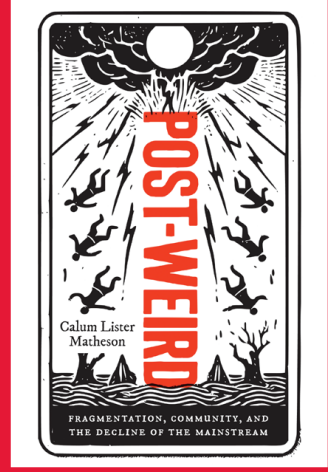
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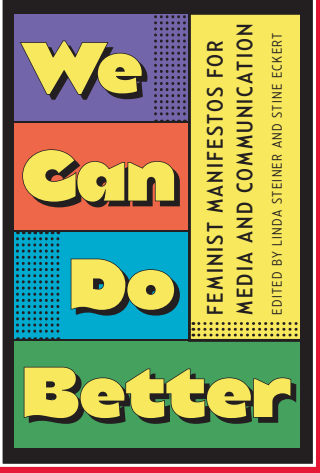
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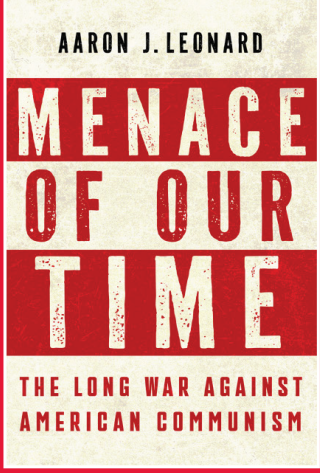
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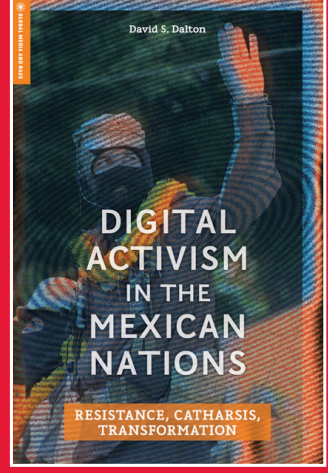
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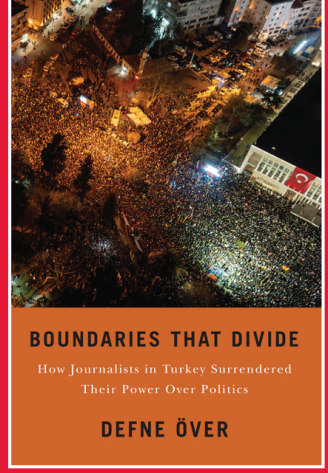
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General Information

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



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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 room 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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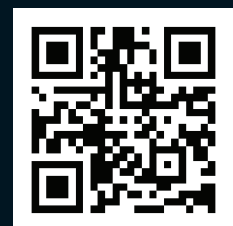
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1.42 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Health Information Seeking and	10:30–11:45 Gender-Based Violence,	10:30–11:45 Epistemic Power, AI and Politics of	12:00–13:15 Science Communicatic Controversies	13:30–14:45 Trust and Credibility	15:00–16:15 Social Movements and							
1.43 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Pedagogies of Relation: Teaching	10:30–11:45 Political Public Relations,	10:30–11:45 Political Public Relations,	12:00–13:15 Silicon Valley's Slippery	13:30–14:45 HIGH-DENSITY: What Young	15:00–16:15 The Evolution of Mass							
1.44 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Immersion, Play and Affective	10:30–11:45 Enacting Values: AI and Platform	10:30–11:45 Pushing the Boundaries of Advertising:	12:00–13:15 Memes, Social Media, and	13:30–14:45 Art Practitioners, Artworks, and	15:00–16:15 Expanding and Challenging							
1.61 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Publics' Perceptions, Sensemaking,	10:30–11:45 Recovering Repressed Histories of	10:30–11:45 Pushing the Boundaries of Advertising:	12:00–13:15 Global Exhaustion: Racial	13:30–14:45 Health Messaging: Media, the	15:00–16:15 Digital Ambivalence: Race,							
1.62 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Regulate Online Harm, Enhance	10:30–11:45 Recovering Repressed Histories of	10:30–11:45 Pushing the Boundaries of Advertising:	12:00–13:15 Global Exhaustion: Racial	13:30–14:45 Health Messaging: Media, the	15:00–16:15 Digital Ambivalence: Race,							
1.63 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 (Re)Energizin; ERIC: Communicatic	10:30–11:45 Recovering Repressed Histories of	10:30–11:45 Pushing the Boundaries of Advertising:	12:00–13:15 Global Exhaustion: Racial	13:30–14:45 Health Messaging: Media, the	15:00–16:15 Digital Ambivalence: Race,							
1.64 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Communicatir Seasons: Cultures,	10:30–11:45 Recovering Repressed Histories of	10:30–11:45 Pushing the Boundaries of Advertising:	12:00–13:15 Global Exhaustion: Racial	13:30–14:45 Health Messaging: Media, the	15:00–16:15 Digital Ambivalence: Race,							
Auditorium 2 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00–10:15 MIAU-thropomorphic Algorithms:	10:30–11:45 Synthetic Media Resurrections	10:30–11:45 Pushing the Boundaries of Advertising:	12:00–13:15 Global Exhaustion: Racial	13:30–14:45 Health Messaging: Media, the	15:00–16:15 Digital Ambivalence: Race,							

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2.41-2.43 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Journalistic Roles and Professional Spectacle:	09:00-10:15 Journalistic Authority on Douyin/TikTok:	10:30-11:45 Climate Risk Perception and Pods and Parasocials: Intimacy in Framing and Politics	12:00-13:15 Journalistic Authority on Douyin/TikTok:	13:30-14:45 Mobile Communicative in Personal	15:00-16:15 Environmental Advocacy: Actors,							
2.44-2.46 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Speculation and Spectacle:	10:30-11:45 Pods and Parasocials: Intimacy in Framing and Politics	12:00-13:15 Mediating Intimacy, Panic, and Identity and Politics 2	13:30-14:45 The Myths, Power Dynamics, Broadcast Legacies and Platform	15:00-16:15 Heritage in Motion: Cultural Political Advertising								
2.61-2.63 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Identity and Politics 1	10:30-11:45 Framing and Politics	12:00-13:15 Identity and Politics 2	13:30-14:45 Broadcast Legacies and Platform	15:00-16:15 Political Advertising								
2.64 (CTICC1, Level 2)			09:00-10:15 Digital Health Inequalities: Strengthening	10:30-11:45 Chronic Disease: Management, Chinese Digital Platforms:	12:00-13:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Masculinities, #ADHD Content on Social Media:	13:30-14:45 Political Communicative Strategies	15:00-16:15 Addressing Methodological Challenges in Marginalized Groups, Social								
2.65-2.66 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Gender and Race in Digital	10:30-11:45 Chinese Digital Platforms:	12:00-13:15 #ADHD Content on Social Media:	13:30-14:45 Patient-Centered Communicative	15:00-16:15 Marginalized Groups, Social								
Nerina (CTICC2, Lev 1)			09:00-10:15 The (Unequally) Managed	10:30-11:45 Rethinking Cross-Cultural	12:00-13:15 The State of LLM Text Annotation:	13:30-14:45 Migration Coverage: From Cross-Understanding Digital Activism and	15:00-16:15 Governing Inequality: Infrastructures Framing, Activism, and Social Justice								
Protea (CTICC2, Lev 1)			09:00-10:15 The Power of Visuals for Protest and	10:30-11:45 Navigating (Digital) Inclusion and	12:00-13:15 Protest on the News	13:30-14:45 Understanding Digital Activism and	15:00-16:15 Framing, Activism, and Social Justice								
Daisy (CTICC2, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Science Communicative and Artificial	10:30-11:45 Conceptualizing Constructive Journalism	12:00-13:15 Reimagining Organizational Communicative	13:30-14:45 Covering Conflict and Terrorism and	15:00-16:15 Covering Minorities, Victims, and								
Freesia (CTICC2, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 BILLI-eving In Advisors: Adolescents'	10:30-11:45 MEOW-tivating Clarity: Deep	12:00-13:15 MEOW-ing Through Mixed	13:30-14:45 PURR-spective Gaps: Not	15:00-16:15 NEKO-cessitating Narratives:								
Orchid (CTICC2, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 PURR-sonal Ties: WhatsApp	10:30-11:45 PURR-vasive Presences: Context-	12:00-13:15 MEOW-ing Relations:	13:30-14:45 MEOW-ing Trust: Chinese AI in	15:00-16:15 Media Power: Institutional Logics, HIGH-DENSITY: Feminist								
8.1 (CTICC2, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Advances in	10:30-11:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Reporting on	12:00-13:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Health, AI,	13:30-14:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Tool and Data	15:00-16:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Feminist								
8.2 (CTICC2, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Gender and	10:30-11:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Developing	12:00-13:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Machine	13:30-14:45 HIGH-DENSITY: News and	15:00-16:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Social Media								

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8.3 (CTICC2, Lev 2)			09:00–10:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Political and	10:30–11:45 HIGH-DENSITY: B.E.S.T. I:	12:00–13:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Reporting on	13:30–14:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Social Media	15:00–16:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Trust: How								
Watsonia (CTICC2, Lev 3)			09:00–10:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Identity,	10:30–11:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Audiences,	12:00–13:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Journalistic	13:30–14:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Journalistic	15:00–16:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Misinformation								
Bluebell (CTICC2, Lev 3)			09:00–10:15 InfoSys: Understanding Social Media	10:30–11:45 InfoSys: Perception, Trust, and	12:00–13:15 InfoSys: Information Cues and	13:30–14:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Anthropomorph	15:00–16:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Perceiving								
Westin Ballroom West (Westin, Old Harbour Level)	07:00–08:30 NUS-CNIM Networking Breakfast		09:00–10:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Communities, Care and	10:30–11:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Fields of Play,	12:00–13:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Global Perspectives										
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Diaz (Westin, Old Harbour Level)			09:00–10:15 Bad News: Covering Crime,	10:30–11:45 Conflict, Inequality, and the	12:00–13:15 VR and Justice: Post-Colonial	13:30–14:45 PARTNER PANEL: EACH -									
de Gama (Westin, Old Harbour Level)			09:00–10:15 Women, Power, and the Podium	10:30–11:45 Crowd Control and Fan	12:00–13:15 HPV Vaccination: Social Media	13:30–14:45 AI, Chatbots, and Patient-Provider	15:00–16:15 Social Norms and Health Behavior								
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Victoria & Alfred (Westin, Harbour Edge Level)			09:00–10:15 Online Social Worlds and Human	10:30–11:45 Digital Discourse: Politics,	12:00–13:15 Beyond Borders: Intercultural	13:30–14:45 Explicitly Mediated: Representing									
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Hall 2 (CTICC1, Ground Level)			08:30–12:00 ICA Kids Family Play Zone												
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ICA 2026 — Tuesday, Jun 9

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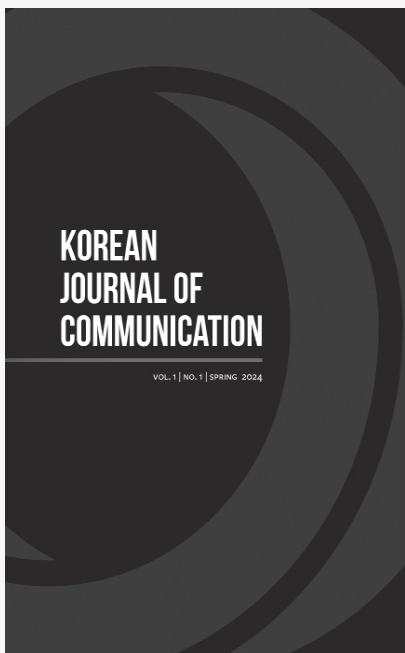
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AI Politics

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Monday, 8 June 2026

6060

NUS-CNM Networking Breakfast

Monday
7:00–8:30

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Invitation only.

6070

BLUE SKY: Mapping Platform Asia: A Collaborative Inquiry into Global Digital Futures

Monday
7:30–10:15
**Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)**

Blue Sky Workshops

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Weiyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
Yuchao Zhao, Zhejiang Lab, CHINA

This Blue Sky session reimagines communication and platform studies from the vantage point of Asia—its histories, infrastructures, and transnational entanglements. Using Asia as method, it interrogates structural and epistemic inequalities embedded in both platform capitalism and the discipline itself. Participants will collectively map Platform Asia, exploring how comparative, collaborative, and decolonial perspectives can reshape global communication scholarship and culminate in a manifesto envisioning more inclusive, multipolar frameworks for digital and epistemic futures.

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Friends of Bill W. Meeting

Monday
7:30–8:15

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(Westin,**

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Morning Snack

Monday
8:30–9:00

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6092

Morning Snack

Monday
8:30–9:00

Sponsored Sessions

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ICA Kids Family Play Zone

Monday
8:30–12:00

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Hall 2 (CTICC1, Ground Level)

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 in this room. 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 (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 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.

6101

(HYBRID) AI Across Communication Fields: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Adoption, Opportunities, and Evolving Challenges

Monday
9:00–10:15

Interdivisional

Mass Communication

Journalism Studies

Information Systems

Human-Machine Communication

Computational Methods

Communication and Technology

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Aliaa ElShabassy, Cairo U, EGYPT
 Shahira Fahmy, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

Organizers

Aliaa ElShabassy, Cairo U, EGYPT
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Participants

Generative AI in Research: Challenges, Opportunities and Innovations
 Noshir Contractor, Northwestern U, USA

Considering the Consequences of Generative AI and Agent AI on Journalism
 John Pavlik, Rutgers U, USA

AI in Immersive Media
 Jeremy Bailenson, Stanford U, USA

Creative Work at Risk: Ethics of AI-Driven Displacement
 Peng Hwa Ang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Peer Review Requires Human Peers ... Doesn't It? Generative AI and Journal Reviewing
 Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

A Media-Effects Perspective on Responsible AI
 S. Shyam Sundar, Pennsylvania State U & Sungkyunkwan U, USA

Rethinking Diffusion of Innovations Theory in the Age of AI and Social Media
 Aliaa ElShabassy, Cairo U, EGYPT
 Shahira Fahmy, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

This interdivisional panel brings together leading scholars to explore how artificial intelligence is reshaping various areas within the communication field—from communication research and journalism to immersive media, social media, scholarly publishing, ethics, and media psychology. Bridging theoretical, ethical, and practical perspectives, the discussion examines both the opportunities and challenges AI introduces across these domains. The session encourages dialogue on AI's broad impact and its implications for the future of communication research, practice, and education.

6102

(HYBRID) HIGH-DENSITY: Political Communication, Disinformation, and Democratic Crisis

Monday
 9:00–10:15
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Theme

Chair

Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Participants

Understanding Trumpism and Its Appeal
 Robert Horwitz, U of California, San Diego, USA

Beyond the Liberation Narrative: Actional Legitimacy and the ANC's Post-Mandela Crisis
 Theon Hill, Wheaton College, USA
 Damion Waymer, U of South Carolina, USA

The “Unspoken Rules”: A Multi-Platform Study of Far-Right Participatory Pseudoscientific Disinformation
 Meredith Pruden, Kennesaw State U, USA
 Ayse Lokmanoglu, Boston U, USA
 Michael Miller Yoder, U of Pittsburgh, USA

Asymmetric Amplification: Digital, Sexualized Violence against Women Politicians as a Structural Barrier to Democratic Participation
 Jasmin Riedl, U of the Bundeswehr Munich, GERMANY
 Pauline Kielbassa, U of the Bundeswehr Munich, GERMANY
 Wiebke Drews, Rudolfovo - Science and Technology Centre Novo Mesto, SLOVENIA

Framing Neoliberal Policies: A Piketty–Bourdieu Analysis of the U.S. Newspaper Field, 1981–2017
 Alexis Mirbach, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Rodney Benson, New York U, USA

Community Radio Stations and the Participation Funnel in Chile

Jorge Saavedra, Diego Portales U, CHILE

Marcelo Santos, Diego Portales U, CHILE

Amid rising democratic backsliding, political polarization, and the spread of disinformation, political communication has become central to the contemporary democratic crisis. This panel brings together papers that examine how communication shapes political legitimacy, participation, and exclusion across different contexts. Together, the contributions address populist appeal, post-liberation legitimacy struggles, far-right and pseudoscientific disinformation, gendered digital violence against women politicians, media framing of neoliberal policies, and the role of community radio in democratic participation.

6103

Political Discourse

Monday

9:00–10:15

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Political Communication

Chair

Christian Baden, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Participants

Normative Ideals and Empirical Realities: Viewpoint Diversity in the Discourse on German Arms Deliveries to Ukraine

Laura Liebig, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Gregor Wiedemann, Leibniz Institute for Media Research, Hans Bredow Institute, GERMANY

Katharina Kleinen von Königslöw, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

How Stigma Affects Public Discourse: An Experiment on the Impact of Stigmatization and Opinion Distribution on Individual Expression

Jing Zhu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Rui Wang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Discourse Coalitions in the Debate Hosted by International Organizations on the Taxation of Multinationals


Sally Boyani, U Passau, GERMANY

Hannah Schmid-Petri, U of Passau, GERMANY

Philip Leifeld, U of Manchester, UNITED KINGDOM

Constructing State-Agent Professional Legitimacy: Discursive Institutional Change in Chinese Official English Media Climate Communication, 2001–2025 Q1

Haoshuang Wang, Xiamen U, CHINA

 Balancing “Solidarity” and “Leadership”? A Critical Discourse Analysis of China’s Global South Narratives in Governmental Policies

Bei Wang, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

6104

Health Information Seeking and Sharing

Monday

9:00–10:15

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Lev 1)

Health Communication

Moderator

Jingwen Zhang, U of California, Davis, USA

Participants

Latent Profiles of Health Information Behaviors of Patients Affected by Heart Failure: A Cross-Sectional Study

Selina Beckmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Paula Memenga, Hanover U of Music, Drama & Media, GERMANY

Elena Link, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Cervical Cancer Information Seeking in the Digital Communication Environment

Shuo Yao, U of Florida, USA

Jiawei Liu, U of Florida, USA

Francis Dalisay, U of Florida, USA
Benjamin Johnson, U of Florida, USA
Jeff Niederdeppe, Cornell U, USA

The Influence of Presumed Media Influence on People's Use of Generative AI for Health Information Seeking: A Multigroup Comparison Based on Varying Levels of Generative AI Readiness

Zhuoman Li, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Mengxue Ou, Peking U, CHINA

Share Before You Act: The Role of Health Information Sharing in Skin Cancer Preventive Behavior among Hispanics

Jun Pei, U of Kansas, USA
David Perez, Georgetown U, USA
Yonaira Rivera, Rutgers U, USA
Carolyn Heckman, Rutgers U, USA
Zhaomeng Niu, Rutgers U, USA

6105

Pedagogies of Relation: Teaching Intercultural Communication amid Crisis and Inequity

Monday
9:00–10:15
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Intercultural Communication

Chair

Godfried Asante, San Diego State U, USA

Participants

Comfort Tosin Adebayo, Towson U, USA
Valerie Biwa, Baruch College, City U of New York, USA
Yea-Wen Chen, San Diego State U, USA
Joëlle M. Cruz, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
Brandi Lawless, U of San Francisco, USA
Rico Self, North Carolina State U, USA
Damariye Smith, San Diego State U, USA

In an era of deepening inequality, dehumanization, polarization, and global crises, this discussion panel explores what it means to teach intercultural communication as a practice of relational ethics and social transformation. Drawing from feminist, decolonial, and critical pedagogies, the presenters offer classroom strategies and theoretical interventions that center connection, care, and epistemic justice. The panel reimagines intercultural education as an act of resistance and hope amid division and systemic inequity.

6106

Immersion, Play, and Affective Politics

Monday
9:00–10:15
1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Philosophy, Theory and Critique

Chair

Elizabeth Fetterolf, Stanford U, USA

Participants

Play and Power in Migration-Themed Virtual Reality

Juan Llamas-Rodriguez, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Towards an Emancipatory Theory of Immersive Technologies: Virtual Reality and Forced Migration

Bimbisar Irom, Washington State U, USA

The Erotics of Solidarity: Invested Detachment and the Affective Politics of Digital Play

Yasmeen Mekawy, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Immersive and playful media have become powerful sites where affect, power, and politics intersect. This panel examines how virtual reality, digital play, and platformed participation shape political individualities, solidarities, and systems of value. The papers highlight how

immersion and play operate as political forces that organize feeling, visibility, and cohesion in modern media cultures.

6107

Publics' Perceptions, Sensemaking, and Relational Outcomes of AI

Monday
9:00–10:15
1.61
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Public Relations

Chair

Mitchell Hobbs, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Can AI Build Trust and Reputation? Understanding the Conditional Effect of Trust-Centered Communicative Strategies on Trust in Organization-Public Relationships

Bo Chang, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Yi-Hui Huang, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Qinxian Cai, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

When AI Strikes a Chord: How AI Agent and Human Agent Moderates Crisis Response in Competence-Based and Integrity-Based Crises

Sining Kong, Texas A&M U at Corpus Christi, USA

AI Success and Failure: Publics' Perceptions of AI Innovations and AI-Caused Crisis in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Ability (CA) Domains

Sifan Xu, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

From Optimism to Obligation: How Positive Orientation Toward AI Drives Public Demand for Corporate Digital Responsibility

Hao Xu, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

Yijia Zhu, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Heesoo Jang, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Clara Juarez Miro, U of Barcelona, SPAIN

Human or AI? Source Effects on Cognitive and Affective Trust and Public Responses in Basic Crisis Communication

Yeonsoo Kim, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Hyungrok Jin, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Haneul Jang, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Jino Chung, U of Texas at Austin, USA

6108

Regulate Online Harm, Enhance Online Safety, and Authenticity

Monday
9:00–10:15
1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Communication Law and Policy

Chair

Stephen Wolgast, U of Kansas, USA

Participants

Assessing Online Harms Severity: A Maximum Difference Scaling (MaxDiff) Approach

Han Ei Chew, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Carol Soon, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Harkiran Kaur, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Negotiated Compliance: Anti-Cancer Short Video Creators' Visibility Dilemma and Folk Theories of Content Moderation

Dingxiang Liu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Xingang Chen, Communication U of China, CHINA

Unfulfilled Promises of (Dating) Safety and User Privacy: A Case Study of Tea

Xinghan Wang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

When Platforms Tell Us What Is Authentic: Platform Governance of Authenticity on X and Weibo

Tianchan Mao, Fudan U, CHINA

Chris Chao Su, Boston U, USA

Ngai Keung Chan, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Lei Guo, Fudan U, CHINA

6109**(Re)Energizing ERIC: Communication, Inequalities, and the Future of the Scholarship****Monday**
9:00–10:15
1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Ethnicity & Race in Communication****Chair**

Tina M. Harris, Louisiana State U, USA

Discussant

Ronald Jackson, U of Miami, USA

Participants

Inclusion for Whom? Racial Inequalities in the Latin American Academia

Magdalena Saldana, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Constructing Narratives of Resistance: Race, Language, and Media Discourses in the #AfrikaansMustFall Movement

Kealeboga Aiseng, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Gotta Tell My Story: Storyworlding, Reflexivity, and Archiving as Praxis in the Future of Black Women's Communication Scholarship

Katrina Overby, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

Care as Global Intervention: Revisiting Health, Gender, and Sexuality in the Study of Ethnicity and Race in Communication (ERIC)

Sean Upshaw, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Shinsuke Eguchi, Wake Forest U, USA

This panel brings together a diverse group of communication scholars from multiple global localities to contemplate how to reenergize the Ethnicity and Race in Communication (ERIC) Division within ICA for a future in which scholars can freely pursue the studies they wish to undertake. To further advance the scholarly discourse, the panel presents four essays to reimagine how to continue engaging with the study of ethnicity and race in communication amid the current climate.

6110**Communicating Seasons: Cultures, Places, and Media****Monday**
9:00–10:15
1.64
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Environmental Communication****Chair**

Klaus Jensen, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Discussant

Mehita Iqani, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Journalistic Constructions of Seasons in Denmark and Australia

Henrik Bødker, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Raining Stories: Monsoon and Climate Change in Indian Cinema

Sruthi V S, U of Plaksha, INDIA

Baltic Correspondences

Monika Szuba, U of Gdansk, POLAND

Seasonal Feeds: The Digital Life of Climate, Mood, and Time

Tanja Bosch, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Seasons are today transitional in the added sense that seasonal patterns themselves are in transition. To investigate how seasons and their transitions are implicated in the understanding of climate change, this panel brings together studies of how seasons are communicated in different locations and media. In terms of locations, the panelists come from Denmark, India, Poland, and South Africa and in terms of media, they focus on, respectively, journalism, feature film, poetry, and social media.

6111**MIAU-thropomorphic Algorithms: Socio-Cognitive Dynamics, Trust, and Human-Like AI Interactions**

Monday
 9:00–10:15
 🌐 **Auditorium**
2 (CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology**Chair**

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

Participants

Mind the Partner: Are Socio-Cognitive Processes Different for Human vs. Disembodied AI Co-Agents?

Noëlle Bender, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Nicole Krämer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

When Algorithms Seem Human-Like: Young Dating App Users' Perceived Algorithmic Anthropomorphism, Blame Attribution, and Loneliness

Melanie Hirsch, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA

Anja Stevic, Stanford U, USA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Global Technology, National Contexts: Media Framing of ChatGPT in 46 Countries

Hechen Ding, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Hong Vu, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Rim Chaif, U of Kansas, USA

Waqas Ejaz, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

AI Democracy Effects: When Citizens Prefer AI Governance over Humans

Homero Gil de Zúñiga, U of Salamanca/Pennsylvania State U, SPAIN

Porismita Borah, Washington State U, USA

Pablo González-González, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Emotional Dynamics in Human-Algorithm Interaction: A Mixed-Methods Study of How Emotion-Aware Algorithms Shape Trust and Well-Being

Shuer Zhuo, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Jeeyun Oh, U of Texas at Austin, USA

6120**Journalistic Roles and Professional Milieus**

Monday
 9:00–10:15
 🌐 **2.41-2.43**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies**Chair**

Logan Molyneux, Temple U, USA

Participants

Rethinking the Role of Common-Sense in Journalism and Journalism Studies

Hagar Lahav, Sapir College, ISRAEL

Zvi Reich, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Cristopher Anderson, U of Milan, ITALY

Mapping Journalistic Interventionism: Towards a Multi-Dimensional Understanding

Birte Leonhardt, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Bernadette Uth, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Folker Hanusch, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Towards a Typology of the Worlds of Journalism in Central and Eastern Europe

Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Boris Mance, U of Ljubljana, SLOVENIA

Igor Vobič, U of Ljubljana, SLOVENIA

Deimantas Jastramskis, Vilnius U, LITHUANIA

Kenneth Andresen, U of Adger, NORWAY

Anda Rozukalne, Riga Stradins U, LATVIA

Agnieszka Weglinska, U of Wroclavski, POLAND

Katarzyna Konarska, U of Wroclavski, POLAND

Between Media Capture and Journalistic Autonomy: The Lived Experiences of Indian Journalists

Madhavi Ravikumar, U of Hyderabad, INDIA

Nimmagadda Bhargava, Indian Institute of Management Indore, INDIA

John Downey, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

Mapping Global Repertoires of Journalistic Roles: Comparative Evidence from 74 Countries

Thomas Hanitzsch, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Jan Fredrik Hovden, U of Bergen, NORWAY
Mia Grünewald, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Folker Hanusch, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Imke Henkel, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM
Corinna Lauerer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Wiebke Loosen, Leibniz Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute, GERMANY
Seungahn Nah, U of Florida, USA
Motti Neiger, Bar-Ilan U, ISRAEL
Rui Novais, Ue Católica Portuguesa, PORTUGAL
Jyotika Ramaprasad, U of Miami, USA
Andreas Riedl, U of Augsburg, GERMANY
Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

6121

Speculation and Spectacle: Reality Checks and Meaning Remaking

Monday

9:00–10:15

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Camilo Diaz Pino, West Chester U, USA

Participants

How Mexican Is Dragon Ball Z? Palimpsestic Authorship, Cultural Odor and Anime's Integration Into Latin American Quotidianity

Camilo Diaz Pino, West Chester U, USA

Caring Fathers, Quiet Politics: Affective Depoliticization of Pronatalism in Chinese Fatherhood Reality TV

Chenjie Zheng, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Selling the Postcolonial Dream: Cultural Imperialism and Consumerism in Global Netflix Reality TV

Tursynay Alikhanova, Florida State U, USA

From Tuskegee to Telekinesis: Communicating Inequities in Black Speculative Television

Yewande Addie, U of Florida, USA

6122

Identity and Politics 1

Monday

9:00–10:15

🌐 2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Jingyuan Yu, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY

Participants

Routes to Distrust Differ by Identity: Partisan Asymmetries in the Cognitive Roots of Election Skepticism

Soojeong Kim, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Sungwon Jung, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Thomas Johnson, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Salih Hurdogan, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Jiawen Yang, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Tasnuva Alam Ahona, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Partisan Social Identity and Political Convictions in the 2024 Presidential Election

Jihye Park, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

Freddie Jennings, U of Arkansas, Fayetteville, USA

Farzana Fahmee, U of Arkansas, Fayetteville, USA

Nicholas Purinton, U of Arkansas, Fayetteville, USA

Cindy Ngai, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

Communicative Domain Crossing and the Formation of Identity-Driven Attentive Publics

Adam Saffer, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Joshua Scacco, U of South Florida, USA

Jianing Li, Rutgers U, USA

Ideological Filters and the Perceived Possibility of Understanding: How Political Identity Shapes Shared Reality Expectations in Communication

Brett Hu, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Steven Stroessner, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Identity Salience, Cognitive Sophistication, and Motivated Reasoning in Politically Motivated Contexts

Lara Grohmann, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

Fabian Hutmacher, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

Regina Reichardt, U of Regensburg, GERMANY

6123

Digital Health Inequalities: Strengthening Capacity to Promote Community Health

Monday

Health Communication

9:00–10:15

Moderator

Cyprine Keriga, Daystar U, KENYA

2.64

Participants

(CTICC1,
Level 2)

Digital Health Inequalities in Kenya: Barriers to Accessing MHealth Services among Low-Income Populations

Cyprine Keriga, Daystar U, KENYA

Examining Data Absenteeism in Synthetic Health Data across Six ASEAN Countries

Huanyu Bao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Dandan Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Edmund Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Strengthening Digital Communication Capacities in Chile's Family Health Centers: A Participatory Intervention for Community Health Workers

Macarena Peña-y-Lillo, U Diego Portales, CHILE

Digital Divide and Health Equity: A Case Study of Philadelphia's Non-Emergency Service Request Patterns Using Social Network Analysis

Ying Zhang, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Bridging the Digital Divide: Understanding Digital Health Attitudes and Behaviors among Black/African Americans to Inform Health Communication Interventions

Kelly Merrill, U of Cincinnati, USA

Tannishtha Ray, U of Cincinnati, USA

Samara Chatrath, U of Cincinnati, USA

Arush Desai, U College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Shobha Pai, U of Cincinnati, USA

Cassidy Ellis, U of Cincinnati, USA

6124

Gender and Race in Digital Spaces: Computational Analysis of Bias and Narratives

Monday

Computational Methods

9:00–10:15

Chair

Rupert Kiddle, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

2.65-2.66

Organizer

(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

  Analysis of the Forms of Online Sexism in Political Discourse and How Well Language Models Predict Them

Aditi Dutta, U of Exeter, UNITED KINGDOM

Algorithmic Favoritism: The Reproduction of Gendered Labour on TikTok

Yicheng Li, U College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Zihang Peng, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

Racial Bias in AI Assessment: An Algorithmic Audit of Conversational AI in Real-World

Decision Scenarios

Xintong Yao, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Qiming Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Discourse of Depression and Trauma on Arabic Social Media: A Matched-Pairs Approach to Gendered Narratives of Mental Health

Chereen Shurafa, Hamad bin Khalifa U, QATAR

Md. Rafiul Biswas, Hamad bin Khalifa U, QATAR

Wajdi Zaghouani, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Picturing Perceptions: An Open-Source Toolkit to Uncover Bias in Humans and Machines

Saurabh Khanna, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Zhijun Chen, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Cherrie Joy Billeo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jiayi Yan, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Irene van Driel, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Sindy Sumter, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Lauren Taylor, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Olga Eisele, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Xinkangrui Gao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Alex Barco, U of Deusto, SPAIN

Daniela An, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Qianyi Wang, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

6130

The (Unequally) Managed Heart: Power, Privilege, and Emotional Labor in Global Media Production

Monday
9:00–10:15
Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Global Communication and Social Change

Discussant

Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State U, USA

Participants

Dying to Tell a Story: Boundary Work and the Emotional Value of a Reporter's Life

Omar Al-Ghazzi, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED

KINGDOM

Intimate Infrastructure and the Materiality of Emotional Labor

Kaarina Nikunen, Tampere U, FINLAND

Three Harms and a Joy: Emotion and Practice in Morally Urgent Journalism

Richard Stupart, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

The Emotional Labor of "Naming and Shaming": Press Freedom Advocacy and Emotional Resilience

Lindsay Palmer, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

This panel examines how global articulations of power and inequality directly shape the emotional labor of media producers—be they professional journalists, ordinary social media users, or digital activists.

6131

The Power of Visuals for Protest and Justice

Monday
9:00–10:15
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Dan Mercea, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Multimodal Repertoires of Contemporary Protest: Discursive Patterns across Three Asian Countries

Daniel Renz Roc, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

Protest-Related Content on Video-Sharing Platforms: An Analysis of the Social Reinforcement and Transmission of Contention

Matthias Hoffmann, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Dan Mercea, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM
Felipe G. Santos, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA
Visual Resistance and Collective Identity: Poster Politics in Philadelphia's No Arena Movement
Yuan (Riley) Xu, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Participatory Video in Public Welfare Communication: Visibility Empowerment and Networked Practice in Rural China Based on a Case Study of Library J
Fenglei Ding, Renmin U of China, CHINA
The Impact Producer in Social Documentary: Characterisation and Analysis
Juanjo Balaguer, U Carlos III, SPAIN
Arnau Gifreu Castells, U Autònoma de Barcelona, SPAIN

6140

Science Communication and Artificial Intelligence

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

Science Communication

Chair


Xiaoyue Yan, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Participants

The Mad Scientist 2.0? A Comparative Study of Stereotypes in AI-Generated and Google Images

Daniela Mahl, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

 When Researchers Use AI: Public Trust, Ethical Judgments, and the Perceived Value of Academic Research

Catherine Chen, Louisiana State U, USA

Xinle Jia, Southern Illinois U Carbondale, USA

Search, Summarize, Converse: Comparing AI's Impact on Scientific Knowledge Gain and Self-Perception

Jinping Wang, U of Florida, USA

Olivia Bullock, U of Florida, USA

Estelle Sun, U of Florida, USA

Slipping through the Cracks: Identity Work, Boundary Negotiation, and the Mediation of AI Knowledge among Grassroots Prompt Engineer

Pengfei Fu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Xiaoyu Ye, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Jingyi Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Yihe Huang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Metacognitive AI Literacy: Findings from an Interactive AI Fair

Brian Hutler, Temple U, USA

Yusra Alzahrani, Temple U, USA

Anu Olagunju, Temple U, USA

Kevin Doherty, Temple U, USA

Meghna Tallapragada, Temple U, USA

Bruce Hardy, Temple U, USA

6141

BILLI-eving in Advisors: Adolescents' Social GenAI, Perceived Harms, and User-System Agency Problems

Monday
9:00–10:15
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Elliot Panek, U of Alabama, USA

Participants

Two Faces of Third-Person Perceptions of AI-Generated Content: Disentangling Discernment Efficacy from Presumed Influence

Harry Yan, Texas A&M U, USA

Ross Dahlke, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Ryan Moore, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Sunny Liu, Stanford U, USA
 Fangjing Tu, Stanford U, USA
 Angela Lee, Stanford U, USA
 Jeffrey Hancock, Stanford U, USA
 The Harmful Side of Algorithmic Persuasion: A Systematic Review on the
 Conceptualization of Non-Material Harms
 Yajing Wang, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Joanna Strycharz, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Corine Meppelink, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Hilde Voorveld, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Agenda Set by AI Prior to Agenda Set by Social Media? Exploring Agenda-Setting Effects
 of AI-Powered Search Embedded in Social Media
 Huimin Chen, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Yujing Lin, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Qingrui Li, Yunnan U, CHINA
 “An Empathetic Advisor”: How Adolescents Appropriate Social GenAI in Everyday Life
 Sven Joeckel, U of Erfurt, GERMANY
 Luise Zwirlein, U of Erfurt, GERMANY
 Leyla Dogruel, U of Erfurt, GERMANY
 Simon Barth, U of Erfurt, GERMANY
 Franciska Nowak, U of Erfurt, GERMANY
 The Principal-Agent Problem in User-Algorithm Interactions
 Alicia Ernst, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Michael Scharnow, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

6142

PURR-sonal Ties: WhatsApp Kinkeeping, Feed Confusion, and Digital Well-Being

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

Communication and Technology

Chair

Svetlana Bodrunova, St. Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Participants

The Weight of Looking: How Social Media Shapes Young Men’s Body Image

Bryan Defjan, Stanford U, USA

Sunny Liu, Stanford U, USA

Deepfakes of Deceased vs. Living Celebrities in Prosocial Communication

Syed Ali Hussain, U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

María T. Soto-Sanfiel, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

“It’s Just Second Nature to Do WhatsApp.” Kinkeeping and Boundary Work by Multi-Generational Families in the Platform Society

Sonia Livingstone, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Bogumila Mateja-Jaworska, Adam Mickiewicz U, POLAND

Oana Negru-Subtirica, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Andra Siibak, U of Tartu, ESTONIA

Superficial Scrolling: Credibility Perception and Role Confusion in Social Media Feeds

Eva Rudholzer, Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

Sonja Utz, Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

Media Use for Strong vs. Weak Ties: A Configural Examination of Digital Well-Being

Ceciley Zhang, California State U, Fullerton, USA

Ronald Rice, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Chengyu Fang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Monday
9:00–10:15
8.1
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Mass Communication**Chair**

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Participants

How Hostile Sexism Shapes Interpretation of Ambiguous Narratives About Gender Violence

Matea Mustafaj, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Shaimaa Khanam, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Could Adolescence Be the Manosphere's the Day After Tomorrow? How Popular Media Events (Do Not) Shape Public Discourse

Yoo Ji Suh, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Mariel Barnes, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Luhang Sun, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Mengyu Li, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Laila Abbas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Catalina Farias, Northwestern U, USA

Jingqi Yang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Rewriting the Sexual Script: Erotic Media and Sexual Script Application

Cassandra Alexopoulos, U of Massachusetts, Boston, USA

Jennifer Gregg, U of Massachusetts, Boston, USA

Media Consumption and Its Impact on Hong Kong Youth: Work Competencies, and Perceptions of Upward Mobility

Boris Pun, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Jeremy Ko, ETH Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Anthony Fung, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Ka Yee Janice Wong, Hang Seng U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Formative Media Experiences as Part of Social Identity Formation for Members of Marginalized Groups

Larissa Leonhard, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Andreas Riedl, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Magdalena Obermaier, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Inequality and Resistance in the Media Representation of China's Underclass Migrant Workers

MinJie He, Nanjing U, CHINA

Hui Kuang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Home vs. Abroad: How Media Exposure and Perceptions Shape Emigration Aspirations under Visa-Based Mobility Restrictions

Blerta Blakaj, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jakob-Moritz Eberl, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Hajo Boomgaarden, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Monday
9:00–10:15
8.2
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Feminist Scholarship**Chair**

Rockia Harris, Villanova U, USA

Participants

Social Comparison, Parental Perfectionism and Parenting Stress on Social Media: A Mixed-Methods Study of Chinese New Mothers

Shuhuan Zhou, Communication U of China, CHINA

Dianlin Huang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Deqiang Ji, Communication U of China, CHINA


How Internet Use Affects Chinese Women's Marital Satisfaction via Perceived Spousal Contributions

Yuqiao Cao, Tianjin U, CHINA
 Shuhuan Zhou, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Xiaokun Yang, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO
 “How Dare My AI Boyfriend Push Me to Have a Baby!” Feminist Digital Practices of Engagement with AI Motherhood Discourses
 Yihe Huang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 “I Know It’s Commercial, but It’s the Only Option to Be Comfortable”: Empowerment Imaginaries, Embodied Practices, and Gendered Utopias in China’s Women-Only Gyms
 Xiruo Lyu, Xiamen U, CHINA
 Meiling Du, Xiamen U, CHINA
 Animating Women: AI, Platform Culture, and the Sexualized Circulation of Female Images in Contemporary China
 Xiangning Hong, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Shengzhe Yang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 “I Want to Balance Care and Clicks”: Negotiated Empowerment among Grassroots Mom Influencers in China
 Qixuan (Cherry) He, Boston U, USA
 TikTok’s “Old-Age” Filter as a Cultural Commodity and Women’s Responses to It
 Ira Solomatina, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Everyday Algorithmic Imaginaries: Visibility Practices of Older Chinese Women Content Creators
 Xiaoying Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Wendi Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA
 “How Can You Play the Game When They Keep Changing the Rules?” Australian Older Women’s Everyday Technology Practices
 Caitlin McGrane, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

This panel covers online cultures, diversity, and social expectations in content creation.

6145

HIGH-DENSITY: Political and Technical Risks and Alternative Journalism

Monday
 9:00–10:15
 **8.3**
(CTICC2, Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Marc Jungblut, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

The Growing Non-Commercial Basis of U.S. Journalism Employment: Evidence from One City, 2015–2025

Matthew Powers, U of Washington, Seattle, USA

Mapping the Spread and Development of Journalism Threat Monitors

Wilson Lowrey, U of Alabama, USA

Philippe Buadee, U of Alabama, USA

Contested Dissent: Technogarchy, Illiberalism and Alternative Journalism in the US: The Case of Aaron Parnas

Hilde Van den Bulck, Drexel U, USA

Jonathan Hendrickx, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Aaron Hyzen, U of Pennsylvania, USA

The Changing Nature of Technical Risk and Its Impact on Local News Organizations

Jennifer Henrichsen, Washington State U, USA

Martin Shelton, Freedom of the Press Foundation, USA

Susan McGregor, Columbia U, USA

Emerging Trends in Journalism Education: Mapping the Inequalities From the Perspectives of Faculty and Students

Samuel Danso, African U of Communications and Business, GHANA

Gifty Appiah-Adjei, U of Education, Winneba, GHANA

Michael Serwornoo, U of Maryland Eastern Shore, USA

News for Connection, Status and Belonging: Exploring the Social Currency of Local News

Jee Young Lee, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA
 Sora Park, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA
 Janet Fulton, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA
 Between Borders and Truth: Russian Dissident Journalists in Exile
 Teodora Trifonova, U of Missouri, USA
 Joy Jenkins, U of Missouri, USA
 The Trackers in Digital Journalism: Tech Giants and the Extraction of User Data from News Media
 Raul Ferrer-Conill, U of Stavanger, NORWAY
 Cornelia Brantner, Karlstad U, SWEDEN
 Michael Karlsson, Karlstad U, SWEDEN
 Rasmus Helles, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK
 Helle Sjøvaag, U of Stavanger, NORWAY

6150

HIGH-DENSITY: Identity, Power, and Culture in Youth Digital Media

Monday
 9:00–10:15
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

Lara Maximiano Almeida, Brigham Young U, USA

Participants

Exploitation of Youth Identity in Nairobi's Outdoor Advertising: A Cultural Studies Approach

Joseph Nyanoti, United States International U–Africa, KENYA

When Trying to Impress Backfires: The Relationship between Positive Self-Presentation and Social Avoidance in the School-to-Work Transition

Zhu Zihan, Wuhan U, CHINA

Hedonism and Impulsivity in Adolescent Media Consumption: The Mediating Role of Money Management and Identity Expression

Beatriz Feijoo, U Villanueva, SPAIN

Arantxa Vizcaíno-Verdú, U Internacional de la Rioja, SPAIN

Luisa Zozaya, U Internacional de la Rioja, SPAIN

Watch Sheldon Cooper, Become Like Sheldon Cooper? A Latent Class Growth Analysis of the Joint Development between Adolescents' Favorite TV Characters' Performance-Oriented Traits and Their Own Self-Worth Beliefs

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

Luca Carbone, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Gaëlle Vanhoffelen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Life Course and Digital Identity Work: A Longitudinal Ethnography of Chinese Returnee Youth across Social Media Platforms

Aobo Zhao, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Jianing Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Neural and Psychological Predictors of Digital Status-Seeking in Adolescence

David Jack, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Jolien Trekels, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jimmy Capella, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Maria Maza, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Kristen Lindquist, The Ohio State U, USA

Mitchell Prinstein, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Eva Telzer, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Psychological Traits and Social Media Engagement in Identity Formation among Late Adolescents in the United States

Hyoungkoo Khang, U of Alabama, USA

Miaohong Huang, U of Alabama, USA

6151

InfoSys: Understanding Social Media

Monday
9:00–10:15
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Information Systems

Chair

Peixin Hua, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Participants

 Overestimates of Social Media Addiction Are Common but Costly

Ian Anderson, California Institute of Technology, USA

Wendy Wood, U of Southern California, USA

From Truth-Oriented to False-Oriented Judgments: How Consecutive False or True Information Exposure Shapes Veracity Judgments on Social Media

Jiyoung Lee, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Leeju Jung, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Jiwon Hwang, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Platformized Discourse Analysis: Uncovering Diverse Discourses and Visibility Dynamics in Depression Discussions on Weibo

Na Liu, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

Shiyi Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

The Internet Is Not All Bad: A Mixed-Methods Study of Social Media Glimmers

Peixin Hua, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Yin Yang, Florida State U, USA

Jessica Myrick, Good Pug Media, USA

The Prevalence and Severity of Greenwashed Advertisements by Social Media

Greenfluencers: A Content Analysis

Sweeney Jing Li, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Priska Breves, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Edith Smit, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Eva van Reijmersdal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Factors Influencing Sponsorship Disclosure and Attitudes toward Problematic Digital Marketing Practices of Social Media Influencers Worldwide

Louisa Ha, Bowling Green State U, USA

Halima Ali, Bowling Green State U, USA

Kelsey Zook, Bowling Green State U, USA

Arnab Biswas, Bowling Green State U, USA

Osama Bahassan, Bowling Green State U, USA

Man Luo, Bowling Green State U, USA

Yang Yang, U of Southern Indiana, USA

Mohammad Abuljadail, King Abdulaziz U, SAUDI ARABIA

When It's Not Worth It: Testing an Opportunity-Cost Model of Social Media Fatigue

Yuqiu Chen, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Linkun Li, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Jinguang Zhang, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Prebunking against Idealized Social Media: Reducing Negative Effects on Appearance Satisfaction in Young Women

Miriam Föbel, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

Markus Appel, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

Why Do People Rely on Algorithmic Content to Make Decision? Exploring the Role of Information Quality, Algorithm Satisfaction, and Information Curation on Social Media

Yi Wu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Zexin Huang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Lin Lin, Shenzhen U, CHINA

6160

HIGH-DENSITY: Communities, Care, and Conflict: How Player Practices Shape Games

Monday
9:00–10:15

Game Studies

Chair

Andrew Wilson, St. Mary's U, USA

**Westin
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

Participants

Between Quitting and Returning: A Study on the Re-Domestication Practices of Returning Players in Genshin Impact

Run Lin, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Qi Chen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Ziyi Bai, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Replaying the Past or Wearing It Out? Nostalgia and “Over-Nostalgia” among Chinese Classic-Server Players

Ziyi Zhang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Equalizing the Tabletop: Community Organization and Development of Dungeons and Dragons Players

Nathaniel Rogers, U of Oregon, USA

Sabrina Sonner, U of Oregon, USA

Maxwell Foxman, U of Oregon, USA

Jared Hansen, Iowa State U, USA


Jeff Clements, U of Oregon, USA

Sophia Sinsheimer, U of Oregon, USA

Dreaming an Idealized Love Story for “You”: Fanfiction Writing for Love and Deepspace Otome Game

Mingyue Zhang, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Chunyu Zhang, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA

 Feminine Metagames in Digital Form: Animal Crossing: New Horizons as Virtual Dollhouse

Sophia Sinsheimer, U of Oregon, USA

Having a Taste of Democracy: Player Discourses on Political Messaging in Helldivers 2

Andrew Wilson, St. Mary’s U, USA

Dalton Bouzek, Kansas State U Salina, USA

6161

HIGH-DENSITY: Shifting Power in HMC: Delegation, Authority, and Control

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

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Daniel Pietschmann, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Participants

Networked Agentic Scrutiny: How Ordinary X Users Invoke Grok to Fact-Check Elites in the Wild

Cai Yang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Subhayan Mukerjee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

The Mechanism of Trust Formation Moderated by Affect in AI Interviews

Yushi Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Yuwen Xiong, Communication U of China, CHINA

Being Seen, Being Let In: How Facial-Recognition Gates Reconfigure Youths’ Spatial, Bodily, and Relational Worlds

Wenna Zhao, U of Illinois Chicago, USA

Wei Li, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Chatting for Meaning: Fluidities in Developer Framings of Religious and Spiritual AI Chatbots

Benjamin Davis, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Kelley Cotter, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Ankolika De, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Shaheen Kanthawala, U of Alabama, USA

New Paradigm in B-School “Pedagogy”: Insights Into Human-Machine Communication from an AI-Avatar Led Classroom

Navyasree Yekkaluri, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, INDIA

Anupam Das, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, INDIA

Can Large Language Models Be Good Journalists? The Effect of Human-AI Alignment in News Production

Peiyang Wu, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Shuyang Jin, Tsinghua U, CHINA

This session examines how machines acquire epistemic, moral, and institutional authority through human-machine communication. Across studies of real-time fact-checking, algorithmic selection, spatial gatekeeping, spirituality, education, and news production, the papers show how authority is delegated to machines and how this reshapes trust, judgment, access, and meaning. Moving beyond domestication, the contributions demonstrate how machines increasingly function as communicative authorities that participate in producing value, responsibility, and control across everyday and institutional domains.

6162

Bad News: Covering Crime, Disease, Corruption, and the Environment

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

Journalism Studies

Chair

Kostiantyn Yanchenko, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Participants

Kenya in Pandemic Crisis: Investigating the Agenda-Setting Function of National Press during COVID-19 Outbreak

Kioko Ireri, U of Houston, USA

Trizah Ombewa, Indiana U, USA

David Lomoywara, U of Iowa, USA

Jimmy Ochieng, Indiana U, USA

A Trade-Off between Credibility and Driving Change? Effects of Activist and Weight of Evidence Journalism on Audience's Pro-Environmental Behavioral and Political Participation Intentions

Juliane Keilmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Covering Student Death by Suicide: A Case Study on How College Student Newspapers Navigate the News and Its Aftermath

Ashley Jost, Saint Louis U, USA

Kelsey Mesmer, Saint Louis U, USA

Framing Corruption: A Cross-Country Analysis of Media Coverage on Political Corruption in Varying Media Systems

Yara Mijnhout, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Anne Kroon, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Christopher Starke, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Sofia Wickberg, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Marieke de Goede, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

When the Law Changes, Does Media Coverage Change as Well? A Longitudinal Analysis of Femicide Reporting in Croatia

Stela Lechpammer, Zagreb U, CROATIA

Lorena Pajić, Zagreb U, CROATIA

6163

Women, Power, and the Podium

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

Sport Communication

Chair

Vincent Peña, DePaul U, USA

Participants

Frame Alignment through Network Structures: Advancing Framing Theory through Network Analysis to Map the #Savewomenssports Social Movement

Travis Bell, U of South Florida, USA

Fan Yang, U of South Carolina, USA

Becoming Champions: Postfeminist Freedom and Neoliberal Constraint in Alpine Youth Culture

Thomas Neumann, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA

Joerg-Uwe Nieland, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA
Philip Sinner, U of Bremen, GERMANY
Normalization, Elitization, and Globalization: Discursive Strategies in the Media
Representation of Chinese Female Champions
Zikun Liu, Wuhan U, CHINA
Zeyi Li, New York U, USA

6171

Online Social Worlds and Human Responses: Social Closeness and Digital Harms

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

Interpersonal Communication

Chair

Sien Vrijmoed, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Participants

Personalization and Social Closeness Buffer Negative Reactions to AI-Generated Birthday Wishes on Social Media: Evidence from Two Experiments

Yiling Liu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yijia Zheng, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Qingqing Xie, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Jianing Zhong, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Bei Liu, Qinghai Normal U, CHINA

Rukun Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

An Eye for an Eye? An Experimental Study on the Mechanisms of “Family” and Bao Beliefs on Counterattacks to Online Incivility

Xu Dong, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Junrui Chen, Fudan U, CHINA

Qinyan Xie, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Cyberbullying Perpetration as Third-Party Punishment: Experimental Evidence for a Neutralization Explanation

Qingyu Li, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Linkun Li, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Jinguang Zhang, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Fluid Ties, Dynamic Minds: A Longitudinal Cross-Lagged Panel Network Analysis of Social Capital and Cyberchondria

Xu Dong, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Peng Xiao, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Yifan Wu, East China Normal U, CHINA

Digital Harms and Human Responses: A Scoping Review on Coping with Image-Based Sexual Abuse and Harassment

Sien Vrijmoed, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Michel Walrave, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Inge Glazemakers, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Catherine Van De Heyning, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

6190

Registration and Badge Pickup Hours

Monday
9:00–12:00
**Registration
Foyer
(CTICC1,
Ground Level)**

Sponsored Sessions

The registration desk closes at noon on the final day of the conference, as the venue requires us to release the space to the next conference loading in.

6201**(HYBRID) Doing Fieldwork Otherwise: Rethinking Ethical Standards and Policies from a Global South Perspective****Monday**
10:30–11:45 **CTICC**
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Interdivisional**
Intercultural Communication
Global Communication and Social Change
Activism, Communication, and Social Justice**Discussants**Obianuju Aliche, Mayo Clinic, USA
Arathy SB, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM
Poulami Seal, Georgia State U, USA
Akansha Sirohi, Sam Houston State U, USA
Sandra Wood, Sam Houston State U, USA

This panel addresses constraints of Western theoretical, methodological, and ethical frameworks in conducting research in the Global South. The panelists share their experiences of doing fieldwork in India and Africa and the hurdles they encounter due to the inflexibility of Western research standards that are often incompatible with non-Western cultures and meaning-making approaches. This discussion is timely and calls for equitable research standards across regions that can help non-Western scholars.

6202**(HYBRID) Navigating Flawed Research Frameworks, APIs and AI Tools- A Conversation on What We Can Do to Avoid Misidentifying and Excluding Research Data and ICA Authors****Monday**
10:30–11:45 **CTICC**
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Interdivisional****Discussant**

David Ewoldsen, Michigan State U, USA

Moderator

Paula Gardner, McMaster U, CANADA

Participants

Proposing an End User Transparency Framework for Algorithmic Literacy among Researchers

Aiden Kosciessa, Central Michigan U, USA

The Perils of Quantifying Trends and Ceding Responsibility to AI: Socially Constructing Identity Categories in LGBTQ+ and Video Game Research

Adrienne Shaw, Temple U, USA

Today's Gender Is No: Genderbot's Algorithmic Platform Resistance

Kit Chokly, McGill U, CANADA

The Failures of "Big Data" Collection as Method for Studying Gender and Its Intersectional Formations in Feminist Media Studies

Isabel Molina, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Performing Better Gender Analysis by Understanding Gender as a Problematic Proxy

Danaé Metaxa, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Rainbow Trap: Queer Lives, Classifications and the Dangers of Inclusion

Kevin Guyan, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

Communication studies faces a pervasive problem—the use of research frameworks and emerging API identity-measuring and AI tools that misidentify and misgender subjects; press identity into flawed categorical containers; and discard relevant data, producing ethical and scientific integrity issues in research. This roundtable invites ICA researchers, editors, reviewers, and organizational leaders to examine the flaws in such tools; the cultural standards of practice that normalize these practices; and to brainstorm ways forward toward improved scientific outcomes.

6203**Public Opinion****Monday**

10:30–11:45

1.41**(CTICC1,****Lev 1)****Political Communication****Chair**

Christian Pipal, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Participants

Re-Reading Public Opinion: American Political Actors and Public Opinion in the 21st Century

Meagan Doll, U of Minnesota, USA

Matthew Powers, U of Washington, USA

Patricia Moy, U of Washington, USA

Russell Hansen, U of Washington, USA

Political Cynicism in the Digital Era: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Yu Qiu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Xiyuan Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Mengyao Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Dissecting the Unexpected: Stance and Style Expectancy Violations in Political Parody

Hang Lu, U of Michigan, USA

How Polling Information and Emails from Individual Constituents Jointly Influence

Politicians' Personal Opinions, Public Opinion Perceptions, and Preferred Policy Actions

Bart Maes, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Julie Sevenans, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Stefaan Walgrave, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

The Perception-Veracity Divide: Subjective Judgment in the Context of Political Misinformation

Sora Park, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

Jee Young Lee, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

6204**Media Exposure, Risk Perceptions, and Uncertainty Management****Monday**

10:30–11:45

1.42**(CTICC1,****Lev 1)****Health Communication****Moderator**

Jingwen Zhang, U of California, Davis, USA

Participants

Managing the Unknown: Unpacking the Divergent Roles of Uncertainty Management in the Association between Intolerance of Uncertainty and Cyberchondria

Bowen Zheng, Communication U of China, CHINA

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Dandan Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Zhiyun Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Hua Pang, Tianjin U, CHINA

Vertical and Horizontal Trust as Predictors of Post-Pandemic Resilience: Evidence across Time and Health Crises From an Extended Protection Motivation Theory Perspective

Leyi Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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

Why Some Choose Alternative Treatments over Conventional Medicine: Understanding the Challenges of Communicating Alternative Health

Yuanyuan Wu, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Ozan Kuru, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

The Roles of Media Exposure Diversity, Risk Assessment, and Knowledge

Underestimation in LDCT Lung Cancer Screening: An Analysis of Two Cross-Sectional Surveys in 2019 and 2024

Yueying Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Hongliang Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Miao He, Zhejiang U, CHINA

6205

Gender-Based Violence, Online Safety, and Agency in Digital Media Practices

Monday

10:30–11:45

1.43

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Dorothy Njoroge, US International U–Africa, KENYA

Participants

Failure of Chinese Feminist Advocacy: The MaskPark Controversy on Douyin

Haiyi Chen, U of Pennsylvania, USA

The Discursive Dilemma: Representing Gender-Based Violence against Rural Women in Digital China

Hanyu Zhang, U of Sydney, CHINA

Progress or Setbacks? Comparing Sexual Harassment of Journalists in Eight African Countries in 2020 and 2025

Dinfin Mulupi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Lindsey Blumell, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

“It’s Becoming More Common Online”: Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence (TFSV) in Singapore

Michelle Ho, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Wi En Ng, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Philippa Self, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Olivia Choy, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Edson Tandoc, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

This panel explores feminist critiques of harm in online spaces and news media.

6206

Epistemic Power, AI, and Politics of Knowledge

Monday

10:30–11:45

1.44

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Elfriede Fursich, U of Pittsburgh, USA

Participants

Imagining and Enacting Futures: The Anticipatory Politics of Algorithmic Governance

Ngai Keung Chan, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Chris Chao Su, Boston U, USA

Ruiwen Zhou, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Synthetic Researcher Dialogs: A Critical Discussion on the Use of LLMs for Conducting “Qualitative Interviews”

Claire Wardle, Cornell U, USA

Margaret Foster, Cornell U, USA

Lucas Wright, Cornell U, USA

Balancing Instrumental and Value Rationality: An Intersubjectivity-Informed PDCA Governance Framework for Human–AI Co-Creation

Lina You, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

Rongting Zhou, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

From Information to Formation: Rethinking Mis/Disinformation through the History of Communication Theory

Jayson Harsin, American U of Paris, FRANCE

Constructing the Eco Political Economy of AI

Benedetta Brevini, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Contemporary developments in artificial intelligence are reshaping epistemic power by transforming how knowledge is produced and governed. The papers examine algorithmic governance as an anticipatory practice, governance frameworks for human-AI co-creation, the epistemic implications of using large language models in qualitative research, and the emerging eco-political economy of AI, and situate mis- and disinformation within the

history of communication theory. Together, the panel highlights AI as a key site of contestation over knowledge, futures, and power.

6207

Political Public Relations, Power, and Legitimacy

Monday
10:30–11:45
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Public Relations

Chair

Luke Capizzo, Michigan State U, USA

Participants

Government Public Relations in Prolonged Crises: Media-System Effects on News Values in Pandemic Press Releases: A Longitudinal and Cross-National Analysis

Yi Xu, Lancaster U Leipzig, GERMANY

Martin Löffelholz, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY

Audra Diers-Lawson, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Bengt Johansson, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Deanna Sellnow, Clemson U, USA

Tim Sellnow, Clemson U, USA

Between Representation and Promotion: Reinforcing Gendered Inequality through Political Public Relations Practice

Mark Basil Rasquinha, U of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND

Helen Sissons, Auckland U of Technology, NEW ZEALAND

Nested Systems: An Ecological Systems Approach to Social License to Operate

Kim Johnston, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Bree Hurst, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

6208

Enacting Values: AI and Platform Governance

Monday
10:30–11:45
1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Communication Law and Policy

Chair

Tomas Dodds, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Participants

The Devil Is in the Details: The Politics of Value Specification in AI Governance

Rebecca Scharlach, U of Bremen, GERMANY

CJ Reynolds, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Vasilisa Kuznetsova, Weizenbaum Institute & U of Bremen, GERMANY

Blake Hallinan, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Christian Katzenbach, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Codified and Enacted Platform Values: Evidence from Platform Policies and the EU's DSA Transparency Database

Chris Chao Su, Boston U, USA

Ngai Keung Chan, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Voluntary Algorithmic Censorship: A Comparative Institutional Analysis of Sensitive Prompt Responses in DeepSeek, ChatGPT, and Mistral

Kun He, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Pratiksha Ashok, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Competing Justification Models in Corporate Responsible AI Discourse: A Computational Framing Analysis

Peace Onebunne, Temple U, USA

Andrew Iliadis, Temple U, USA

6209

Pushing the Boundaries of Advertising: AI, Influencers, and Interventions

Monday
10:30–11:45

Mass Communication

Chair

Eno Akpabio, U of Namibia, NAMIBIA

- 1.63**
(CTICC1, Lev 1)
- Participants**
If the Brag Fits, Buy It: How Influencers' Inherited versus Earned Bragging Shape Purchase Intentions across Luxury and Non-Luxury Products
Rui Gu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Chen Lou, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
- Matching Expectations: How Creator Role Labels Shape Responses to Human–AI Advertising
Huan Chen, U of Florida, USA
Yoon Joo Lee, Washington State U, USA
Xiaofan Wei, U of Florida, USA
Xinyi Zuo, U of Florida, USA
Chang Cheng, U of Texas, USA
- Learning to Spot Political Ads: Testing a Boosting Intervention to Enhance Online Political Advertising Literacy
Carmen Dymanus, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Susan Vermeer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Annelien Van Remoortere, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Rens Vliegthart, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
- How Do Consumers Cope with Cross-Platform Online Behavioral Advertising? A Communication Privacy Management Perspective
Jingren Li, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Hsuan-Ting Chen, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
- The Impact of Character Types in AI-Generated Image Ads on Consumers' Purchase Intention: Evidence from a Digital Product Experiment
Qin Guo, Zhejiang U of Technology, CHINA
Xiaoting Wang, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO
Wenqi Xu, Zhejiang U of Technology, CHINA

6210

Recovering Repressed Histories of Media, Institutions, and Social Movements

Monday
10:30–11:45
1.64
(CTICC1, Lev 1)

Communication History

Chair

Esperanza Herrero, U of Murcia, SPAIN

Participants

Broadcasting and the Creation of a Black Public Opinion in the Portuguese Empire: Using Radio to Promote and Counter Cultural and Social Inequalities

Nelson Ribeiro, U Católica Portuguesa, PORTUGAL

“Communicating in the Air Force”: The National Society for the Study of Communication and U.S. Military Education, 1950–1962

Dominique Trudel, Audencia Business School, FRANCE

Dave Park, Lake Forest College, USA

Communicating Disability, Silencing Dissent: Veteran Media and Colonial Biopower in Algeria and Senegal


Russell Adzedu, U of Cincinnati, USA

“Covering Our Tracks”: Archival Research on Liberation Movement Communication in South Africa, 1963–1980 | Limits and Possibilities

Martha Evans, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

6211

Synthetic Media Resurrections

Monday
10:30–11:45
 **Auditorium**
2 (CTICC1, Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Organizer

Graham Meikle, U of Westminster, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Beyond #Griefftok: TikTok, AI, and the Digital Dignity of the Dead

Nilou Davoudi, U of British Columbia, CANADA
 Unequal Afterlives: Who Gets to Be Digitally Resurrected?
 Katrin Gerber, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA
 Larissa Hjorth, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA
 The Everyday Politics of Chatting with the Dead
 Jenny Kidd, U of Cardiff, UNITED KINGDOM
 Bethan Jones, U of Cardiff, UNITED KINGDOM
 Eva Nieto McAvoy, King's College London, UNITED KINGDOM
 "This Here Is a True Representation of Who I Was": Deepfakes, Death, and the Politics of
 Manipulated Media
 Graham Meikle, U of Westminster, UNITED KINGDOM
 Johanna Sumiala, U of Helsinki, FINLAND


Synthetic media, such as deepfake videos and those created by Generative AI tools, occupy an increasingly prominent place in the media environment. Synthetic media content that resurrects the dead is a central part of these developments. This panel explores the arena of such synthetic media resurrections. Its four papers, by both established and emerging scholars, examine key ethical, emotional, regulatory, and political issues posed by such media.

6220

Climate Risk Perception and Behavioral Responses

Monday

10:30–11:45

 **2.41-2.43**

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Environmental Communication

Chair

Snezana Brodjonegoro, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Participants

What's In a Name? Name Familiarity Reduces Hurricane Risk Perceptions across Four Studies

Olivia Bullock, U of Florida, USA

Goodness Godwin-Usoro, U of Florida, USA

Annalise Minogue-Marcuson, U of Florida, USA

Environmental Information-Seeking and Motivations for Climate Action and Risk-Reduction Behaviour in Suburban Communities in Kenya

Nancy Muturi, Kansas State U, USA

The Mediating Role of Climate Change Information Behaviors in the Relationship between Climate Change Risk Perceptions and Cost-Sharing Intentions in the South Korean Context


Heewon Im, Myongji U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

6221

Pods and Parasocials: Intimacy in the Listening Economy

Monday

10:30–11:45

 **2.44-2.46**

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Pekka Isotalus, Tampere U, FINLAND

Participants

Voicing the Everyday: Gendered Podcasting, Affective Publics, and Soft Activism in China

Gaia Guatri, Fudan U, CHINA

Zhe Xu, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Hearing Otherwise: Podcasting as Auditory Infrastructure in China's Digital Sound Culture

Xiaohan Ye, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Songyin Liu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Platform Merchants of Masculinity and Misogyny: A Computational Content Analysis of YouTube's Manfluencer Podcasts

Storm Sadovsky, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

From Broadcast to Feed: The Evolution of Parasocial Interaction across Media Platforms

Pekka Isotalus, Tampere U, FINLAND

Taking the Country Back: Social Identity Theory and Exclusion of Extremist In-Group Outliers in Country Music Fandom

Laura Partain, The Ohio State U, USA

Chris Bailey, Ivy Tech Community College, USA

6222

Framing and Politics

Monday

10:30–11:45

2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Christina Henry, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Participants

Multimodal Polarization in Mass Violence: A Computational Network Analysis of Textual and Visual Framing in Partisan News

Linqi Lu, U of North Dakota, USA

Advantage and Disadvantage Media Framing Matter: Effects on Gender Ingroup

Identification and Support for Gender Equality

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

Ismaharif Ismail, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

The More Sensitive, the More Susceptible? Threat Sensitivity, Emotions, and Attitudes in Response to Social Media Threat Framing of Immigration

Silva Heinonen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Brahim Zarouali, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Contingent Framing and Political Legitimization: Identity, Media and Trust in Multi-Ethnic Societies

Sayan Dey, Mizoram U, INDIA

Framing as a Power Ecology: The Evolution of Meaning About Bodies in Platformed Communication

Yuzhou Tao, Xi'an International Studies U, CHINA

6223

Chronic Disease: Management, Information Engagement, and Stigma

Monday

10:30–11:45

2.64

(CTICC1,

Level 2)

Health Communication

Moderator

Eva Baumann, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Participants

Mobile Health for the Self-Management of Diabetes: A Framework-Based Systematic Review and Three-Level Meta-Analysis

Nariman Sawalha, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Alexandra Lux, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Constanze Rossmann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Reasons, Consequences and Existing Strategies of Patients' Loss to Follow-Up Visit: A Systematic Review

Liang Jia, Shandong U, CHINA

Junbo Liu, Shandong U, CHINA

Yujun Lin, Shandong U, CHINA

Invisible Pain, Visible Judgement? An Empirical Investigation of Diagnostic Uncertainty and Psychosomatic Attribution in Public Stigma toward IBS

Paula Weber, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Dominik Daube, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

Sarah Eitze, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

Social Factors and Pathways of AI Adoption for NCD Management: Empirical Evidence from China

Shiyu Liu, Xi'an Jiaotong U, CHINA

Chunyan Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Health Information Seeking as a Pathway to Self-Control in Chronic Disease Management

Na Liu, Communication U of China, CHINA
Ye Wu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
Miao Liu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

6224

Chinese Digital Platforms: Data, Markets, and Transnational Entanglements

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

Media Industry Studies

Chair

Jingyan Elaine Yuan, U of Illinois Chicago, USA

Discussant

Jack Qiu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Organizer

Min Jiang, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

Participants

Cross-Market Ownership and Market Integration in the Era of Platform: An Empirical Case Study of China

Xiaofei Han, Carleton U, CANADA

Lianrui Jia, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

The Data Fix: Digital Agriculture and the Sociotechnical Politics of Datafication and Assetization in China

Lin Zhang, U of New Hampshire, USA

Tu Lan, U of New Hampshire, USA

The Tripartite Making of Hangzhou City Brain: Understanding Automated Decision-Making Infrastructures and Its Disagreement through Assemblage Thinking

Yu Hong, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Yiran Wei, Zhejiang U, CHINA

The Intermediary Power of Transpositioning: How MCNs “Translate” Cultural Content from Chinese Platforms to Overseas Platforms

Weiyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Huailin Mu, Xi’an Jiaotong–Liverpool U, CHINA

The Geopolitical Economy of China’s Global Digital Entanglements

Min Jiang, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

This panel spotlights Chinese digital platforms and industries through their datafication, market structuring, and international entanglement amidst economic slowdowns and geopolitical tensions. As an integral part of global media systems and domestic economic engines, China’s digital platforms experienced significant growth in recent years. Drawing from diverse methodologies, this panel showcases the latest work in this area, including domestic vs. international dimensions, rural vs. urban dynamics as well as complicated state-market relations beyond the dominant authoritarian frame.

6230

Rethinking Cross-Cultural Audiences

Monday
10:30–11:45
Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Bilge Yesil, College of Staten Island, City U of New York, USA

Participants

When Lingnan Hip-Hop Goes Global: The Intercultural Decoding of Blueprint Supreme and the “Identity Exile” of a Local Culture

Yinghua Wang, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Sheng Zong, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA

Bollywood 2.0: Tracking Changing Content in the Hindi Franchise Film Era

David Schaefer, Franciscan U, USA

Kavita Karan, Southern Illinois U, Carbondale., USA

Moving Images, Moved Audiences? A Focus Group Study Into Audience Interpretations of Distant Suffering in the Impossible (2012)

Stijn Joye, Ghent U, BELGIUM
David Ongenaert, Charles U, CZECHIA
Valerie Vanhove, Ghent U, BELGIUM
Materiality, Framing, and Authority: The Field Construction of Outbound Relics Exhibitions—A Case Study of the Golden Age of Chinese Archaeology
Che Liu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Toward a Four-Dimensional Model of Digital Intercultural Perception: Computational Analysis from Overseas Online Discussions on Chinese Animated Films
Qiyun Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Jun Xiao, Wuhan U, CHINA

6231

Navigating (Digital) Inclusion and Exclusion

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

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Yu Sun, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Algorithmic Patriarchy in Smart Homes: Voice Assistants' Enforcement of Gendered and Communicative Inequalities in Urban India

Stella Chen, Central South U, CHINA

Keira Deng, Communication U of China, CHINA

Mutual Enemies? The Antagonism of State and Civil Society in Their Communication around Borders and Migration

Dominik Winkler, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Navigating Integration in the Netherlands: Syrian Refugees, Digital Practices, and Inclusive Communication

Noemi Mena Montes, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Digital Communication and Silver-Haired Exclusion: Manifestations of Multicontextual Inequality and Generative Mechanisms

Chenxi Zhao, Xi'an U of Posts and Telecommunications, CHINA

Jiatong Liang, Xi'an U of Posts and Telecommunications, CHINA

YiTing Liu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Jieru Fan, Communication U of China, CHINA

Elastic Inequalities: Caste, Gender, and Communicative Resistance in India's Digital and Televised Public Sphere

Piyush Kant, U of Delhi, INDIA

6240

Conceptualizing Constructive Journalism across Countries

Monday
10:30–11:45
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Mary Bock, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

Constructive Journalism across Borders: Investigating Constructive Journalistic Subcultures in Europe

Birte Leonhardt, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Diego Garusi, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Journalistic Roles in Flux: Exploring Role Flexibility of Constructive Journalists in Europe

Diego Garusi, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Birte Leonhardt, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

How Constructive Is Constructive Journalism? Investigating Balance, Matter-of-Factness, and Focus on Solutions in German Constructive vs. Traditional News Media

Matthias Mack, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Marcus Maurer, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Constructive Journalism: Towards a Multi-Dimensional, Multi-Level, and Multi-Phase Conceptualization

Elisa Hofmann, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY
Ines Engelmann, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY
Can Constructive News Counter News Avoidance? An Experimental Test of Audience Behavior as a Response to (Non-)Constructive News
Erik Knudsen, U of Bergen, NORWAY
Morten Skovsgaard, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

6241

MEOW-tivating Clarity: Deep Thinking, Decision Acceptance, and Machine Heuristics

Monday
10:30–11:45
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Don Shin, Texas Tech U, USA

Participants

 Beyond Transparency: How Real Explanations, Placebic Explanations, and Trust Seals Influence User Trust and Understanding

Nur Cetinkaya, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Nicole Krämer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

How Do Perceptions of AI Influence Trust in AI-News? Results from a Two-Wave Cross-Cultural Panel Study

Sonja Utz, Leibniz Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

Manuel Goyanes, U Carlos III de Madrid, SPAIN

Homero Gil de Zúñiga, U of Salamanca/Pennsylvania State U, SPAIN

The Making of Bias: Infrastructure, Modulation, and the Political Economy of Generative AI

Xianglong Wen, Nanjing U, CHINA

Thinking Deep, Thinking Clear: Effects of AI Reasoning Modes on Consumer Decision Acceptance and Outcome Attribution

Jinping Wang, U of Florida, USA

Yuan Sun, U of Florida, USA

Xinyi Zuo, U of Florida, USA

Shehrzad Rasul, U of Florida, USA

“You Don’t Sound Like Yourself Anymore, AI”: How Expectedness and Machine Heuristics Shape Psychological Responses to AI Companion’s Style Changes

Jiahui Liu, Michigan State U, USA

Tianshu Du, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Rabindra (Robby) Ratan, Michigan State U, USA

6242

PURR-vasive Presences: Context-Aware Maps, Love Interfaces, and Vernacular Hashtags

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

Communication and Technology

Chair

Alberto Lusoli, Toronto Metropolitan U, CANADA

Participants

Constructing “Context-Aware Presence” on Digital Maps: A Case Study of Zenly

Miao Yu, Sichuan U, CHINA

Yahan Yang, Sichuan U, CHINA

From Para-social Relationships to “Platform-Mediated Love”: How Interface Design Shapes Emotional Affordances in Female-Oriented Love Simulation Games

Jie Cui, Guangzhou U, CHINA

#Baby Supplementary Food as Cyber Shield: Vernacular Hashtags in the Counter Publics in Chinese Social Media

Meng Liang, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Xiaoyue Zhang, Carleton U, CANADA

Linqi Ye, U of Warwick, UNITED KINGDOM

Mediating 5G across Scales: Environmental Publics and Infrastructural Imaginaries
 Rahul Mukherjee, U of Pennsylvania, USA
 Adaptation to the Platformized Environment
 Yong Chan Kim, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 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)
 Chanju Park, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Joo-Young Jung, International Christian U, JAPAN
 Eunjean Jung, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Danbi Kim, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

6243

HIGH-DENSITY: Reporting on Controversy: Environmental Issues and Polarization

Monday

Journalism Studies

10:30–11:45

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Participants

(CTICC2,
 Lev 2)

Climate Change through a Local Lens: Editorial Considerations and Strategies behind the Coverage of Climate Change and Extreme Weather in Local News Outlets

Henrik Bødker, Aarhus U, DENMARK
 Sandra Simonsen, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Important “Suspicious” Partners: Examining Journalistic Practices from the Perspectives of Environmental Reporters and Indigenous Community Climate Activists

Dinfin Mulupi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
 Shitemi Khamadi, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Can Discursive Journalism Mitigate Affective Polarization? Insights from a Longitudinal Experimental Survey

Rebecca Strohmeier, Catholic U of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, GERMANY
 Luisa Wilczek, U of the Bundeswehr, GERMANY
 Annika Sehl, Catholic U of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, GERMANY
 Sonja Kretschmar, U of the Bundeswehr, GERMANY

Tensions and Tactics: Doxa, Habitus and CALD Journalists’ Identity Mobilisation within Australian Mainstream Media

Alyna Wong, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Unequal Voices in the Chocolate Hills Controversy: Comparative News Framing in Philippine Environmental Reporting

Annie Fe Perez-Gallardo, U of the Philippines Cebu, PHILIPPINES

What Is Right-Wing News? Mapping Distinct News Values of U.S. Hyperpartisan Media Outlets

Curd Knüpfer, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK
 Yunkang Yang, Texas A&M U, USA

Public Service Media (PSM) between Regulation and Democratic Responsibility: How Audiences Expect PSM to Cover Populist Parties

Johanna Wolleschensky, Catholic U of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, GERMANY
 Annika Sehl, Catholic U of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, GERMANY

Who Is to Blame? A Longitudinal Analysis of Blame Attribution in German News Coverage of Polarization

Ahrabhi Kathirgamalingam, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY
 Hendrik Meyer, U of Hamburg, GERMANY
 Mike Farjam, U of Hamburg, GERMANY
 Christiane Eilders, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY
 Michael Brüggemann, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

6244

HIGH-DENSITY: Developing Science Communication Research, Practice, and Training

Monday
10:30–11:45
🌐 8.2
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Science Communication**Chair**

Bernhard Goodwin, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

Developing a Systematic Framework for Analyzing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Science Communication: The SciComm Diversity Wheel

Miriam Welz, Leipzig U, GERMANY

Philipp Schrögel, TU Chemnitz, GERMANY

Christian Humm, U des Saarlandes, GERMANY

Engaging Audiences with Science Podcasts: The Mediating Role of Parasocial Relationships

Birte Kuhle, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

Charmaine Voigt, U of Rostock, GERMANY

Monika Taddicken, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Johannes Breuer, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

Social Science Communication behind the Feed: Preparing Strategies of Responsible Boundary-Work for Social Media

Clarissa Walter, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

How Trust Travels: Differential Item Functioning and Comparative Research in Science Communication

Shinyi Kang, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Tobias Dienlin, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Mike Schäfer, U Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Data Meets Design: Reimagining Graduate Science Communication Training

Kayla Clark, U of Wyoming, USA

Leveraging LLMs in Disaster Preparedness Promotion: How LLM-Powered Information Seeking Fosters Knowledge and Preventive Behavior through EPPM

Xucheng Cao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Silvia Chen Zhang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

“The World Is the One That’s Wrong”: Analysis of Interviews with Vaccine Skeptics Conducted by a Generative AI-Based Chatbot

Mikihito Tanaka, Waseda U, JAPAN

Dongwoo Lim, Kansai U, JAPAN

Maho Ishibashi, U of Tokyo, JAPAN

Yu Ohki, Rissho U, JAPAN

6245

HIGH-DENSITY: B.E.S.T. I: Identification, Intersectionality and Vulnerability in Organizational Communication Research

Monday
10:30–11:45
🌐 8.3
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Organizational Communication**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies****Chair**

Milena Leybold, Johannes Kepler U Linz, AUSTRIA

Discussants

Patrice Buzzanell, U of South Florida, USA

Jasmine Wu, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

The Invisible Labor of Assimilation by Individuals with Stigmatized Identities: A Qualitative Study of Autistic Workers’ Organizational Socialization

Young Ji Kim, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Margot Plunkett, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

“That’s an Agonizing Question”: Reflecting on Identity While Seeking to “Shift Power” in International Development

Jasmine Linabary, U of Arizona, USA

Meghana Rawat, Utah Valley U, USA

Danielle Corple, Wheaton College, USA
 Ruby Wray, U of Arizona, USA
 Henry Wilkerson, U of Arizona, USA
 Exploring Horizons of Possibility: Examining the Co-Sexuality Process of an LGBTQ+ Nonprofit Volunteer Organization
 Madeline Pringle, U of Nevada, Reno, USA
 Time Arbitrage in Temporality, Mobility, and Dispatchability: Intersectional Exploitation of Black Women Truckers
 Xiaodong Yan, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
 “Stop Being a Bitch, Get up”: A Photovoice Study Exploring How BIPOC Veterans Diagnosed with PTSD Experience (Un)social Support
 Savannah Williams, U of Washington, USA
 (Re)Contextualizing Organizing Inequities: The Communicative Production of Worker Vulnerability in Global Supply Chains
 Shiv Ganesh, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Bhoopali Nandurkar, U of Southern Indiana, USA
 Sha Sun, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 The Mediating Effect of Negative Gossip between Leadership Behaviors and Work Engagement: A Study of the Chinese Front-line Healthcare Employee
 Yingzixu Zhu, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO
 DEI Communication and Climate for Inclusion in Germany and the US: The Mediating Role of Managerial Integrity
 Ingrid Wahl, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Sabine Einwiller, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Pivoting Employees from Precarity: A Critical Case Study Analysis of Nonprofit Leadership Change from Harm to Workplace Health and Humility
 Angela Gist-Mackey, U of Kansas, USA
 Savannah Williams, U of Washington, USA
 Anna Jewell, U of Kansas, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Audiences, Journalists, and Journalists’ Perceptions of Audiences

Monday
 10:30–11:45
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Annabell Halfmann, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Participants

Clearly Transparent, but Also Effective? A Systematic Literature Review on the (Potential) Effects of Employing Journalistic Transparency on Reception-Related Outcomes

Lars-Ole Wehden, U of Münster, GERMANY

Artificial Intelligence and the Generational Gap: How Italian Adults Use and Perceive AI for News

Chiara Bresciani, U degli Studi di Milano, ITALY

Giulia Sbaraini Fontes, U degli Studi di Milano, ITALY

Sergio Splendore, U degli Studi di Milano, ITALY

Feel Informed to Be Informed? Rethinking News-ness through the Sense-Making-Practices of Alternative Media Users

Katharina Schöppl, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Lost in Numbers? Journalists’ and Citizens’ Attitudes towards Reporting Uncertainty in Social Statistics

Jana Thys, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Peter Van Aelst, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Peter Thijssen, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

How Avoiders Decide How Much News Is Enough: Perceptions About Time Spent on News

Ximena Orchard, U de Santiago de Chile, CHILE

Constanza Gajardo, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Perceiving the Public: How Journalists Interpret Audiences in Uganda’s Electoral

Autocracy

Meagan Doll, U of Minnesota, USA

Talking the Talk: Audience Perspectives on Active Moderators as Advocates of Discourse in Talk Shows

Luisa Wilczek, U of the Bundeswehr, GERMANY

Rebecca Strohmeier, Catholic U of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, GERMANY

Annika Sehl, Catholic U of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, GERMANY

Sonja Kretschmar, U of the Bundeswehr, GERMANY

How People Encounter and Interpret Political Information in a Real-life Context

Tim Groot Kormelink, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

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InfoSys: Perception, Trust, and Bias of Artificial Intelligence

Monday

Information Systems

10:30–11:45

Chair

Bluebell

David Beyea, U of Wisconsin–Whitewater, USA

(CTICC2,

Participants

Lev 3)

Do AI Agents Lead Innovators into the Efficiency Trap? A Dual-Path Analysis of AI

Conversational Agent Intelligence and Realism Based on the Elaboration Likelihood Model

Dongqi Yan, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Siyu Chen, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Yuan He, Hebei U, CHINA

Hongzhong Zhang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Emotional and Social Drivers of Artificial Intelligence Pessimism Aversion: Extending the Appraisal Tendency Framework to AI Environments

Heng Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

Nansong Zhou, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Jer Shyuan Ng, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Shiyi Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

Interactive and Explainable AI? The Impact of Interactive Explainability on AI Trust

Edson Tandoc, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Seth Seet, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Diem Quynh Do, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Wui Guan Khoo, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Zu Han Shum, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Jie Hao Tan, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

To Err Is Human: Reviewing and Explicating the Uncanny Valley of the Mind

David Beyea, U of Wisconsin–Whitewater, USA

Rabindra Ratan, Michigan State U, USA

Maxwell Foxman, U of Oregon, USA

Jorge Peña, U of California, Davis, USA

Alex Leith, Southern Illinois U, Edwardsville, USA

Oskar Milik, Michigan State U, USA

Jiahui Liu, Michigan State U, USA

Chaeyun Lim, Northwestern U, USA

Brian Klebig, Bethany Lutheran College, USA

Whose AI Is Legitimate? Technonationalism, Moral Reasoning, and the Social Approval of Artificial Intelligence

Won-Ki Moon, U of Florida, USA

Joon Kim, U of Rhode Island, USA

Yujin Heo, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Understanding Evolving Science: How Disclaimers and AI Literacy Shape Elaboration and Comprehension in Generative AI

Grace Ji, Boston U, USA

James Cummings, Boston U, USA

Chris Chao Su, Boston U, USA

Patrick Mohan Zhang, Boston U, USA

Exploring How AI Attitude Moderates the Relationship between Influencer Type and

Information Value in Digital Literacy Communication

Delia Balaban, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Eduard Gross, Lucian Blaga U of Sibiu, ROMANIA

Gender Bias in Text-to-Image Generative Artificial Intelligence: Neglect and Stereotypical Presentations across Three Popular Models

Hannah Weinmann, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

Tanja Messingschlager, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

Markus Appel, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

6260

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

HIGH-DENSITY: Fields of Play: Negotiating Power, Inclusion, and Careers in Gaming

Game Studies

Chair

Christine Cook, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Participants

Never Alone: Videogames as Soft Power and Non-State Diplomacy

Amanda Rodriguez Espinola, U Panamericana, MEXICO

Communicative Inequality and Marketing Hegemony in Online Games a Case Study of Genshin Impact

MinJie He, Nanjing U, CHINA

Hui Kuang, Nanjing U, CHINA

From Entrepreneurial Living to Creative Livelihood: Visually Impaired Game Developer's Identity Work in China

Zheng Fang, Fudan U, CHINA

More Than Just Players: Confronting Gender Bias and Building Resilience among Chinese Female Game Bloggers

Xuelian Li, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Jieying Jiang, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

From Pro to Persona: The Field Migration and Emotional Labor of Retired Esports Players in China's Creator Economy

Xingtong Chen, U of Macau, MACAO

“Our Own Little Space to Work Around”: Administrators' Perspectives on Facilities and Space-Making in U.S. Collegiate Esports

Andrew Wilson, St. Mary's U, USA

Jeffery Fricke-Waters, Michigan State U, USA

Brandon Harris, U of Alabama, USA

Maxwell Foxman, U of Oregon, USA

6261

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

HIGH-DENSITY: Love Is in the AI(r): Negotiated and Monetized Intimacy

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Varun Rijhwani, Indian Institute of Management Indore, INDIA

Participants

The Dual Tension between Human-AI Intimacy and Platform Commercialization: A Multidimensional Analysis of Human-Machine Intimate Relationships in Replika

WeiMing Ye, Peking U, CHINA

Jia Ren, Peking U, CHINA

Qian Li, Arizona State U, USA

Tensions of Expectations: Exploring Relational Dialectics in Human-AI Romance

Lina Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Zi Yi Lee, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Xueqing Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Paying to Be Loved: The Commodification of Intimacy in Human-AI Relationships

Jianzhong Zhang, Guangxi U, CHINA

Yujie Xu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Jing Yuan, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Zi Yi Lee, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Xueqing Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 From Assistant to Friend: How Relational Role Framing Shapes Affective Bonding with Conversational AI
 Chenwei Yang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Zinan Kong, Nanjing U, CHINA
 Yushan Jiang, Communication U of China, CHINA
 From Tool to Lover: Algorithmic Resistance and the Creative Domestication of GPT
 Xinyi Xie, Southwest U of Political Science and Law, CHINA
 Caring for the Code: Communicative Labor and the Production of Authenticity in Human-AI Romance
 Xun Zhou, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Love in the Age of AI: An Integrative Process Model of Romantic Human-Chatbot Relationships
 Natalia Szymczyk, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY
 Paula Ebner, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY
 Jessica Szczuka, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

This session highlights the tension between the individual co-construction of intimacy and its commodification. Across qualitative, mixed-methods, and experimental studies, the papers reveal human-machine intimacy as an emotionally consequential communicative practice shaped by user agency and desire, but also by commercial logics, infrastructural control, and asymmetries of power.

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Conflict, Inequality, and the Weaponization of Communication

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

Public Diplomacy

Chair

Pablo Morales, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Interpreting Public Sentiment in Diplomacy Events: A Counterfactual Analysis Framework Using Large Language Models

Leyi Ouyang, South China Agricultural U, Zhujiang College, CHINA

The Weaponization of Communication: A Systematic Literature Review

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

Niilo Noponen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Vilma Luoma-aho, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Non-State Actors' Public Diplomacy and Communication Inequalities: A Computational Analysis of Russian Media's Narratives on Wagner Group's African Practices (2024–2025)

Zhuling Huang, Jinan U, CHINA

U.S. Media Diplomacy and Discursive Strategies on Taiwan in the 21st Century: An Analysis of State Department Press Releases

Shengyi Gao, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Jiixin Li, Xiamen U, CHINA

Gengyao Li, Peking U, CHINA

Aligning the South: The Dynamics of Poverty Issue Politics in Global News Networks

Shuohan Gao, Central South U, CHINA

Chengzhang Zhu, Central South U, CHINA

Jian Zhang, Central South U, CHINA

Yalong Xiao, Central South U, CHINA

Jie Feng, Central South U, CHINA

6263

Crowd Control and Fan Dynamics in Sport

Monday
10:30–11:45
de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Sport Communication**Chair**

Gayle Jansen Brisbane, California State U, Fullerton, USA

Participants

Intruding onto the Court: Fan Power Overstepping Boundaries and Fair Play—The Case of China’s Table Tennis Team’s “Chen Meng Vs. Sun Yingsha” Incident

Yitian Wu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Pathologizing Fanaticism: Moral Panic and the Crisis of Sports Spirit in Chinese Sports Fandom Governance

Jiixin Duan, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Football Fandom and Media Use: Exploring Team Identification and Team Loyalty among Colombian Football Fans

Philip Sinner, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Paloma Otero, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Emotions on the Global Stage: How Social Media Is Transforming Audience Engagement and National Identity at the Paris 2024 Table Tennis Tournament

Yu Zou, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Yonghua Zhao, Renmin U of China, CHINA

6270

HIGH-DENSITY: Queer(ing) Popular Culture

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

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies**Popular Media & Culture****Chair**

Candice Roberts, St. John’s U, USA

Participants

The Provocation of a Queer Literacy in Hiromasa Yonebayashi’s “When Marnie Was There”

Kevin Chew, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Reviving Third Gender Narratives: Trans Representation in Indian Media

Uttara Manohar, Eastern Michigan U, USA

Silenced Frequencies: Audibility and Sound Censorship in Chinese Queer Audio Dramas

Langge Mo, Nanjing Normal U, CHINA

Hao Gao, Nanjing Normal U, CHINA

6271

Digital Discourse: Politics, Community, Conflict, and Exclusion

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

Language and Social Interaction**Chair**

Bei Ju, U of Manchester, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

“She’s So Love-Brained”: Peer Surveillance and Exclusionary Identification in Chinese

Digital Feminism

Wenting Lu, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Zihao Tian, Zhengzhou U, CHINA


Enabling or Stratifying? Mediated Communication and Social Adaptation among Elderly Migrants in China

Shiming Hu, Zhengzhou U, CHINA

Nian Wu, Zhengzhou U, CHINA

Dawei Zheng, Zhengzhou U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

 “Is That North Korea on the Other Side?”: Livestreaming, Proximity, and the Commodification of the Sino-North Korean Border

Le Song, Peking U, CHINA

Practices of Multilingualism, Conflict and Conflict Resolution: On Language, Division and Forms of Belonging in Mozambique

Omomayowa Abati, U of Essex, UNITED KINGDOM

Tracey Costley, U of Essex, UNITED KINGDOM

Stephanie Diepeveen, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Hannah Gibson, U of Essex, UNITED KINGDOM

Crisofia Langa da Camara, Eduardo Mondlane U, MOZAMBIQUE

Chapane Mutirua, Eduardo Mondlane U, MOZAMBIQUE

Matilde Trucco, U of Essex, UNITED KINGDOM

(Un)Certainty In Conflict: Exploring Epistemicity and Incivility in Online Discourses on Migration

Isabel Pinkowski, TU Berlin, GERMANY

Rico Neumann, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

6301

(HYBRID) Artificial Intelligence and Oppression: Qualitative Theoretical Perspectives

Monday

12:00–13:15

 **CTICC**

Ballroom

East

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Interdivisional

Discussant

Daniel Kreiss, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Organizers

Kaarina Nikunen, Tampere U, FINLAND

Sahana Udupa, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

The Slow Violence of Automated Borders

Kaarina Nikunen, Tampere U, FINLAND

The Paradox of AI-Driven Immigration Scams: From Misinformation to Victim-Blaming Disinformation

David Katiambo, Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, KENYA

Grok and the Right-Wing Incursion of Generative AI

Sahana Udupa, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

The Violent Epistemologies of AI Warfare: A Decolonial Feminist Critique

Paola Ricaurte, Tecnologico de Monterrey, MEXICO

The epistemological, material, and historical configurations of power that shape the development and deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) produce both corporeal and immaterial harms—from extreme speech and abuse to regimes of surveillance, and in some cases, lethal physical violence. Using qualitative critical approaches, this panel explores how AI has been used in border regime and in practices of extreme speech, and how AI development both reflects and perpetuates longer patterns of violence and exclusion.

6303

Voters and Vote Choice

Monday

12:00–13:15

1.41

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Laura Jacobs, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Participants

Click, Share, Vote: Simulating How Social Media Affordances and Populist Communication Impact Voting Behavior

Eva Ziegltrum, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY

When, Where, and for Whom Media Exposure Matters: A Comparative Reassessment of Media Effects on Vote Choice

Sebastian Sherrah, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jakob-Moritz Eberl, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Hajo Boomgaarden, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Snap, Vote, Influence: Populist Use of Billboards as Visual Communication Tool in

Ghana's 2024 Elections

Theorose Dzineku, Kent State U, USA

Desmond Lamptey, U of Media, Arts and Communication, GHANA



Kodwo Jonas Anson Boateng, UniMAC-IJ, GHANA

Daniel Boateng, U of Media, Arts and Communication, GHANA

Weaponizing Woke: Black and White Voter Responses, Intentions, and Perceived Support to a Politician's Commentary on X

Denetra Walker, U of Georgia, USA

Joshua Cloudy, U of Georgia, USA

  I Voted Therefore I Am (Not): Political Self-Effects in the Context of the U.S. and German Federal Elections

Jana Dreston, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Josephine Schmitt, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

German Neubaum, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

6304

The Other Climate Crisis: Overcoming the Crisis of Information Integrity around Climate Change

Monday

12:00–13:15

1.42

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Environmental Communication

Organizer

Melissa Aronczyk, Rutgers U, USA

Participants

Weathering AI: Mapping Research on Generative AI as a Source of and Solution to Climate Misinformation

Ece Elbeyi, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Klaus Jensen, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Promoting Online Trust in Communication About Climate Change

Melissa Aronczyk, Rutgers U, USA

From Gaps to Data: A Computational Approach to Understanding African Political Climate Communication

Eni Mustafaraj, Wellesley College, USA

Technology, Climate and Peacebuilding Nexus: Nurturing Resilient Communities in Western Kenya through Climate Change Information Action Research Anchored on Tree Planting and Carbon Offsetting

Fredrick Ogenga, Rongo U, KENYA

Filling the Void: Towards Anticipatory Public Information Infrastructure for Climate Events

Heather Ford, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

This ICA panel articulates solutions to problems that plague communication around climate change. Panelists envisage a wide range of interventions: technological, political, participatory, collaborative, and social. The goal of this panel is to develop user-centered, community-informed, and robust scholarly expertise to respond to the challenges of the current information environment, in which powerful actors—including corporations, governments, and political parties—intentionally spread inaccurate or misleading narratives about anthropogenic climate change.

6305

Science Communication, Controversies, Crises, and Inequalities

Monday

12:00–13:15

1.43

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Science Communication

Chair

Nils Bienzeisler, Leibniz-Institut für die Pädagogik der Naturwissenschaften und Mathematik, GERMANY

Participants

Between Science and Nationalism: Public Controversy over the Legitimacy of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Lechen Li, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Fangzhou Zhou, South China U of Technology, CHINA
 When Do Social Norms Strategies Reduce Uncertainty and Anxiety? The Moderating Role of Psychological Distance in Crisis Communication
 Yajing Wang, ASCoR, NETHERLANDS
 Zeph van Berlo, ASCoR, NETHERLANDS
 Science Communication Learning Goals in Focus: An Evaluation of a Foundational Course in the U of the Philippines Los Baños
 Reianne Quilloy, College of Development Communication, PHILIPPINES
 Daniel Renz Roc, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES
 The Future Forged in Policy: Sociotechnical Imaginaries in African National AI Strategies
 Yanhua Chen, Peking U, CHINA
 Yingjia Huang, Peking U, CHINA
 Who Speaks for Climate? Revealing Global Inequalities in Climate Communication Scholarship
 Shanyi Zhu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Xinzhu Wu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Wanqiu Lu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

6306

Silicon Valley’s Slippery Futures: Artificial General Intelligence, Technofascism, and the Limits of Reinventing the World

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

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Andreas Hepp, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Discussant

Fred Turner, Stanford U, USA

Participants

On the Paradox of Superintelligence: The “Ideological Flip-Flop” of AGI and the Threat to the Future

Andreas Hepp, U of Bremen, GERMANY

From the Aestheticization of Politics to the Aestheticization of AI: Technofascism and the Venture Capitalist as Artist

Becca Lewis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Technocratic Ambitions, Populist Justifications: The Discursive Legitimation of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)

Elisabetta Ferrari, Aarhus U, DENMARK

After the Revolution: AGI’s Uncertain Certainty

John Cheney-Lippold, U of Michigan, USA

For a long time, Silicon Valley was presented as the future of the world. However, this future has become “slippery,” with recent imaginations of AGI and techno-fascism contributing to the fact that Silicon Valley’s claim to be reinventing the world appears problematic. In four papers, we address this by discussing the uncertain certainty of AGI, the ideological flip-flop of superintelligence, the shift from the aestheticization of politics to one of AI, and the technocratic ambitions of DOGE.

6307

Organizational Practices, Strategies, and Professional Uses of AI and Social Media

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

Public Relations

Chair

Sifan Xu, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Participants

Community Relationship Building for Green NFTs: How Virtual Influencers Engage Social Media Publics in Networked Communities

Xinyan Zhao, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Xiao Meng, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Leping You, Miami U, USA
 Xiaohui Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Generative AI in the Eyes of PR Practitioners: A Longitudinal Study of Evolving Perceptions, Practices, and Concerns
 Aya Shata, U of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA
 Arthur Soto-Vásquez, U of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA
 Dave Nourse, U of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA
 Beyond Chatbots: AI-Mediated Communicative Inclusion Theory (AICIT)
 Lan Ni, U of Houston, USA
 Hongmei Shen, San Diego State U, USA
 Push Notification or Push AI-Communication? Channel Differences and the Enhancement of Authenticity through Message Framing and Navigational Cues in AI-Mediated Crisis Communication
 Yi Xiao, Tianjin U, CHINA
 Tianyi Wang, Tianjin U, CHINA
 Jiahui Lu, Tianjin U, CHINA
 When Emotion Meets Cognition: A PINE–STOPS Model of Incidental Problem-Solving Information Exposure on Social Media
 Yani Zhao, Coastal Carolina U, USA

6308

Memes, Social Media, and Affordances

Monday
 12:00–13:15
1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Visual Communication Studies

Chair

Dorothy Njoroge, US International U–Africa, KENYA

Participants

Beyond the Still Frame: Affect, Affordance, and the Mnemonic Practices of Live Photos on Social Media

Kaidi Ren, Wuhan U, CHINA

Just a Meme? The Role of Context in Mythologies of Memetic Misogyny

Suay Oezkula, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Patricia Prieto-Blanco, Lancaster U, UNITED KINGDOM

“Ladies And Lost Causes”: White Southern Womanhood and the Reperformance of Confederate Memory across Media

Margaret Ndwandwe, Berry College, USA

Visual Matters: Connecting Aesthetic Appeal and Production Quality of Photos, Infographics and Data Visualizations to Credibility of Social Media Posts

Salman Khawar, U of California, Davis, USA

Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA

Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA

Jiyoung Yeon, U of Georgia, USA

Cuihua Shen, U of California, Davis, USA

6309

Global Exhaustion: Racial Fatigue in White-Majority Democracies

Monday
 12:00–13:15
1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Discussant

Ralina Joseph, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Participants

After Diversity: The Discourse of Disavowal and Black Feminist Critique of the Academy

Andrea Baldwin, U of Utah, USA

Listening against Exhaustion in the Settler Colony

Tanja Dreher, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Screening Racial Exhaustion: Black Characters Navigating Interracial Relationships
Meshell Sturgis, U of New Mexico, USA
“Unlearning and Becoming...”: On Digital Black Religious Deconstruction
LaRisa Anderson-Horne, U of Utah, USA

Racial Exhaustion (NYU Press, 2025) theorizes the transnational phenomena of fatigue surrounding racial discourse in multicultural, white-majority societies. This panel interrogates how racial exhaustion operates across distinct yet intersecting domains: media representations of interracial relations, Black religious deconstruction as a liberatory praxis, the erosion of diversity commitments in U.S. higher education, and Australia’s politics of listening following constitutional rejection of First Nations’ voice. These interventions, alongside the author’s commentary, situate exhaustion within global power.

6310

Platforms, Mobile Infrastructure, and Precarious Empowerment in the Global South

Monday

12:00-13:15

1.64

(CTICC1, Lev 1)

Mobile Communication

Organizers

Jordan Frith, Clemson U, USA
Leah Komen, Daystar U, KENYA

Participants

Digital Extractivism in Africa’s Emerging Digital Ecosystem
Winston Mano, U of Westminster, UNITED KINGDOM
Lusike Mukhongo, Western Michigan U, USA
Mobile Communication Platforms in the Global South as Double-Edged Swords
Leah Komen, Daystar U, KENYA
Digital Integration of Refugees in the Netherlands
Will Marler, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
The Complexities of Mobile LLM Uptake in Mexico
Ragan Glover, U of Michigan, USA
Mobile Infrastructures in the Global South as Emerging Battlegrounds in the Supposed “New Cold War”
Jordan Frith, Clemson U, USA


This panel brings together a diverse group of scholars from three continents, and each presentation highlights a different way to approach MMC research in Global South contexts that builds upon established areas of MMC research. Consequently, the panel’s goal is to both highlight the often difficult and complex questions facing emerging mobile communication practices in the Global South while also showcasing how embracing the interdisciplinary and multifaceted strengths of MMC research can provide different insights into a shared topic of research.

6311

“Chatting Our Way into Trouble?” Understanding Sense-Making of Users and Evaluation of Risk and Progress About Communicative AI

Monday

12:00–13:15

 Auditorium 2 (CTICC1, Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Monika Taddicken, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Organizer

Esther Greussing, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Participants

Everyday Information Seeking: Using ComAI to Cope with Opinion-Challenging Information
Evelyn Jonas, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY
Monika Taddicken, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY
Esther Greussing, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Xenia Juergens, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY
 Contradicting Information Is the Key: Evaluation of AI-Generated Information and Its Epistemic Authority
 Inbal Klein-Avraham, Technion–Israel Institute of Technology, ISRAEL
 Shakked Dabran-Zivan, Technion–Israel Institute of Technology, ISRAEL
 Ayelet Baram-Tsabari, Technion–Israel Institute of Technology, ISRAEL
 ComAI Technologies and Conspiratorial Thinking: An Audit of Chatbot Responses to Prompts Related to Well-Known and Emerging Conspiracy Theories
 Michelle Riedlinger, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Katherine FitzGerald, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Axel Bruns, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Stephen Harrington, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Tim Graham, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Daniel Angus, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Framing Risk and Progress through ComAI in the News: A Combination of Manual and Automated Content Analysis
 Helena Bilandzic, U of Augsburg, GERMANY
 Martin Buerger, U of Augsburg, GERMANY
 Matthias Kast, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

This panel explores Communicative AI (ComAI), both as a communicator and an object of communication, shaping how people access and evaluate information amid risks of bias and hallucination. Drawing on studies from Germany, Israel, and Australia, the four contributions examine ComAI-related risks and responsibilities by combining perspectives across users, systems, and public discourse. Together, they conceptualize guardrails as cognitive, systemic, and discursive mechanisms and discuss ComAI's socially situated nature within evolving global information environments.

6320

Journalistic Authority on Douyin/TikTok: Hierarchies and Algorithms

Monday

12:00–13:15

2.41-2.43

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Biying Wu-Ouyang, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants

Bureaucratic News Recommendation Algorithm: How Hierarchical and Algorithmic Powers Shape Local News Visibility on Douyin (Chinese TikTok)

Yichen Liu, Jinan U, CHINA

Wen Shi, Jinan U, CHINA

TikTok Journalism's Content and Audience Engagement in Four European Nations: A Multi-Method Study

Jonathan Hendrickx, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Margareta Salonen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Veera Ehrlén, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

The Authority vs. Limited Cohesion Paradox: An Algorithmic Audit and Social Network Analysis of Journalistic Authority on Chinese TikTok (Douyin)

Yangkun Huang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Peng Xiao, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Emotional Synergy or Overload? Cross-Modality Effects in Douyin Short-Video News

Zhuoyu Wang, Fudan U, CHINA

Lei Guo, Fudan U, CHINA

Jiazhou Lin, Fudan U, CHINA

Weilin Li, Fudan U, CHINA

Ningjie Zhang, Fudan U, CHINA

Zhongyi Liu, Fudan U, CHINA

Guangnan Ye, Fudan U, CHINA

The Multimodal Features and Effects of Short Video News: A Computational Content Analysis Based on the Chinese TikTok (Douyin)

Te Hu, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Linyu Huang, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Wensen Huang, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Jialing (Catherine) Lin, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Jiamin Lin, Shenzhen U, CHINA

6321

Meditating Intimacy, Panic, and Community

Monday

12:00–13:15

 **2.44-2.46**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Hai Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Examining the Shaping of Gendered Sexual Scripts for Young Adult Black Women in Twenty Versus One (20v1) Videos

Jabari Evans, U of South Carolina, USA

Communicating In/Authenticity, Enacting Real/Virtual Boundaries: The Participatory “Deceitful Media” in the Virtual Idol Fandom

Zhuoxiao Xie, Nanjing U, CHINA

Yiyi Yin, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Meilin Chen, Nanjing U, CHINA

From Countryside to Pink Pony Club: Celebrifying Elderly Grassroots Women Into Queer Icons on Chinese Social Media Platforms

Yixin Huang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Haoxiang Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Xinxing Peng, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Behind the Kidney-Harvest (Ga Yaozi) Panic: Thailand-Focused Content Creators and the Spillover of Geopolitical Discourse on Chinese Platforms

Hai Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Yibin Fan, U of Washington, USA

Click to Feel Loved: How Fictive-Parent Influencers Construct and Monetize Digital Intimacy on Chinese Social Media Xiaohongshu (RedNote)

Haiwei Huang, U of Southern California, USA


Eva Liu, Ohio U, USA

6322

Identity and Politics 2

Monday

12:00–13:15

 **2.61-2.63**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Marko Skoric, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants

Belongingness in the Digital Age: The Relationship between Social Media Use and (Micro)identities across Five European Countries

Nora Theorin, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Wei Luo, U of Cambridge, UNITED KINGDOM

Kiran Arabaghata Basavaraj, U College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Gülru Horozoglu, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Ursula Kessels, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Manuel Moyano, U of Córdoba, SPAIN

Malgorzata Kossowska, Jagiellonian U, POLAND

Borders of Belonging: Rhetoric, Religion, and the Democratic “We”

Soumia Bardhan, U of Colorado Denver, USA

State Identity, Local News, and Affective Polarization

Emily Sydnor, Syracuse U, USA

Johanna Dunaway, Syracuse U, USA

Joshua Darr, Syracuse U, USA

Online Radicalization through Collective Information Bias: Identity-Scaffolded Epistemologies

Simon Greipl, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Ursula Schmid, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Group Emotions in Online Identity Politics: An Automated Audiovisual Content Analysis

Ming Boyer, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Tobias Heidenreich, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, GERMANY
Ahrabhi Kathirgamalingam, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

6323

HIGH-DENSITY: Masculinities, Femininities in Digital Communication

Monday

12:00–13:15

2.64

**(CTICC1,
Level 2)**

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Joseph Nyanoti, US International U–Africa, KENYA

Participants

Negotiating Ideal Masculinities in Chinese Domestic Structure: Focusing on the Male Childcare Program “Daddy at Home”

Jiaqi Wang, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Masculine Anxiety and the Making of Racialized Nationalism in China: A Qualitative Investigation Into Sunxiaochuan Bar

Nini Zhou, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

JungHwan Yang, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Hyper-Femininity As Rebellion: How Lo Niang Challenge Heteronormativity

Jiayixiu Zhao, Zhejiang International Studies U, CHINA

Yimei Zhu, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

Structural Distrust: The Role and Controversy of Male Allies in China’s Digital Feminism

Zitao Lei, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Di Xu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Reframing Working Women: Feminine Identity and Value Negotiation in Chinese Online Reality Shows

Yu Chen, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA

The papers in this panel discuss gender, identity, and (un)changing communication online.

6324

#ADHD Content on Social Media: Analysis and Effects

Monday

12:00–13:15

2.65-2.66

**(CTICC1,
Lev 2)**

Health Communication

Moderator

Beth Taylor, U of Kansas, USA

Participants

From Problem to Presence: A Comparative Analysis of ADHD Frames on TikTok

Hanbo Liu, U of Kansas, USA

Samuel Muzhingi, U of Kansas, USA

Beth Taylor, U of Kansas, USA

Yunwen Wang, U of Kansas, USA

From Individual Expression to Collective Anti-Stigma: A Content Analysis of Adult ADHD Graphic Notes on Xiaohongshu

Guoyu Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Memetic Representations of ADHD Lived Experiences in China and the US: A Critical Discourse Analysis of #ADHDmemes on Instagram and Xiao Hong Shu

Xinna Li, U College Dublin, IRELAND

Deanna Holroyd, Akita International U, JAPAN

The ADHD TikTok-Trend: Analyzing the Relationship between Watching ADHD Content and Users’ Self-Reflection and Self-Diagnosis

Katharina Rupp, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kathrin Karsay, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Tobias Dienlin, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

6330

The State of LLM Text Annotation: Performance across Models, Tasks, and Languages

Monday
12:00–13:15
Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Computational Methods

Chair

Aytalina Kulichkina, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Comparing Large Language Models for Text Classification: Model Selection across Tasks, Texts, and Languages

Michael Heseltine, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Measuring Online Media Ideology with Large Language Models and “Multi-Cue Classification”

Lucas da Silva, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Opening the Black Box of LLMs: An Empirical Study on Automated Text Annotation Performance

Qinyan Xie, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Pianpian Wang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Mingze Ji, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Tianwen Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

A Hybrid Intelligence Approach to Qualitative Data Analysis Combining Manual and AI Coding with Mixed Methods Analyses of Reliability and Validity

Julia Böttinger, Leipzig U, GERMANY

Christal Bürgel, Leipzig U, GERMANY

Anne Bartsch, Leipzig U, GERMANY

Do Generative Large Language Models Close the Language Gap in Multilingual Discourse Classification? A Systematic Evaluation

Frederik Henriksen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Jakob Kristensen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

6331

Protest on the News

Monday
12:00–13:15
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Saif Shahin, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Participants

From News Audiences to Media Reform Activists: How Ordinary Audiences Contest Media Inequalities in the Digital Age

Nadia Haq, Cardiff U, UNITED KINGDOM

The Activist Journalist: Palestinian Reporters and the Everyday Struggle for Justice in Gaza

Saif Shahin, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Mona Alsaba, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

Mohamed Salama, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

Shahira Fahmy, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

The Abolition of Slavery and the Rise of Racist Narratives in Southern U.S. Newspapers: A Re-Validation Based on a Historical Racism Lexicon (1800–1920)

Zhenfeng Zhou, Nanjing U, CHINA

Yangdong Liu, Nanjing U, CHINA

Xiao Xiao, Nanjing U, CHINA

Cheng-Jun Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Protest and Social Movement Coverage as a Means of (De-)Legitimization: A Systematic

Literature Review

Lea von den Driesch, U of Münster, GERMANY

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Reimagining Organizational Communication: Addressing Inequalities through South-South Dialogue

Monday

12:00–13:15

Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Organizational Communication

Organizer

Claudia Labarca, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Participants

Reimagining Internal Communication by Bridging Ubuntu and Metamodernism from a Global South Perspective

Dalien Benecke, U of Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA

Lucinda Sutton, North-West U, SOUTH AFRICA

Disconnect between Academic Research Interests and Professional Practice: The Case of Latin America

Claudia Labarca, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Gabriel Sadi, U of Huddersfield, UNITED KINGDOM

Alejandro Álvarez-Nobell, U of Málaga, SPAIN

Adaptive Resistance for Digital Inclusiveness: Gen-Z Entrepreneurs Organizing in Pluralistic Asian Contexts

Dongjing Kang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Reflecting on the State of Organizational Communication Research in African Contexts and Paths Forward

Joëlle M. Cruz, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

This panel examines organizational communication from the Global South, challenging the dominance of Northern frameworks and epistemologies. It fosters a dialogue between the South, highlighting diverse subaltern perspectives, locally grounded organizational practices, and alternative imaginaries of social life. By centering subaltern positionalities and epistemic pluralism, the session promotes cross-regional learning and theorization. Participants will explore how these insights advance globally relevant, socially just approaches to organizational communication, offering new directions for theory, methodology, and practice.

6341

MEOW-ing through Mixed Realities: Norms, Affordances and Older Adults' VR Adoption

Monday

12:00–13:15

Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Stephanie Diepeveen, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Face-Off? How Facial Recognition Technology Changes Norm Violation Behavior in Virtual Reality

Kun Xu, U of Florida, USA

Jiayue Li, U of Florida, USA

Alver Zhou, U of Florida, USA

Mengsu Shi, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Yunxiao Chen, Boston U, USA

Qingyu Yang, Duke U, USA

Sylvia Chan-Olmsted, U of Florida, USA



Experiencing Flood through My Own Eyes: The Use of Face-Swapping Technology in Achieving Persuasive Climate Change-Related Intentions

Yingying Ni, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Zhuling Liu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Seeing Less, Choosing Differently: Diminished Reality in Consumer Decision-Making
Yuyao Lu, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Zeph van Berlo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Marijn Meijers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Edith Smit, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

  Extending Communication Theory to Immersive Platforms: Affordances, Embodiment, and Toxic Resilience in Social Virtual Reality

Aleksandra Zheleva, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Climbing the Digital Ladder: Understanding VR Job Training Adoption Intention among Older Adults in Singapore—An Extended UTAUT Model

Yan Sun, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Younbo Jung, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

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MEOW-suring Relations: Anonymous Forums, Synthetic Transparency, and Professional Endorsements

Monday

12:00–13:15

Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Philipp Masur, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Self-Disclosure, Support and Stigma: Computational Analysis of Mental Health Communication on Hong Kong Anonymous Forums

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

Duorong Wang, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

Navigating Synthetic Persuasion: The Interplay of AI Disclosure, Message Style, and Transparency

Jingren Li, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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

Hsuan-Ting Chen, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Algorithmic Feed Divider: Body Disclosure and Visibility of Heterosexual and Homosexual Couple Vloggers on Douyin

Xintong Yao, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Who Endorses Whom? Social Stratification and Reciprocity in Online Professional Networks

Yuhan Wei, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yu Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xinran Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xiaohui Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

More User-Centric or Not? The Influence of Social Relationships on Online Discussions

Haixin Mu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Wanjiang Zhang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Hai Liang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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HIGH-DENSITY: Health, AI, and Gendered Inequalities

Monday

12:00–13:15

 8.1
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Yuexin Lyu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Participants

Algorithmic Linguistic Inequality in Global AI: How Large Language Models Reproduce Cultural Hierarchies through Multilingual Performance Disparities

Zhipu Sun, Communication U of China, CHINA

Qi Xu, Communication U of China, CHINA


From Connectivity to Capability: Unequal Well-Being in China's Digital Village Construction

Zhipu Sun, Communication U of China, CHINA

Xinghan Feng, Tianjin Normal U, CHINA
 Qi Xu, Communication U of China, CHINA
 The AI Divide: Uncovering Factors Behind Non-Adoption of AI-Powered Health Care in China
 Zongya Li, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA
 Ran Wei, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Yajing Lu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Xiao Zhang, Hong Kong Shue Yan U, HONG KONG
 Jing Guo, Hong Kong Shue Yan U, HONG KONG
 Local-Centric Health Particularities within the Chitrakar Community in Nayagram, West Bengal: Health Epistemologies from Below
 Parameswari Mukherjee, Metropolitan State U of Denver, USA
 Ambar Basu, U of South Florida, USA
 Framing Digital Gender Violence across Firewalls: Transnational Feminism and the MaskPark Scandal
 Yuan (Riley) Xu, U of Pennsylvania, USA
 Centring Men, Defocusing Women: Rethinking Gender-Based Violence Communication Campaigns in South Africa
 Glardio Ralepelle, U of Limpopo, SOUTH AFRICA
 Toks Oyedemi, U of Limpopo, SOUTH AFRICA
 Sources of Health Information in a Changing Media Landscape: Evidence from a Cross-National Longitudinal Study in Asia
 May Lwin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Yumin Lin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Who Acts as Agent of Virtue? Constructed Moral Asymmetries in Social Roles across Cultures, 1800–2000
 Yiming Liu, Fudan U, CHINA
 Baohua Zhou, Fudan U, CHINA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Machine Companionship: Intimacy, Trust, and Social Consequences

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

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Jingshi Kang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Participants

Making Loneliness Governable: Companion Robots and the Techno-Bio-Politics of Care

Nisa Kirbac Savery, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Sander De Ridder, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

AI Emotional Companionship and Its Dual Effects on Real-World Social Behavior

Ziling Yan, Peking U, CHINA

The Impact of AI Attachment Styles on Human-AI Intimacy Satisfaction: Evidence from AI Emotional Chatbots

Jianing Zhu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Qiaoge Xie, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Attitude Over Literacy: Understanding Trust Formation in Health AI

Dan Xie, Beijing Foreign Studies U, CHINA

Wanru Huang, Beijing Foreign Studies U, CHINA

Beyond Loneliness: Psychological Mechanisms Drive Users to Engage in Deep Self-Disclosure with ChatGPT

Xi Zhang, Guangxi U, CHINA

This session examines how machines become relational partners in contexts of companionship, intimacy, and trust. Across studies of affective governance, attachment, self-disclosure, and everyday interaction, the papers show how emotional communication with machines can support and reshape human social relations. Together, the contributions highlight the ambivalent consequences of machine companionship—enabling connection,

confidence, and care while also introducing new forms of dependency, asymmetry, and relational risk in human-machine communication.

6345

HIGH-DENSITY: Reporting on War, Terrorism, and Violence

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

Journalism Studies

Chair

Nimmagadda Bhargav, Indian Institute of Management Indore, INDIA

Participants

Who Gets Called a Terrorist? Media Labeling of Political Violence across Five Decades
New Coverage

Marc Jungblut, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Scott Althaus, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Joseph W Bajjalieh, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Framing Conflict Multimodally: Interpretative Repertoires in the Guardian's Reporting on the Russia-Ukraine War (2022–2025)

Yi Xu, Lancaster U Leipzig, GERMANY

Marc Jungblut, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Irina Lock, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Peace Under Constraint: Understanding Professional Roles and Contributions of Russian Exile Journalists

Kirill Filimonov, Uppsala U, SWEDEN

Between Moscow and the Newsroom: Framing the War in Ukraine in Post-Soviet Media Systems

Kim Bissell, Louisiana State U, USA

Gina Joseph, Louisiana State U, USA

Who Receives the Kremlin's Propaganda Abroad? Transnational News Use and Trust among People with Russian and Kazakh Migration Background in Germany

Florian Toepfl, U of Passau, GERMANY

Anna Ryzhova, U of Passau, GERMANY

Marlene Mussotter, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Charlotte Wagnsson, Swedish Defence U, SWEDEN

Félix Krawatzek, Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS),

GERMANY

Taxonomy of Violence and Professional Identity: Field Theory, Intersectionality, and Journalism in Nigeria

Dennis Okeke, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Journalists vs. War Crimes

Dariya Orlova, National U of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, UKRAINE

Johana Kotišová, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Multidimensional Risks in Conflict Reporting: Safety, Gender, and Precarity among Spanish Journalists

Leire Iturregui, U of the Basque Country, SPAIN

María José Cantalapiedra, U of the Basque Country, SPAIN

Silvia Ubillos, U of Burgos, SPAIN

Pablo Castro, U of Burgos, SPAIN

Oiane Díaz, U of the Basque Country, SPAIN

Thomas Hanitzsch, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Roy Thowsen Krøvel, Oslo Metropolitan U, NORWAY

Nina Springer, U of Münster, GERMANY

Abit Hoxha, U of Agder, NORWAY

Joan Ramon Rodriguez-Amat, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Silvia Chocarro, UN Human Rights in Sudan, SUDAN

Noé Cornago, U of the Basque Country, SPAIN

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HIGH-DENSITY: Journalistic Expertise and Changing Reportorial Norms**Monday**

12:00–13:15

**Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)****Journalism Studies****Chair**

Marenet Jordaan, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

When Time Is Ticking, Are Readers Clicking? Exploring the Effects of Displaying Temporal Cues in Online News Article Previews

Lars-Ole Wehden, U of Münster, GERMANY

Lena Küpper, U of Münster, GERMANY

Felix Reer, U of Münster, GERMANY

Football Transfer Gossip: Defining an Overlooked, Influential, and Exemplary News Genre

Daniel Jackson, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

Steen Steensen, Oslo Metropolitan U, NORWAY

Chris Peters, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Willing Political Pawns: How Journalists in Republican China “Produced” and “Prophesied” Political Futures

Hanyu Zhang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Juan Chen, Henan Normal U, CHINA

Xin Ai, Henan Normal U, CHINA

Liangtian Guo, Henan Normal U, CHINA

Yuye Zhang, Henan Normal U, CHINA

Meng Zhou, Henan Normal U, CHINA

Yike Zhu, Henan Normal U, CHINA

Economic Knowledge, Journalistic Knowhow and the Expertise(s) of Financial Journalists

Hagar Lahav, Sapir College, ISRAEL

Zvi Reich, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Science Worthy of News: An Automated Content Analysis of Research Press Release

Newsworthiness and Churnalism in Belgian Newspapers during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Miguel Vissers, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Luna De Bruyne, U of Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Steve Paulussen, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Gert-Jan de Bruijn, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Framing Cycles as Temporal Dynamics of Journalism: Theory Development and Application to Refugee News in Four Countries

Lukas Hoffmann, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Katharina Genz, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Martin Emmer, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

What Drives Media Hostility? The Role of Source Identity in News Engagement

Aybüke Atalay, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

Ricardo Ferreira, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Mapping Pseudo-Media in Europe: A Conceptual and Methodological Framework for Assessing Threats to Information Integrity

Jan Kermer, European U Institute, ITALY

Konrad Bleyer-Simon, European U Institute, ITALY

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InfoSys: Information Cues and Credibility**Monday**

12:00–13:15

**Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)****Information Systems****Chair**

Mengxue Ou, Peking U, CHINA

Participants

Norms, Violations, and Responding to Violators in Online Communities: Proposing the Dual System of Social Norms

Inhwan Bae, Cornell U, USA

Exploring the Efficacy of Using the “Do Your Own Research” Tagline as a Heuristic Cue

Austin Hubner, U of Florida, USA

- Judy Watts, U of Kansas, USA
 Information and Communication Characteristics as Antecedents of Information Overload and Related Outcomes: Insights from China and Singapore
 Heng Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA
 Benjamin (Benjy) Li, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Qian Wu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
- Examining Moral Endorsements in Response to Symbolic and Realistic Threats Depicted in News
 Ting-Jui Chang, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung U, TAIWAN
 Chen-Chao Tao, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung U, TAIWAN
- Trade-Off in Fact-Checking Videos: Role of AIGC Warning Label in Credibility Judgment and Social Media Engagement on Chinese TikTok (Douyin)
 Yiru Shi, Fudan U, CHINA
 Zhibo Yang, Fudan U, CHINA
 Xin Shen, Fudan U, CHINA
 Yuxuan Chen, Fudan U, CHINA
- Motivating Responsibility: Exploring How Differential Motivations Drive Credibility Assessment and Responsible Information Behaviors
 Mengxue Ou, Peking U, CHINA
 Shirley Ho, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
- Credibility Perception of Online Nationalistic Information in China: The Effect of Predispositions and Social Endorsement Cues
 Chiyou Tong, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA
- Can Editable Sources Affect People's Trust in Online Information? Exploring Editability Affordance on Social Media
 Yidi Zhang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
- Cued by Politics, Unchecked by Literacy: Perceived Bias in Health and Economic News
 Soojong Kim, U of California, Davis, USA
 Jieun Shin, U of Florida, USA
 Seth Lewis, U of Oregon, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Global Perspectives on Social and Digital Media

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

Mass Communication

Communication and Technology

Chair

Ye Lin, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Participants

After the Heat Fades: How the Suspension of Weibo's Trending Topic Shape Media's Production

Jingxiang Huang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Cheng-Jun Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Comparing General versus AI-Specific Media Literacy to Identify AI-Generated Images on Social Media

Jikai Sun, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Carolina de Pinho Ferreira, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Rita Tang, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Qiling Wu, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Emily Vraga, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Unstable Digital Echoes: The Risk Amplification of Youth Employment Discourses on Chinese Social Media

Jue Lai, Chongqing U, CHINA

Yafang Zou, Chongqing U, CHINA

“Presence” and “Absence”: The Mediatization Practices, Social Capital Divides, and Digital Divide of Chinese Podcasts

Yi Shu Pan, Xiamen U, CHINA

Exploring Patchwork Spiritual Online Groups: Proposal for a Research Agenda

Anna Davydova, U of Münster, GERMANY
 Saïd Unger, U of Münster, GERMANY
 Thorsten Quandt, U of Münster, GERMANY
 Third-Person Perception of Privacy Risk on Social Media: A Cross-Cultural Comparison
 between the U.S. and Singapore
 Jeeyun Oh, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Shuer Zhuo, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Hyungrok Jin, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Hyunjin Kang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Whose Voices and Which Effects? A Scoping Review of Migration and Social Media
 Effects
 Aleksandra Lazić, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Maryam Khaleghipour, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

6361

HIGH-DENSITY: Play, Pressure, and Risk in Adolescent Gaming

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

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

AnneMarie McClain, Boston U, USA

Participants

Linking Stress to Games: Predicting Korean Adolescents' Gaming Behaviors from
 Different Sources of Stress

Shinyi Kang, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Tobias Dienlin, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Social Distance vs. Group Structure in Adolescent Gaming: A Mixed-Effects Test of
 Gender and Loneliness

Zhiying Yue, Boston Children's Hospital, USA

David Bickham, Boston Children's Hospital, USA

Samuel Schwamm, Boston Children's Hospital, USA

Michael Rich, Boston Children's Hospital, USA

From Gaming Alone to Gaming Together: The Influence of Attitudes on Parental Co-
 Playing Mediation

Toqa Hassan, Purdue U Northwest, USA

Marina Krmar, Wake Forest U, USA

Otome Games: A Snapshot of U.S. Adolescents Who Play These Dating Simulation Games
 and Future Research Directions

Xuan Kang, Michigan State U, USA

Celeste Campos-Castillo, Michigan State U, USA

Jessica Freedman, Michigan State U, USA

6362

VR and Justice: Post-Colonial Immersive Storytelling

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

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State U, USA

Organizer

Sandra Ponzanesi, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

Discussant

Saskia Witteborn, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants

Beyond the Empathy Machine: Fourth Wall VR and the Plight for Justice

Sandra Ponzanesi, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

Immersive Memory: Leveraging VR for Social Justice

Saskia Witteborn, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Tim Gruenewald, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Fostering Cultural Exchange through Environmental Storytelling in VR
 Kath Dooley, Adelaide U, AUSTRALIA
 African Spacemaking Methodology and Findings
 Vincenzo Cavallo, Cultural Video, KENYA
 Spatial Justice Framework Underpinning No Place but Here
 Dylan Valley, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

This panel explores how virtual reality (VR) can foster connection and social justice. By immersing users in others' lived experiences, VR opens new possibilities for understanding inequality and cultivating care across differences. Yet it also raises ethical questions about access, representation, and power. Bringing together scholars and creators, this panel examines how VR could become a transformative medium for inclusion, solidarity, and equitable storytelling.

6363

HPV Vaccination: Social Media Engagement, Knowledge, and Social Networks

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

Health Communication

Moderator

Mian Jia, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants

Using Multiple Messaging Strategies to Promote HPV Vaccination among Bilingual Parents in Hong Kong

Mian Jia, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Active Seeking and Incidental Exposure on Social Media for HPV Vaccination: The Mediating Role of Cognitive Elaboration and Moderating Role of Social Network Influence

Kristen Zhang, U of Michigan, USA

Shulun Wang, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Before Vs. After COVID-19: Social Media Use and HPV Preventive Behaviors via Health Belief Model Factors

Tongtong Hou, Texas A&M U, USA

Lu Chen, Texas A&M U, USA

Lionel Li, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Attenuating Optimistic Bias: Effects of Health Belief Model-Based Advertisements in Promoting HPV Vaccination among Young Men in China

Bei Liu, Qinghai Normal U, CHINA

Haoyu Yang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jie Ren, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

6370

PARTNER PANEL: ECREA - Towards a Children's Rights-Respecting Generative AI: Evidence and Policies

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

Partner Panel

Chair

Giovanna Mascheroni, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY

Participants

AI Literacies: Enablers, Barriers, and Inequalities

Veronika Kalmus, U of Tartu, ESTONIA

Signe Opermann, U of Tartu, ESTONIA

Andra Siibak, U of Tartu, ESTONIA

Davide Cino, U of Milano-Bicocca, ITALY

The Remediation of Me: Young People's Use of AI and the Remediation of Personal Data

Niamh Ní Bhroin, U of Agder, NORWAY

Elisabeth Staksrud, U of Oslo, NORWAY

Dobrinka Kuzmanovic, U of Belgrade, SERBIA

Ingvill Rasmussen, U of Oslo, NORWAY

Christine Trültzsch-Wijnen, U of Education Salzburg, AUSTRIA
 Christina Ortner, U of Applied Sciences, AUSTRIA
 Estrella Luna Muñoz, Instituto de Comunicação da NOVA, PORTUGAL
 What Can I Help You With? Young People's Perceptions of Socio-Emotional Interactions with Gen AI
 Giovanna Mascheroni, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY
 Mariya Stoilova, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM
 Tijana Milosevic, U College Dublin, IRELAND
 How Does, and How Could, Generative AI Respect and Enable Children's Rights?
 Sonia Livingstone, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM
 Ayça Atabey, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM
 Kim Sylwander, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

This panel examines adolescents' use of generative AI (Gen AI) from a children's rights perspective. Based on comparative qualitative research conducted across 13 European and 4 Global South countries, it provides an in-depth understanding of the role of Gen AI in the lives of 13- to 17-year-olds. The findings interpret children's experiences and views in relation to their rights to equity and diversity, their interests, age-appropriate content and interactions, privacy, safety, well-being, participation, development, and agency.

6371

Beyond Borders: Intercultural Communication as a Catalyst for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

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

Intercultural Communication

Chair

Amanda Alencar, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Decolonizing Intercultural Communication: Culturally Centering Our Capacities to Hope

Mohan Dutta, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND

Mediated Conflict and Cultural Power: U.S. News Representations of the Israel-Palestine War and Campus Protests

Sudeshna Roy, Marquette U, USA

People as Infrastructure: How Intercultural Communication Shapes Digital Crisis Response in Urban and Rural Uganda

Amanda Alencar, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NEW ZEALAND

Hakimu Sseviiri, Makerere U, UGANDA

Beyond Western Hegemony: Comparing Sino-Indian Intercultural Communication in Digital-for-Development Initiatives

Daya Thussu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Arjun Chatterjee, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

From Digital Marginalization to Cultural Resistance: The Equity Algorithm as Intercultural Praxis

Abeer Al-Najjar, American U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

This panel explores how intercultural communication research can meaningfully engage with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals to address global inequalities. Moving beyond traditional foci on interpersonal and organizational interactions, presenters from diverse geographical contexts and epistemological traditions examine how cultural differences, power dynamics, and communication practices shape sustainable development across media, diaspora, resistance, and geopolitical domains. Featuring three female and three male scholars from across the globe, the panel reimagines intercultural communication's scope and its contributions to global justice and equity.

6402**(HYBRID) JOINT PARTNER PANEL: AEJMC and Council of Communication Associations (CCA) Inequalities and Indignities: How to Dis-fuel Hate, Extremism, and Polarization****Monday**
13:30–14:45
🌐 **CTICC**
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Partner Panel****Participants**

Stacey Connaughton, Purdue U, USA
Bill Imada, IW Group, USA
Joshua Scacco, U of South Florida, USA
Bey-Ling Sha, Texas Tech U, USA

The challenges posed by polarization, extremism, hate, and disinformation are numerous, much-discussed, and well-known through both contemporary events and historical examples. Less frequently addressed are specific ways by which these current conditions can be ameliorated, starting from the individual level and moving toward the societal and global. This expert panel of professionals doing the work will share battle-tested tips and real-world cases, offering specific strategies and concrete tactics for making the world a slightly better place, one relationship at a time.

6403**Platform Feminisms, Digital Care, and Gendered Labor in Networked Publics****Monday**
13:30–14:45
1.41
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Feminist Scholarship****Chair**

Yini Wang, Hunan U, CHINA

Participants

Care Deficits and Gendered Affective Inequality among Women Content Creators on Xiaohongshu

Cara Xu, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

An Uplifting Future for Every Woman? (Re)constructing #WomenPower in Digital China

Ziyi Yu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Zijun Liu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Reclaiming, Resisting, Rewriting: Research on Alternative Media Communication Practices of Chinese Female Gamers

Wei Liang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Feminist Mutualism as Epistemic Resistance: Digital Care Labor and the Negotiation of Gendered Inequality on Douban

Shufen Zheng, Fudan U, CHINA

Tracing the Transnational Circulation of #ChallengeAccepted Selfie Campaign of Women on Instagram

Dilara Asardag, Tampere U, FINLAND

This panel explores feminist politics, care labor, and gendered agency as negotiated through platforms, online communities, and participatory digital cultures.

6404**Revisiting the Decolonial Turn in Media and Communication Studies****Monday**
13:30–14:45
1.42
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Philosophy, Theory, and Critique****Chair**

Wunpini Mohammed, Cornell U, USA

Participants

Media, Culture, and Decolonization: Re-Righting The Subaltern Histories of Ghana

Wunpini Mohammed, Cornell U, USA

Fascism, Radio, and Anti-Colonial Worldmaking

Paula Chakravartty, New York U, USA

What Does Decolonization in Media and Communications Mean in North Africa and the Middle East?

Nabil Echchaibi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
Disciplinary Connections in the Work Toward Decolonization: The Case of Anthropology
and Media/Communication
Girish Daswani, U of Toronto, CANADA

After decades of silence about colonialism and imperialism, discussions about decoloniality and decolonization have re-emerged. What does this mean for the field today? Using Africa as a starting point, this panel will foreground conversations on decolonization in the broader field connecting it to media and cultural studies, political economy of media and social-cultural anthropology. The panel will grapple with what it means to disrupt epistemological, geographical, and disciplinary siloes in the decolonization process.

6405

Trust and Credibility

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

Political Communication

Chair

Anne Rasmussen, King's College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Why People Expose Themselves to News Media They Do Not Trust: Exploring Some Possible Explanations for the Modest Relationship between News Media Trust and Exposure

Yariv Tsfati, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Rens Vliegthart, Wageningen U, NETHERLANDS

Elina Lindgren, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Jesper Stromback, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

From Distrust to Mobilization: Conspiratorial Mentality, Collective Efficacy, and Social Media Engagement in Japan

Tetsuro Kobayashi, Waseda U, JAPAN

Akiko Matsuo, U of Tokyo, JAPAN

Kazutoshi Sasahara, The Institute of Science Tokyo, JAPAN


Between Democracy and Autocracy: Institutional Trust, Media Consumption, and Political Attitudes in India

Taberez Neyazi, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Kazuya Nakamizo, Kyoto U, JAPAN

All by Myself: Testing Effects of Alternative Media Use on Alienation and the Potential Mediating Role of Institutional Trust

Nora Theorin, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

 Ideological and Moral Roots of Media Credibility in Divided Societies: Evidence from Taiwan

Chen-Ta Sung, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

6406

HIGH-DENSITY: What Young People Learn on YouTube and TikTok

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

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

Jolien Trekels, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Social Media and Moral Disengagement: Does Hate Speech Exposure on TikTok Shape Adolescents' Moral Identity Over Time?

Isabel Rodríguez-de-Dios, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Johanna van Oosten, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Scrolling up the Family Tree: Adolescent Consumer Learning and Reverse Socialization via TikTok

Bo Dhondt, Ghent U, BELGIUM

- Dieneke Van de Sompel, Ghent U, BELGIUM
 Liselot Hudders, Ghent U, BELGIUM
 “Tell People if a Video Has an Ad or Not:” Sixth Graders’ Views on Improving YouTube
 Following an Advertising Literacy Program
 Tyler Poisson, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
 Lujia Li, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
 Erica Scharrer, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
 A Longitudinal Study Examining the Impact of YouTube’s Visual and Audio Effects on
 Children’s Attention and Viewing Control
 Minjung Kim, U of California, Davis, USA
 Drew Cingel, U of California, Davis, USA
 Allyson Snyder, U of California, Davis, USA
 How TikTok Influences Gen Z’s Consumer Decisions: A Systematic Review
 Yan Lu, Shandong U, CHINA
 Xinyang Ding, Shandong U, CHINA
 Yujun Lin, Shandong U, CHINA
 Rated S for “Sus”: Gender and Sexuality in Roblox YouTube Shorts
 Valerye Garcia, Syracuse U, USA
 Srividya Ramasubramanian, Syracuse U, USA

6407

**A Taste of Instructional and Developmental Communication - A Sampler Platter
 Session Representing a Breadth of Topics in IDC Research**

Monday
 13:30–14:45

Instructional and Developmental Communication

1.61
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Participants

Using Messaging and Behavior Change Theories to Influence K–12 Educators’ SEL
 Beliefs and Motivations

Christine Park, New York U, USA

The Conductor’s Gaze and Gesture: Embodied Instructional Communication and the
 Negotiation of Power in the Orchestra Rehearsal

Ding Yu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Media Education through Collaborative Instruction: How Prior Media Literacy Shapes
 Emotional and Cognitive Outcomes in Older Adults

Zhiwei Zhou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Xiaorui Guo, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

The Politics of “Childhood Innocence” and “Innocent Curiosity”: Flemish Primary School
 Teachers’ Perceptions on Sex Education and LGBTQ Themes

Thalia Van Wichelen, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Wari at Yari (Discern and Design; Imagine and Improvise): Theater-as-Play as a
 Community Engagement and Education Framework

Ana Katrina de Jesus, U of the Philippines Los Banos, PHILIPPINES

Gian Carlo de Jesus, Balaiwari, PHILIPPINES

Instructional Risk Communication in Enhancing Public Preparedness for E-Bike Fire
 Emergencies: A Mixed-Methods Study Using the IDEA Framework

Hanye Xu, Nanjing U, CHINA

Zhangzichen Li, Nanjing U, CHINA

Xiao Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

6408

Art Practitioners, Artworks, and Artistic Representations

Monday
 13:30–14:45

Visual Communication Studies

1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Chair

Susan Keith, Rutgers U, USA

Participants

Platformized Aesthetics and the Politics of Visibility among Art Practitioners on

- Xiaohongshu (Rednote China)
 Junming Shi, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA
 Zhengyu Kang, Fudan U, CHINA
- Valuing Visuals: Assessing Visual Elements Impacting Hammer Prices
 Gaila Jehoel, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Melissa Yau, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Sona Lukáčová, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Luuk Lagerwerf, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
- Inclusive Knowledge Spaces: A Multi-Sited Ethnography of Audio-Described Film Making in China
 Kunpeng Miao, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Zhaoyang Wang, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Lixing Wang, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Chun Yang, Communication U of China, CHINA
- Globalized Post-Revolutionary “Artistic Conception China”: Visual Modernity and the Cultural-National Subject in 1980s China, Based on China’s Pictorial Landscape Albums (1979–1989)
 Pobing Dong, Fudan U, CHINA
 Guozhong Wu, Hunan Normal U, CHINA

6409

Health Messaging: Media, the Body, and Vaccines

Monday
 13:30–14:45
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Mass Communication

Chair

Enny Das, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Promoting Diabetes Prevention among Young Adults in Singapore: The Effects of Message Framing, Graphic Design and Dialogic Communication on Audience Attention

Shaohai Jiang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Fit to Influence? A Comparative Analysis of Gendered Self-Efficacy, Consumerist Health Regimes, and Sponsorship in Instagram Fitness Influencer Communication

Talalah Khan, Florida State U, USA

Sindy Chapa, Florida State U, USA

False Positivity Is Not Positivity: How Perceived (In)Authenticity and Manipulative Intent Undermine the Goals of Body Positivity Advertising

Menghan Yin, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Yin Yang, Florida State U, USA

Between Ideals and BoPo: Daily Associations between Exposure to Appearance Content and Body Image among Young Individuals with Visible Differences

Laure Dedecker, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Laurien Coosemans, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Lara Schreurs, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Chelly Maes, U Libre de Bruxelles, BELGIUM

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Narrative and Linguistic Strategies in HPV Vaccine Communication on Sina Weibo: A Content Analysis of Government, Medical Institutions, and Practitioners’ Accounts

Ye Lin, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Yuxin Cao, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Shaohai Jiang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

6410

Redressing Historical Inequalities: Reparatory Approaches to Communication History and Media Reform

Monday
 13:30–14:45

Communication History

Organizers

David Cheruiyot, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

- 1.64** Wendy Willems, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM
(CTICC1, Lev 1) **Participants**
 Repairing Historical Harm in U.S. Entertainment
 Aymar Escoffery, Northwestern U, USA
 Remembrance and Restitution: Slavery and the Press in South Africa
 Gawie Botma, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA
 Confronting Dark Legacy: Historical Harms in journalism's Reparative Turn
 Irene Awino, U of Wisconsin-La Crosse, USA
 David Cheruiyot, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS
 Towards Reparatory Histories of Publics and Infrastructures
 Wendy Willems, London School of Economics and Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

A reparatory approach to history can help to produce knowledge on historical injustices, which is crucial in campaigns for media reform, reparations, and reparative justice and can make these campaigns more legitimate and effective. This panel examines reparatory approaches to both communication history and media reform. It will explore this intersection further to highlight varied perspectives on reparative practices that reevaluate past-present relations and challenge inequalities that have facilitated historical injustices.

6411

Monday
 13:30–14:45
 **Auditorium**
2 (CTICC1, Lev 2)

PURR-fectly Disclosed: AI Transparency, Influence, and Affordances

Communication and Technology

Chair

German Neubaum, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Participants

Too Perfect to Be Real? AI Disclosure, Uncanny Perfection, and Content Inconsistency in Virtual Influencer Advertising

Sofie Vranken, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Daisuke Nakamura, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Barbora Ibrova, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Aisling Pircher, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA


Daniel Siormanolakis, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Maryam Khaleghipour, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Political Social Media Influencers in Election Campaign Networks: A Longitudinal Coordination Analysis

Yi-Tien Liu, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

 How Disclosure Prevalence and Relational Similarity Shape Social Norms on Social Media

Philipp Masur, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Douglas Parry, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Determining Disclosure the Role of Affordances for Disclosing Information on Social Media

Annemarie Wiedicke, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

David Tominski, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Veronika Karnowski, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Speak for Me or(and) Speak Instead of Me? How “Like” Shapes Opinion Expression among Chinese Young Adults

Yuqiu Chen, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Wenhao Yang, Northern Illinois U, USA

6420

Mobile Communication in Personal Relationships

Monday

13:30–14:45

🌐 2.41-2.43

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Mobile Communication

Chair

Jeffrey Boase, U of Toronto, CANADA

Participants

Let's Hack It Together: Collective Technological Practices of Chinese Children in Digital Parenting

Junrui Chen, Fudan U, CHINA

Self-Extension In Mobile Dating Applications: Affordances, Habitual Use, and Sense of Self in Finding Online Dating Success

Kathryn Coduto, Boston U, USA

AI on Dating Apps: Links between Usage Frequency, Self-Efficacy, Self-Esteem, and Willingness to Use AI

Alice Binder, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Anja Stevic, Stanford U, USA

Jaroslava Kankova, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Platformized Parenting in China: Mediatizing the Family through Mobile Homework Check-ins

Jiaqin Tian, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Pocket or Desktop AI? How Media Type Shapes Emotional Disclosure via Portability

Bingcan Li, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yi Huang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yasha Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Qi Zhou, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Wenjie Wang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Rukun Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

6421

The Myths, Power Dynamics, Relativisms of Connectivity

Monday

13:30–14:45

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Adrienne Massanari, American U, USA

Participants

The Mechanism of Inequality: Rethinking Inter-Asia Cultural Flows through Popular Cultures in Nepal

Xiao Yang, U of Macau, MACAO

Camera as Cultural Tool: Film Photography's Revival and Decelerating Practice among Chinese Youth

Heng Huang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Weihua Wu, Communication U of China, CHINA

From Individual Performance to Collective Coordination: The Reorganization of Platform Labor in "Team-Based Live Streaming"

Xinyu Liu, Yantai U, CHINA

Xiaorong Wan, Xinjiang Arts U, CHINA

A Cultural Perspective on Online Self-Disclosure: Motivations, Adaptations, and Co-Constitutive Dynamics

Yujun Lin, Shandong U, CHINA

Yuqi Lin, Davion Labs, SINGAPORE

Yan Lu, Shandong U, CHINA

Zhengnan Sun, Shandong U, CHINA

Jiayi Xu, Shandong U, CHINA

Yutong Du, Shandong U, CHINA

"Mysterious and Important Work": Speculative Retrofuturism and Ambivalent Technological Imaginaries of Administrative Control in Apple TV's Severance

Adrienne Massanari, American U, USA

Matt Levitas, American U, USA

6422

Broadcast Legacies and Platform Futures**Monday**

13:30–14:45

🌐 **2.61-2.63****(CTICC1,
Lev 2)****Media Industry Studies****Chair**

Massimo Scaglioni, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY

Participants

How Commercial TV Responds to Streaming

Catalina Iordache, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Tim Raats, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Redefining Television News in the Age of Streaming and Platforms. How Italian Public Service Media Is Reconfiguring Its News Offer to Meet the Changing Needs of Audiences

Massimo Scaglioni, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY

Anna Sfardini, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY

The Future of TV Distribution: Maintaining Inclusivity in a Post-broadcast Future

Catherine Johnson, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Reconfiguring Public Service for Platform Television: NHK's Delayed Online Transition

Yu-Kei Tse, International Christian U, JAPAN

Translating Broadcast Legacies: Innovation and Institutional Change on European VoD Platforms

Gabriela Orestes, U of Lisbon, PORTUGAL

This panel examines how public and commercial broadcasters translate their institutional legacies into the platform era. Bringing together comparative studies from Europe, Japan, and the UK, the papers explore how television institutions adapt to streaming competition, reconfigure news and innovation practices, and negotiate inclusivity and public value in post-broadcast contexts. Together, they reveal how datafication, digital policy, and platformization transform the cultural, economic, and democratic foundations of broadcasting.

6423**Political Communication Strategies****Monday**

13:30–14:45

2.64**(CTICC1,
Level 2)****Political Communication****Chair**

Franz Reiter, U of Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Participants

The Democratic Cost of Pursuing Virality: A Study Into Parliamentarians' Communications

André Rodarte, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Mapping Effects with Uneven Practices on Social Media: How Unreliable Information Sources Adopt Clickbait to Gain Visibility?

Xuzhen Yang, Michigan State U, USA

Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA

Subhayan Mukerjee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Performative-Discursive Strategies in Populist Trade Narratives: Insights from 2025 Trade Conflicts

Mariyam Manik, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Dog Whistling in Political Communication: A Scoping Review

Charlotte de Alwis, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Playing the Evergreens? Issue Setting Strategies of the Right in Germany

Djamila Heß, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Teresa Weller, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Yi Xu, Lancaster U Leipzig, GERMANY

Irina Lock, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

6424

Patient-Centered Communication: International Perspectives

Monday

13:30–14:45

2.65-2.66

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Health Communication

Chair

Charlotte Schrimppff, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Participants

“It’s Good for Both of Us”: Examine Dialogic Patient-Provider Communication and Work Meaningfulness from a Social Exchange Perspective

Qingrui Li, Yunnan U, CHINA

Yu Zheng, U of Macau, MACAO

Shu Yang, Dali U, CHINA

Patient-Centered Communication and Quality of Care Rating: Exploring the Mediating Role of Health System Trust Using Three Cycles of HINTS Data

Vivian Koomson, U of Oregon, USA

Paul Koomson, Marist U, USA

Isaac Koomson, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Senyo Ofori-Parku, U of Oregon, USA

From the Providers’ Perspective: Challenges and Facilitators of Patient-Centered Communication and Its Role for Decision-Making in the Context of Implant Treatment

Charlotte Schrimppff, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Tanja Fisse, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Elena Link, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Christoph Klimmt, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Eva Baumann, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Patient-Centered Communication in the Comprehensive Model of Information Seeking: Theory-Driven Modeling and Data-Driven Prediction

Hye-Sun Lee, Hallym U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Tae-Kyoung Lee, U of Utah, USA

Gyeong-u Hong, Kongju National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Tanzia Khan, U of Utah, USA

Jae Kwan Jun, National Cancer Center, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Ghee Young Noh, Hallym U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

6430

Migration Coverage: From Cross-Border Empirical Evidence to Innovations in Global Journalism Education

Monday

13:30–14:45

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Lev 1)

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Susanne Fengler, TU Dortmund, GERMANY

Participants

Insights From Comparative Research

Merle van Berkum, TU Dortmund, GERMANY

Implications for Journalism Education in Africa

William Tayeebwa, Makerere U, UGANDA

E-Learning and African Journalism: Insights from the CoMMPASS Project

Monica Chibita, Uganda Christian U, UGANDA

Experiments with Migration Frames and Impact on Social Cohesion

Javier Amores, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Experiences with Cross-Border E-learning About Migration Coverage

Susanne Fengler, TU Dortmund, GERMANY

This panel demonstrates how empirical insights from comparative communication research can be transformed into innovative, inclusive tools for journalism education that address global communication inequalities. Drawing on large-scale studies of media coverage of migration in Africa and Europe, and on experimental evidence about media effects, the panel showcases how research-based e-learning platforms can empower journalists,

strengthen local capacities, and promote socially responsible reporting on migration and mobility in unequal global media landscapes.

6431

Understanding Digital Activism and Its Impact

Monday
13:30–14:45
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Florian Primig, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

Studying Digital Activism in the Age of Big Data: A Systematic Review of Online Protest Research

Annett Heft, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

Valerie Hase, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Merja Mahrt, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Stephanie Geise, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Julia Niemann-Lenz, German Center for Higher Education and Science Studies, GERMANY

Miriam Milzner, Weizenbaum Institute & Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Mediatization of Youth Civil Society: Digital Activism for Social Change in the Philippines

Michelle Anne Sto. Tomas, U of the Philippines Los Baños, PHILIPPINES

Randy Jay Solis, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

The Human Sentiment Barrier: How Elderly Citizens in China Navigate Disinformation through Socially Embedded Resilience

Rui Duan, Communication U of China, CHINA

Kun He, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

Protest Movements as Deliberative Practice: Modelling the Predictors of Deliberative Agency among the #EndBadGovernance Protesters in Nigeria

Temple Uwalaka, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

Bigman Nwala, Ignatius Ajuru U, NIGERIA

Fred Amadi, Rivers State U, NIGERIA

Christopher Njoku, Rivers State U, NIGERIA

A Scoping Review of Anti-Racist Communication on Social Media

Jule Scheper, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Christine Meltzer, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

6440

Covering Conflict and Terrorism and Journalists' Well-Being: Unequal Frames

Monday
13:30–14:45
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Vera Slavtcheva-Petkova, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

“Watching the Watchdogs Attacked”: Examining Audience Perception of Online Harassment Targeting Journalists in Kenya

Kevin Mudavadi, Georgia State U, USA

Gregory Gondwe, California State U, San Bernardino, USA

Bingbing Zhang, U of Iowa, USA

Shitemi Khamadi, Indiana U Bloomington, KENYA

The Complexity of Style over Substance in Terrorism Coverage Effects: A Scoping Review

Anea Meinert, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Josefine Enke, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Marc Jungblut, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Selective Solidarity: Global Media Ethics and the Unequal Mourning of Palestinian Journalists

Mushfiqu Wadud, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Selective News Reporting? Personalization and References to Mental and Physical Health of Islamist and Far-Right Terrorists

Ruta Kaskeleviciute, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Helena Knupfer, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Hendrik van Scharrel, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Exposing Hostility: Hateful Propaganda in Israeli and Palestinian Online Newspapers

Shabir Hussain, Bahria U, PAKISTAN

Mehwish Ambreen, National U of Modern Language, PAKISTAN

Shahira Fahmy, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

6441

PURR-spective Gaps: Not Seeing Eye to Eye and the Power of Perceived Uncertainty

Monday

Communication and Technology

13:30–14:45

Chair

Stephen Spates, Michigan State U, USA

Freesia

Participants

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Perceived Realism in VR Narratives: Development and Validation of the Virtual Reality

Lev 2)

Realism Scale

David Walewijns, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Michel Walrave, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Wannes Heirman, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Heidi Vandebosch, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Attitudinal, Social, and Behavioral Outcomes in Group Collaboration with Passthrough

Mixed Reality

Monique Santoso, Stanford U, USA

Portia Qingfeng Wang, Stanford U, USA

Eugy Han, U of Florida, USA

Jeremy Bailenson, Stanford U, USA

Virtual Worlds and Mental Health: A Scoping Review

Barreda-Ángeles Miguel, European Commission, ITALY

Simone Amendola, European Commission, ITALY

Tilo Hartmann, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

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

Karen Mansfield, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Sandra Coecke, European Commission, ITALY

Isabelle Hupont, European Commission, ITALY

Not Seeing Eye to Eye: The Effects of Perceptual Conflicts during Social Interactions in

Mixed Reality

Eugy Han, U of Florida, USA

Portia Qingfeng Wang, Stanford U, USA

Monique Santoso, Stanford U, USA

Keshav Rastogi, U of Berkeley, USA

Jeremy Bailenson, Stanford U, USA

The Impact of Perceived Uncertainty on Autonomous Vehicle Adoption: Integrating Self-

Determination Theory and the Technology Acceptance Model

Luchuan Zheng, Shanghai U, CHINA

Panqiang Niu, Shanghai U, CHINA

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MEOW-rphing Trust: Chinese AI in Africa, Deepfake Ecologies, and Facial Recognition Legitimacy

Monday

Communication and Technology

13:30–14:45

Chair

Will Marler, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS

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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Participants

Discursive Contestations of Chinese AI in Africa: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Chinese, African and U.S. Media

Mingjiang Lu, Wuhan U, CHINA

Zizhong Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

From Post-Truth to Post-Verification: The Impact of Deepfake Technology on the Communication Ecology

Yunfan Zhang, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Yunling Ren, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Does Algorithmic Personalization Make Us Happier? The Digital Well-Being Paradox of Algorithmic (Dis)connection

Xin Liu, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Wenqing Cheng, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Kejing Guo, Chongqing U, CHINA

From Literacy to Adoption: College Students' Use of Generative AI for Job Search via the Technology Acceptance Model

Huai-yu Chen, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Yu Chi, San Jose State U, USA

6443

HIGH-DENSITY: Tool and Data Demonstrations

Monday

13:30–14:45

 **8.1**

(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Computational Methods

Chair

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Tool Demo: Dimetrodon. Bridging the Gap between Computational and Qualitative Analyses of Multimodal Materials

Paul Balluff, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Chung-hong Chan, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

 Tool Demo: AnnoQL: A Quick-to-Set-Up, Locally-Hosted, User-Friendly, and Easily Customizable Multimedia Annotation Toolkit


Aleksandra Urman, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

[Tool Demo] “Atrrr” - A Blue Sky of New Social Media Research

Johannes Gruber, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Benjamin Guinaudeau, U Laval, CANADA

Fabio Votta, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

 Tool Demo: Conversation Analysis of Dynamics (CANDY)

Zhenchao Hu, Stanford U, USA

Shashanka Subrahmanya, Stanford U, USA

Nilam Ram, Stanford U, USA

Tool Demo: Guided Label Propagation for Semi-Supervised Detection of Affinities in Large-Scale Information Sharing Networks

Jakob Kristensen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Data Demo: TRNews-12M: A Large-Scale, Multi-Outlet Turkish News Dataset for Computational Communication Research

Cemal Atas, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE

Aysenur Dal, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE

6444

HIGH-DENSITY: News and Politics

Monday

13:30–14:45

 **8.2**

(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Bernadine Jones, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Causal Pathways of Influence: International News and Political Elite Attention

Xiao Xiao, Nanjing U, CHINA

- Yaotian Zhang, Nanjing U, CHINA
 Weihua Ma, Nanjing U, CHINA
- Modalities Matter: A Linkage Analysis Studying the Effect of Monomodal versus Multimodal Political News Coverage on Politician Recall and Evaluation
 Wies Ruyters, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Susan Vermeer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Rens Vliegthart, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
- The Uneven News Landscape: Selective News Bias in Actor–Topic Interactions
 Jana Bernhard-Harrer, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Ahrabhi Kathirgamalingam, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY
 Hajo Boomgaarden, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
- When Nationalist News Widens the Target: Narcissistic Narrative, Anger, and Sino-U.S. Hostility
 Dongni Li, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
- Cross Cutting Exposure Revisited: A Story Level Analysis of Political News Consumption
 Ernesto de León, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Sebastian Stier, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
- Protagonist Structure in Crisis and Noncrisis Coverage (1785–2020)
 Stefan Geiss, NTNU, NORWAY
 Christina Viehmann, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
 Conor Kelly, NTNU, NORWAY
- Media Power: Associations between Partisan News Diet and Political Attitudes Are Not Moderated by County Context
 Salman Khawar, U of California, Davis, USA
 Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA
 Ericka Menchen-Trevino, Behavioral Research Innovation Center, USA
 Wen Guan, U of California, Davis, USA
- No News, No Problem? News Deprivation and Political and Soft News Surveillance Knowledge
 Mark Eisenegger, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Daniel Vogler, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Quirin Ryffel, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Linards Udris, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
- Bread, Butter, and Bias: How News Coverage of Egg Price and Tariffs Polarizes U.S. Democracy?
 Bu Zhong, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Ningxia Wang, Lingnan U, HONG KONG
 Yuner Zhu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Sai Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Jiayang Xu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Yi Hu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Ho Hung Lim, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Charles Feng, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
- Agenda Decoupling: Media Silence and Public Attention in Asymmetric Relations
 Yan Xu, Fudan U, CHINA
- Negative News Posts Are Less Prevalent and Generate Lower User Engagement Than Non-Negative News Posts across Six Countries
 Szymon Talaga, U of Warsaw, POLAND
 Dominik Batorski, U of Warsaw, POLAND
 Erin Wertz, U of Warsaw, POLAND
 Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA
- How Mindfulness and News Use Interact to Create Better Political Outcomes
 Jennifer Hoewe, Purdue U, USA
 Brett Sherrick, Purdue U, USA
 Brigitte Dietz, Purdue U, USA
 Sam Woodland, Purdue U, USA
 Diane Jackson, U of Tampa, USA
 Paige Gonzales, Purdue U, USA

6445

HIGH-DENSITY: Social Media Platforms and News Media: Conflict and Collaboration

Monday
13:30–14:45
8.3
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Yi Xu, Lancaster U Leipzig, GERMANY

Participants

Depth Amplifiers in a Viral World: Public Service Media News' Unexpected Engagement Advantage on TikTok

Julian Maitra, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Mirco Liefke, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Daniel Gräßer, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Alwin Baumhöver, U of Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Matthias Kuenzler, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Strategic Mobilization of Journalistic Content by Brazilian Congresspeople on Instagram: A Hybrid Media Systems Perspective

Naiza Comel, Federal U of Paraná, BRAZIL

Francisco Paulo Jamil Marques, U of Iowa, USA

Andressa Kniess, Federal U of Paraná, BRAZIL

Journalist? Influencer? Both—and Neither: How Wanghong Journalists Negotiate Professional Identity on Chinese Social Media

Lingyu Li, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Explaining in the Hybrid Media System: A Mixed-Methods Comparison of Influencers' and News Media's Explanatory Videos on YouTube

Zhao Peng, Emerson College, USA

Huiqian Lai, Syracuse U, USA

Investigating the Content of Journalist Influencers on TikTok and Instagram

Edward Hurcombe, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Anand Badola, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

“Do Not Write ‘Sex’ in the Caption”: The Selection and Editing of News for Social Media, and the Negotiation of Journalistic Authority

Gunhild Olsen, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Håvard Kiberg, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Arne Krumsvik, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Steen Steensen, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Bente Kalsnes, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Lasha Kavtaradze, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Infrastructuralizing Platform Dependence: How News Organizations and Artificial Intelligence Companies Discursively Legitimize Their Deals

Martin Riedl, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Richard Mensah Adonu, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

They Don't Build Statues of Critics: The Fate of Music Evaluation in the Era of Streaming and Social Media

Walker Brewer, Northwestern U, USA

6450

HIGH-DENSITY: Journalistic Norms and Identities in Changing Environments

Monday
13:30–14:45
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Kioko Ileri, U of Houston, USA

Participants

Boundary Work of Hybrid Journalists and the Fragmentation of Journalism's Ideology

Tamara Kunić, VERN U, CROATIA

“Keeping an Ear to Society”: Journalists Listening Norms and Practices

Charlotte Löb, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Science, GERMANY

Alina Jakob, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Clause for Concern: Do Consent Forms Used in Transnational Production Betray Journalism's Duty of Care?

Saad Zuberi, Louisiana State U, USA
 Who Is in and Who Is out? Audience Perceptions of Journalistic Boundaries
 Phoebe Maares, U of Tübingen, GERMANY
 Kim Löhmann, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Folker Hanusch, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Daniel Nölleke, German Sport U Cologne, GERMANY
 A Theory of Justice for Journalists: Reimagining News Coverage through the Veil of Ignorance
 Deborah Pastner, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 “Each Plays Its Role”: Examining Actor Relationships in the Cultural Journalism Domain
 Qirui Zhang, Nanjing U, CHINA
 Addressing Media Injustice in China: The Role of Journalistic Notes in De-Othering Practices
 Xianglong Wen, Nanjing U, CHINA
 Negotiating Voices: Incomplete Polyphony in the Narratives of Contemporary Chinese Female Journalists
 Bijun Zhao, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA
 Ziyi Yu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

6451

HIGH-DENSITY: Anthropomorphize Me! Or Not?

Monday
 13:30–14:45
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Natalia Szymczyk, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Participants

Beyond Anthropomorphism: The Roles of Virtual Influencer Appearance and AI Disclosure Frames in Shaping User Responses

Jiemín Looi, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

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

Anthropomorphizing AI: Perceptions, Interpretations, and the Humanization of Generative AI

Mohammad Hossein Jarrahi, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Amir Karami, Kennesaw State U, USA

Lisa Park, U of Alabama at Birmingham, USA

Ensieh Jarrahi, U of Alabama at Birmingham, USA

Christoph Lutz, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Virtual Influencers, “Not Like Us”: The Effects of Visual Realism, Interactivity, and Surrealness on User Reactance to Virtual Influencers

Tingting Yang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Hyunjin Kang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Elison Lim, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Generative AI in Editorial Cartoons: Exploring the Impact of Source Attribution on Perceived Quality and Expertise

Jie Ren, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Rukun Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Bei Liu, Qinghai Normal U, CHINA

Humans or AI? Understanding How Partner Type and Labels Shape Feelings of Being Heard and Engagement

Yingru Ji, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Shaoqiang Liu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xin Miao, Tsinghua U, CHINA


Hai Liang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Exploring Chinese Users’ Willingness to Engage with Virtual Influencers: The Context of Online Micro-Dramas

Fangyuan Wan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

This session reframes anthropomorphism as a context-dependent communicative strategy. Across discourse analyses, experiments, and surveys, the papers examine when anthropomorphism in human-machine communication is welcomed, resisted, or rejected, showing how transparency and contextual fit can foster trust, while misplaced cues provoke discomfort or disengagement.

6460

Monday
13:30–14:45
 **CTICC**
Ballroom
East

ICA Peer Review Workshop

Satellite Events

Chair

Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

Invitation only. A peer-review workshop led by Prof. Nick Bowman, the Editor-in-Chief of ICA's open access journal, *Global Perspectives in Communication*.

6461

Monday
13:30–14:45
Westin
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

HIGH-DENSITY: Communicating Scientists, Science Journalists, and Public Responses to Science Communication

Science Communication

Chair

Kaija Biermann, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Participants

Philologists, Physicists, Psychologists: How Disciplines Shape the Understanding and Communication of Uncertainties in Politicized Contexts

Claire Roney, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

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

Sophie Lecheler, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Identity and Science Communication: Testimonios of Immigrant Scientists in the US

Evelyn Valdez-Ward, U of Rhode Island, USA

Iasmim Amiden dos Santos, Michigan State U, USA

Bruno Takahashi, Michigan State U, USA

Alexandra Benitez Gonzalez, Michigan State U, USA

Scientific Integrity in the Spotlight: How Watchdog Science Journalism Is Presented and Evaluated Online

Aidar Zinnatullin, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Berend Barkela, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Michaela Maier, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

From Watchdog to Copy-Paster? The Practice of Churnalism in Science Communication

Janise Brück, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Nina Abrahams, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Charlotte Knorr, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Public Perceptions of Science Journalism on Controversial Scientific Fields: Expectations Regarding the Watchdog Role

Markus Schug, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Constructing Uncertainty in Dashboards: How Non-Experts Interpret Measurement Uncertainty in Context

Mona Wehming, Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, GERMANY

Esther Greussing, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Monika Taddicken, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

What Influences the Effectiveness of Nuclear Science Communication? A Study of the Relationships among Emotion, Attention, and Comprehension from a Cognitive Communication Perspective.

YueYuXin Li, China U of Political Science and Law, CHINA

Shiyu Chen, Minzu U of China, CHINA

6462

PARTNER PANEL: EACH - Digital Health Literacy: Theoretical Considerations, Methodological Challenges, and Practical Implications**Monday**

13:30–14:45

**Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)****Partner Panel****Health Communication****Chair**

Eva Baumann, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Participants

Iccha Basnyat, George Mason U, USA

Jan Michael Alexandre Bernadas, De La Salle U, PHILIPPINES

Jaz Gray, Pepperdine U, USA

Benjamin Hanckel, Western Sydney U, AUSTRALIA

Evelyn Ho, U of San Francisco, USA

May Lwin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Matthew Matsaganis, Rutgers U, USA

Julia van Weert, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Digital health literacy (dHL) is increasingly recognized as a key determinant of health in today's digitally transformed and AI-driven healthcare systems. Yet its conceptualization and measurement remain fragmented. This panel brings together scholars from communication, health, and information sciences to explore theoretical considerations, methodological challenges, and practical implications of dHL. Through interdisciplinary dialogue, participants will identify future research needs and enhance the visibility of communication science in shaping digital health equity and governance.

6463**AI, Chatbots, and Patient-Provider Communication****Monday**

13:30–14:45

**de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)****Health Communication****Moderator**

Xue Yuan, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Participants

Incidental Exposure and Intention to Use AI Chatbots in Healthcare: A Multigroup Comparison Based on Pre-Existing Attitude toward Human Doctors

Shuming Yang, George Mason U, USA

Zikun Liu, Wuhan U, CHINA

Yangwen Jiang, Wuhan U, CHINA

Beyond the Human Touch: Exploring AI-Based Communication in Telemedicine for Primary Healthcare

Mihran Akdemir, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Nathalie Neuendorf, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Katharina Angermayr, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Sebastian Scherr, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Conversational AI in Patient-Provider Communication: A Scoping Review of Roles, Functions, and Patient-Centered Outcomes

Nanlan Zhang, Independent Scholar, CHINA

Jungmi Jun, U of South Carolina, USA

Generative AI and the Reconfiguration of Medical Authority: A Sequential Mixed-Methods Investigation of Chinese Patients

Xue Yuan, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Xin Chang, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Yulong Tang, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

6464**Afternoon Snack****Monday**

14:30–15:00

Sponsored Sessions

**Westin
Ballroom
Foyer
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

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@ WESTIN: Ballroom Foyer, Old Harbour Level
@ CTICC1: Exhibit Hall (Hall 2, Ground Level) Friday through Sunday. Jasminum Conservatory on Monday.

6471

Explicitly Mediated: Representing and Consuming Sexuality

**Monday
13:30–14:45
Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

Popular Media & Culture

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Minhao Dai, Kennesaw State U, USA

Participants

Reel Bias: A Decade of Masculinity in “Woke” Hollywood

Miaad Minoie, Concordia U, CANADA

Milad Minoie, Kennesaw State U, USA

Minhao Dai, Kennesaw State U, USA

Condoms as Props: A Content Analysis on the Narrative Function of Protection in Popular Pornography

Farnosh Mazandarani, California State U, Fullerton, USA

Emily Galper, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Framing the Explicit: How Australians Make Sense of Online Sexually Explicit Material through Available Discourses

Alan McKee, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Moor Lily, Latrobe U, AUSTRALIA

Catherine Page Jeffery, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Jennifer Power, Latrobe U, AUSTRALIA

Laura Robins, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

“Korean Top Gay’s Pick!?”: Boys’ Love Cultures and Performative Gay Panic in Global Asian Pop Media

Woori Han, U of Exeter, UNITED KINGDOM

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Afternoon Snack

**Monday
14:30–15:00
Jasminum
Conservatory
(CTICC1,
Ground Level)**

Sponsored Sessions

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6502

(HYBRID) PARTNER PANEL: IALSP - The Application of Intergroup Communication as Praxis: Example Studies and Collaborative Discussion

**Monday
15:00–16:15
CTICC
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Partner Panel

Discussant

Margaret Pitts, U of Arizona, USA

Organizers

Rachyl Pines, Stanford U, USA

Bernadette Watson, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

In this panel, members of the International Association of Language and Social Psychology (IALSP) will offer a series of brief presentations and facilitate a collective discussion about

applied intergroup communication. It aims to provide example studies and identify contexts in which theory of intergroup communication can be introduced to make practical changes with a view to enhancing communication outcomes.

6503

MEOW-nitoring Morality: Prompt Games, Dark Algorithms, and Verify Trust

Monday
15:00–16:15
1.41
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Jieun Shin, U of Florida, USA

Participants

Prompt Engineering as an Expression Game

Abdul Rohman, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM

Ushik Khwakhali, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM

Trang Vo Thi Diem, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM

Que Tran, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM

Katrina Phillips, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM

The Entertaining Faces of Intolerance: A Qualitative Multimodal Analysis of Intolerant Entertainment on TikTok

Ursula Schmid, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Andreas Nanz, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY

Tomas Ruiz, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Yannis Theocharis, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY

Carsten Schwemmer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

The Dark Side of Algorithms: How Ethical and Privacy Considerations Affect Individuals' Engagement with Health Information on Social Media?

Mengxue Ou, Peking U, CHINA

Han Zheng, Wuhan U, CHINA

Baijue Li, Wuhan U, CHINA

Chen Luo, Wuhan U, CHINA

The Short Situational Media Multitasking Scale (SSMMS): Development and Validation of a Short Multi-Item Scale for Assessing Media Multitasking in Everyday Situations

Ulrike Schwertberger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Susanne Baumgartner, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Lara Wolfers, U of Basel, SWITZERLAND

“Trust but Verify”: A Mixed-Methods Approach to Understanding Users' Critical Trust in Accountable AI Chatbots

Qing Huang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Binbin Ni, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Yulin Han, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Zizhong Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

6504

The Support Machine

Monday
15:00–16:15
1.42
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Christoph Lutz, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Participants

Function over Form: Initial Impressions of AI-Delivered Social Support across Communication Agents

Varun Rijhwani, Indian Institute of Management Indore, INDIA

Chad Edwards, Western Michigan U, USA

Autumn Edwards, Western Michigan U, USA

Xialing Lin, U of Central Florida, USA

Bryan Abendschein, Western Michigan U, USA

Who Really Cares? Comparing Perceived Social Support from Humans and AI

Communicators

Haodong Sun, Nanjing U, CHINA
Jiaojiao Mu, Baoji U of Arts and Sciences, CHINA

Supportive Conversations with AI Chatbots and Humans: A Combined LIWC and Qualitative Analysis of User Responses

Marco Dehnert, U of Arkansas, USA
Kelly Merrill, U of Cincinnati, USA
Sai Datta Mikkilineni, U of Alabama, USA

Alone Together with AI: Revealing How AI-Based Social Support Empowers and Alienates Users

Shuyi Pan, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA
Wenbin Ma, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Chatbots as Advice-Givers: Investigating the Communicative Mechanisms That Influence User Responses to Advice from Chatbots in Supportive Interactions

Lisa Hwang, U of California, Davis, USA
Haojian Li, U of California, Davis, USA
Bo Feng, U of California, Davis, USA

This session explores how support is communicatively constructed, unevenly perceived, and socially consequential in interactions with machines. Drawing on experimental, survey-based, and mixed-methods research, findings reveal tensions between source-agnostic message effects and persistent machine-label inequalities; demonstrate how specific support strategies shape user disclosure and evaluation; and highlight both benefits and risks of machine-based support for self-reliance, social engagement, trust, and intimacy.

6505

Social Movements and Collective Action

Monday

15:00–16:15

1.43

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Jakob Kristensen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Participants

Streamwork Makes the Dream Work? Collaboration and Audience Flows among Alternative Creators on YouTube

Harald Sick, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Decentralized Continuity in Connective Actions: Critical Temporal Periphery Sustains and Revives Social Movements

Haixin Mu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Anfan Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Asking for Action across Platforms - A Longitudinal Study of Political Party Calls to Action across Social Media

Anders Olof Larsson, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

It Is Not All Automated and False: An Analysis of Suppressing the #MahsaAmini Movement on Persian Twitter

Hossein Kerami, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Fateme Oudlajani, Allameh Tabatabaie U, IRAN (THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)
Pardis Yarahmadi, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
Hamideh Mahdi Soltani, Gaba Corporation, JAPAN
Zahra HosseiniKhoo, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Mohammad Makki, U of Wollongong, AUSTRALIA

A Power Seen from Afar: Connective Action and the Rise of Christian Nationalism

Steven Livingston, George Washington U, USA
Trevor Davis, Notre Dame U, USA

6509**Expanding and Challenging Media Theory****Monday**

15:00–16:15

1.63**(CTICC1,****Lev 1)****Mass Communication****Chair**

Felix Dietrich, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Participants

Time Is of the Essence: Mapping Cross-Media Practices and Daily Usage Patterns of Holistic Information Repertoires in a Dynamic, High-Choice Information Environment

Lisa Zieringer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Larissa Leonhard, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Carsten Reinemann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Constanze Rossmann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Heidi Schulze, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Paula Stehr, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Ruth Wendt, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Audience Fragmentation in a Heterogeneous Society: A Network Approach

Merja Mahrt, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Olaf Jandura, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Proposing a Moderated Mediation Model for Understanding Agenda-Setting Effects in a Diverse Media Environment

Lei Guo, Fudan U, CHINA

Yiyan Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Yunjuan Luo, South China U of Technology, CHINA

Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

How Long Do Media Effects Last? The Persistence of Entertainment Effects on Affective Well-Being

Minh Hao Nguyen, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Julius Klingelhoef, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY

Xiaotong Zhang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Maria Arias, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Lara Wolfers, U of Basel, SWITZERLAND

6510**Digital Ambivalence: Race, Empire, and Participation in Global Digital Culture****Monday**

15:00–16:15

1.64**(CTICC1,****Lev 1)****Popular Media & Culture****Chair**

Adrienne Shaw, Temple U, USA

Participants

Bridgerton and Queen Charlotte: Race and Ambivalence in Global Streaming Media

Laura Guimarães Corrêa, Federal U of Minas Gerais, BRAZIL

Francisco Leite, U de São Paulo, BRAZIL

Cricket: A Tale of Empire and Media Technology

Douglas-Wade Brunton, U of the West Indies, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Poder Prieto: Media, Colorism, and Cultural Activism

Juan Llamas-Rodriguez, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Silvia Teliz Martinez, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Social Media Challenges: From Playful Imitation to Sociopolitical Power

Tom Divon, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Jessica Maddox, U of Georgie, USA

Storytelling and Reaction Videos: From Legacy Media to Creator Genres in the MENA

Heather Jaber, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Digital platforms offer us the possibility to reshape representation and structural power dynamics, and yet all around the globe we see how they also perpetuate historical inequalities. In this panel, scholars from five different countries explore how racism,

colonialism, and industrial legacies shape digital popular culture. These papers reveal digital media as contested terrain where new representational possibilities emerge alongside persistent hierarchical structures.

6511

Monday
15:00–16:15
 **Auditorium**
2 (CTICC1,
Lev 2)

PURR-suing Platforms: Online Mischief, Reporting Gaps, and Fast-Scroll Effects

Communication and Technology

Chair

Yannic Meier, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Participants

Can Experiences of Online Harms Shape Informational Gratification through Internet Use? Insights from the Uses and Gratifications Theory

Zhang Hao Goh, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Gulizar Haciyakupoglu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

 Social Media Platforms and Hate Speech Targeting Sexual and Gender Minorities: A Scoping Review

Anne Clausen, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Lena Frischlich, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Peter Mayer, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Explaining (Non-)Reporting Behavior toward Offensive Content: The Role of Perceived Threat and Efficacy

Steliyana Doseva, Bavarian Research Institute for Digital Transformation, GERMANY

Danilo Harles, Bavarian Research Institute for Digital Transformation, GERMANY


Daria Kravets-Meinke, Bavarian Research Institute for Digital Transformation, GERMANY

Hannah Schmid-Petri, U of Passau, GERMANY

Scroll Fast, Read Never: Why Design Isn't Enough to Encourage Privacy Policy Engagement

Xiao Wei, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

6520

Monday
15:00–16:15
 **2.41-2.43**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Environmental Advocacy: Actors, Audiences, and Opposition

Environmental Communication

Chair

Junyi Lv (Lyu), U of Macau, MACAO

Participants

Environmental Advocacy through the Lens of AI: Introducing SCOPE-TRA, an LLM-Based Method for Studying Online Influencers Follower Communities

George Anghelcev, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Temesgen Tewolde, Duke U, USA

The Climate of Climate Advocacy: The Role of Emotions and Identity in Communication of Environmental Organizations and User Groups on Telegram

Rico Neumann, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Barbara Pfetsch, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Swen Hutter, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, GERMANY

Resilience of Media Advocacy: The Self-Adaptive Process of Constructing Environmental Policy Images

Hao Jiang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Jia Dai, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Mapping Audience Evaluations of the Advocacy Role in Climate Journalism

Floriane van Alphen, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Christel van Eck, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Hannes Cools, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Anke Wonneberger, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Christian Burgers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Climate Obstruction in the Digital Far-Right: Mapping the Climate Countermovement in German-, Danish-, and Swedish-Speaking Digital Information Environments
Frederik Henriksen, Roskilde U, DENMARK
Eva Mayerhöffer, Roskilde U, DENMARK
Jakob Kristensen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

6521

Heritage in Motion: Cultural Narratives and Mediated Participation

Monday

15:00–16:15

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Tianyi Yang, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Participants

My Tongpao, My Comrade: Global Hanfu Movement, Han-Centrist Nationalism, and Cultural Identity among Hanfu Societies in the “West”

Fangyuan Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

“CODA” as Intermediaries from an Embeddedness Perspective: A Comparative Cultural Discourse Analysis of Three National Films

Xuan Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Qimeng Li, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Reverence and Reinvention: Multimodal Digital Curation and Heritage Discourse Negotiation in China’s Platformized Museum Participatory Culture

Wan Wan, Nanjing U, CHINA

Navigating the Ocean of Divination: A Qualitative Study of Chinese Youth Watching Online Tarot Videos

Shuwen Yang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Xiaomin Luo, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Xiaorui Guo, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

6522

Political Advertising

Monday

15:00–16:15

🌐 2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Yan Yan, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Participants

Can Instagram Ads Promote Election Trust: Evidence from Three States during the 2024 US Presidential Election

Dominik Batorski, U of Warsaw, POLAND

Erin Wertz, U of Warsaw, POLAND

Pawel Matuszewski, Civitas U, POLAND

Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA

Effects of Scrolling Pace on Information Processing in Political Advertising: An Eye-Tracking Study

Puck Guldemond, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sophie Boerman, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Susan Vermeer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Co-Creating Interventions: Advancing Online Political Advertising Literacy through Boosting Interventions

Susan Vermeer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Carmen Dymanus, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Annelien Van Remoortere, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Exposure to and Impact of Targeted Political Advertising during the 2024 U.S. Elections

Jade Vrieling, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Annelien Van Remoortere, Wageningen U and Research, NETHERLANDS

Erik de Vries, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Susan Vermeer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Jennifer Stromer-Galley, Syracuse U, USA
 Rens Vliegthart, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Curated to the Fit? An In-App Tracking Study of Exposure, Ideological Distribution, and Attention to Political Advertisements on Social Networking Platforms during the 2024 European Parliament Election in Germany
 Hanna Paulke, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Simon Kruschinski, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
 Marcus Maurer, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Ruben Renz, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY
 Sabine Trepte, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

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Addressing Methodological Challenges in LLM-Enhanced Computational Communication

Monday
 15:00–16:15
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 (CTICC1,
 Level 2)

Computational Methods

Chairs

Agnes Horvat, Northwestern U, USA
 Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA

Discussant

Taiquan Peng, Michigan State U, USA

Participants

LLMs and the Study of Media Content

Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Michael Reiss, Leibniz-Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute, GERMANY

Identifying and Categorizing Harmful AI Behaviors Using Large Language Models: Processes, Challenges, and Reflections

Renwen Zhang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Large Language Models Demonstrate Promising Yet Improvable Results in Analyzing Visual Concepts in Communication Research

Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA
 Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA

Social Desirability Response Bias in Large Language Models: Evidence and Mechanisms

Sanguk Lee, Hankuk U of Foreign Studies, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Kaiqi Yang, Michigan State U, USA
 Taiquan Peng, Michigan State U, USA
 Ruth Heo, U of California, San Diego, USA
 Hui Liu, Michigan State U, USA

LLM-Assisted Recommendations and Their Hidden Impact on Human-AI Ecosystems

Amir Ghasemian, U of California, Los Angeles, USA
 Homa Hosseinmardi, U of California, Los Angeles, USA
 Upasana Dutta, U of Pennsylvania, USA
 Duncan Watts, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Large Language Models (LLMs) have transformed how communication scholars collect, analyze, and interpret human communication behaviors. Yet this methodological opportunity also introduces new sources of biases and uncertainties that challenge established norms of validity, reliability, and reproducibility. This panel highlights emerging practices and reflections for responsible and unbiased use of LLMs, aiming to foster dialogue on advancing rigorous, transparent, and theory-driven computational communication in the era of generative AI.

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Marginalized Groups, Social Support, and Resilience

Monday **Health Communication**
 15:00–16:15 **Moderator**
 2.65-2.66 Erica Ciszek, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 (CTICC1, **Participants**
 Lev 2) Communicating Care amid Inequality: Managing Uncertainty, Visibility, and Resilience in Health Contexts
 Erica Ciszek, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Mansi Pratik Shah, U of Texas, Austin, USA
 “We Need Real Support!” Examining the Effect of Family-Involved Patient-Centered Communication on Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors among Chinese Sexual Minorities
 Shenting Zheng, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Jizhou Ye, U of Oklahoma, USA
 Sihao Yang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Emily Farmer, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 The Silence of Guarding Benevolence: Family Resilience Communication and the Ethics of Concealment in Chinese Illness Disclosure
 Zhengxin Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Neglected Pain: A Study of Women’s Communicative Disenfranchisement Experiences of Dyspareunia in Intimate Relationships
 Wanqi Hong, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Yuchen Ren, Shenzhen U, CHINA

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Governing Inequality: Infrastructures of Global Communication

Monday **Global Communication and Social Change**
 15:00–16:15 **Chair**
 Nerina Florence Madenga, Boston College, USA
 (CTICC2, **Participants**
 Lev 1) Circulating E-Waste in the Global South: Classification, Price, and Repair as Three Market Devices
 Miao Lu, Lingnan U, HONG KONG
 Yifan Wang, Lingnan U, HONG KONG
 Changwen Chen, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Navigating Inequalities with Autonomy: The Governance of Communication Media in a Xhidza Community
 Fernanda R. Rosa, Virginia Tech, USA
 Starlink and the Diffusion of High-Speed Internet Connectivity in Africa: Bridging Digital Divides and Reducing Inequalities
 Lyombe Eko, Texas Tech U, USA
 Jeffery Adu, Texas Tech U, USA
 Alasana Camara, American U, USA
 Discursive Institutionalism and Technological Discourse Innovation: A Case Study of the U.S. “NO LIMITS Act of 2025” in Global Drone Governance
 Xuanyu Yang, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Huiliang Yang, Nanjing Normal U of Special Education, CHINA
 The Disappearance of a Chinese Village: How Short Media Platforms Mediatized Clifftop Village’s Lifeworld
 Wenyuan Yao, Guangzhou U, CHINA
 Zhiyi Chen, Chongqing U, CHINA
 Yadong Zhou, Jinan U, CHINA

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Framing, Activism, and Social Justice

Monday **Activism, Communication, and Social Justice**
 15:00–16:15 **Chair**
 Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

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(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Participants

From House Wives, Nature Lovers, and Freedom Fighters: The Roles, Self Presentation, and Online Communication of Women in Female Far-Right Activism (Top Student Paper)

Sophie Lexhaller, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Sophia Rothut, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Asymmetrical Contestation: A Model of Online Crisis Communication in a Networked Public Sphere

Shiyi Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

Yuxin Liu, Shanghai U of Political Science, CHINA

Jieyi Ke, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

Digital Activism in Kenya: A Study of Content Strategies and Discursive Framing of Kenya's Youth-Led Anti-Tax Protests in Social Media

Bu'en Xu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Fighting for the Rainbow: Aligning Brand Personality (Agency vs. Communion) with Message Framing to Combat Rainbow-Washing

Dongjae Lim, U of Alabama, USA

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Covering Minorities, Victims, and Criminals: A History of Bias

Monday
15:00–16:15
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Lindita Camaj, U of Florida, USA

Participants

Framing Criminals in German Regional Newspapers: Does the Perpetrator's Origin Matter?

Janine Brill, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Henriette Pohle, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Annalena Biener, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Lena Fürbringer, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Christina Kugler, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Lynn-Helena Wagner, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Foundation-Funded Foreign Reporting in DER SPIEGEL's "Globale Gesellschaft" Project: Topics Selected According to the Chairman's Agenda?

Anna Gorski, Mittweida U of Applied Sciences, GERMANY

Julia Walter, Mittweida U of Applied Sciences, GERMANY

Janis Brinkmann, Mittweida U of Applied Science, GERMANY

When Attention Hurts: How Multimodal Sensational Frames Drive Engagement and Victim-Blaming in News on Gender-Based Violence

Xinran Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, CHINA

Yuhan Wei, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xiaohui Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Whose Voice Counts? Government Dominance and Press Release Reliance in Nigerian Newspaper Coverage of Social Investment Programmes

Olasunkanmi Arowolo, Lagos State U, NIGERIA

Chippies, Sporting Girls and Streetwalkers: The Casual Misogyny of Mid-Century Prostitution Coverage in the US

Mary Bock, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Soojeong Kim, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Aruna Muthupillai, U of Texas at Austin, USA

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NEKO-cessitating Narratives: Myth Chats, Fortune Sensemaking, and Search Synthesis

Monday

Communication and Technology

- 15:00–16:15
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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)
- Chair**
 Jasmine McNealy, U of Florida, USA
- Participants**
- Chatting Myths Away? Examining the Role of Empathy in RAG-Based Chatbot Design against Cancer Misinformation
 Xinkangrui Gao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Saurabh Khanna, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
- AI Fortune-Telling and Sensemaking: Navigating Certainty and Uncertainty in Human-Machine Interaction
 Ke He, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Yuyang Lin, Xiamen U, CHINA
 Guyi Li, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Qiaonie Yang, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Zizhong Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA
- Do Synthesized AI Search Results Necessarily Make People Lazier? The Role of Heuristics Activated by Interface Cues in AI-Powered Search Environments
 Degel Cheung, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Xinyue Dong, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Ivy Wai-Yin Fong, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
 Hsuan-Ting Chen, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
- Human-AI Collaboration
 Nirvi Maru, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Vivian Hsueh Hua Chen, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS
- Device as Information: The Dual-Pathway Mediating Effects of AI Assistant Media Type on Purchase Intention
 Bingcan Li, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Yasha Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Yi Huang, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Qi Zhou, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Shengwei Fan, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Wenjie Wang, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Rukun Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

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Media Power: Institutional Logics, Digital Divide, Big Tech Enclosure, and Decentralization

- Monday**
 15:00–16:15
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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)
- Media Industry Studies**
- Chair**
 Alberto Lusoli, Toronto Metropolitan U, CANADA
- Participants**
- Reimagining Media Power through Decentralization - Alternative Social Media's Role in Democratic Discourse
 Alena Feeney, U of Hawaii at Manoa, USA
- Patronage Paradox: Communication Dilemmas of Chinese Provincial Media Platforms under Conflicting Institutional Logics
 Wen Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Lin Shi, U of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, CHINA
- Against the Tide: Tracing Media Persistence through Big Tech's Enclosure (2005–2025)
 Paloma Otero, U of Bremen, GERMANY
 Elizabeth Ferries, U College Dublin, IRELAND
 Eugenia Siapera, U College Dublin, IRELAND
- Rise and Fall: The Potentials and Challenges of Communication Satellites in Bridging the Digital Divide
 Minxing Wang, Peking U, CHINA
- Constructing Quality Content: Multilayered Cultural Intermediaries and Optimization Logic for Social Media Entertainment Platforms in China
 Shichao Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

Xue Zhang, Xiamen U, CHINA
Yu Qiao, Chinese Academy of Press and Publication, CHINA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Feminist Storytelling, Media Inequality, and Embodied Counter-Publics

Monday

15:00–16:15

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(CTICC2,

Lev 2)

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Stine Eckert, Wayne State U, USA

Participants

Ideological Sanitization: Mapping Rhetorical Contagion between the Manosphere and Femosphere

Laila Abbas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Catalina Farías, Northwestern U, USA

Luhang Sun, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Yoo Ji Suh, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Chenjie Zheng, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Yanshu Sybil Wang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Mengyu Li, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Mariel Barnes, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Christine Garlough, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Reproducing Femininity: Gendered Labor and Intersectional Inequality in Hybrid-Style Commissioned Illustration

Yue Shui, New York U, USA

The Language of Misogynoir: Understanding the Communicative Impact of Biased Discourse toward Black Women in Sport

Shamaria Massenburg, Louisiana State U, USA

Womxn on Soapboxes: Exploring the Experience and Impact of a Performance by an All-Female and Non-Binary Line-Up at a Live Journalism Event

Glenda Cooper, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Catherine Adams, Nottingham Trent U, UNITED KINGDOM

Horror Noire and the Limits of Humanness: A Black Feminist New Materialist Reading of Them: Covenant

Rockia Harris, Villanova U, USA

Endarkened Feminism and Afrocentric Epistemologies - A Critical Intervention for Interpersonal Communication

Nickesia Gordon, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

Makini Beck, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

Phillippa Thiuri, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

Intra-National Inequalities in Journalism Studies in Context: Gender, Migration and East-West/North-South

Stine Eckert, Wayne State U, USA

Karin Assmann, U of Georgia, USA

Papers in this panel explore epistemic justice and intersectional critiques of representation, and inequality.

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HIGH-DENSITY: Social Media and Politics

Monday

15:00–16:15

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Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Bu Zhong, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Participants

When Rationality Meets Personality: Explaining Social Media Attacks by Political Elites


Zeljko Poljak, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Bart Maes, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM
 Justifying Digital Oversight: Informational Learned Helplessness and Support for Social Media Monitoring in Conflict Settings
 Aysenur Dal, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE
 A Systematic Literature Review of Political Knowledge in a High-Choice, Social Media Environment
 Cato Waeterloos, Hasselt U, BELGIUM
 Michael Opgenhaffen, U of Leuven, BELGIUM
 Peter Van Aelst, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM
 Desiree Schmuck, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Understanding Compromise and Tolerance: The Role of Moral Convictions and Social Media Use
 Lisa Gaffney, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, GERMANY
 Doris Teutsch, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, GERMANY
 Senja Post, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, GERMANY
 Reason Over Toxicity: More Users and Deeper, Better Conversations under Reasonable Comments in Political Reply Networks
 Wonjeong Jo, U of California, Davis, USA
 Sailendra Akash Bonagiri, U of California, Davis, USA
 Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA
 Perceived Legitimacy in Borderline Content Moderation: The Role of Moderation Source, Procedural Contestability, and Outcome Alignment
 Diyi Liu, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK
 To Share or Not to Share: Navigating Digital Inequality among Palestinians in East Jerusalem
 Yara Daas, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL
 Differential Appropriations of Telegram: Comparing Political Representatives' Communication on Telegram around the Globe
 Annett Heft, U Tübingen, GERMANY
 Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Emese Domahidi, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY
 William Allchorn, Anglia Ruskin U, UNITED KINGDOM
 Márton Bene, Centre for Social Sciences, HUNGARY
 Kilian Buehling, U of Tübingen, GERMANY
 Raluca Buturoiu, National U of Political Studies and Public Administration, ROMANIA
 Nicoleta Corbu, National U of Political Studies and Public Administration, ROMANIA
 Pietro Gattinara, U Libre de Bruxelles, BELGIUM
 Gina Masullo, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Ehsan Dehghan, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Harry Dugmore, U of Sunshine Coast, AUSTRALIA
 Katharina Esau, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Vicente Fenoll, U of Valencia, SPAIN
 Maik Fielitz, Institut für Demokratie und Zivilgesellschaft, GERMANY
 Stefan Geiss, NTNU, NORWAY
 Laura Jacobs, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM
 Vihang Jumle, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND
 Hossein Kermani, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Christine King'ang'i, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY
 Jakob Kristensen, Roskilde U, DENMARK
 Aytalina Kulichkina, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Jana Lasser, U of Graz, AUSTRIA
 Jula Luehring, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Kateryna Maikovska, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Mykola Makhortykh, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND
 Eva Mayerhöffer, Roskilde U, DENMARK
 Dagim Afework Mekonnen, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Subhayan Mukerjee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
 Ashwin Nagappa, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Janara Nicoletti, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Elisa Orofino, Anglia Ruskin U, UNITED KINGDOM
 Jihye Park, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Pablo Porten-Chee, Heidelberg U, GERMANY
 Adrian Rauchfleisch, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN
 Martin Riedl, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA
 Nikka Sales, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN
 Heidi Schulze, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Apeksha Shetty, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Mónica Simon, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Gunjeet Singh, Singapore Management U, SINGAPORE
 Nicole Stewart, Texas State U, USA
 Mareike Stürenburg, U of Tübingen, GERMANY
 Joshua Philip Suarez, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN
 Kim Syed Ali, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Edson Tandoc, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Sofia Tipaldou, Panteion U of Social and Political Sciences, GREECE
 Aleksandra Urman, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Maximilian Zehring, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY
 Localized Nationalism: How Local Government Messaging Engages Netizens on Chinese Social Media
 Jing Yang, Boston U, USA
 Sang Jung Kim, U of Iowa, USA
 Filtering Out for Sanity, Not Ideology? A Panel Study on Information Overload and the Psychology of Political Unfriending
 Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Rinat Meerson, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Stephanie Buehrer, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Andreas Nanz, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY
 Hanna Kuduzovic, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Examining the Reinforcing Dynamics between Media Use and the Need for Chaos in the United States
 Brian Weeks, U of Michigan, USA
 Victoria Rose, U of Michigan, USA
 Ariel Hasell, U of Michigan, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Trust: How Journalists and Publics Make Sense of a Contested Concept

Monday
 15:00–16:15
 **8.3**
(CTICC2, Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Florian Toepfl, U of Passau, GERMANY

Participants

Exploring Audience Conceptions of Trust in Journalism: A Q Methodology Study

Bernadette Uth, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Birte Leonhardt, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Comfort Yet Avoid: Examining the Role of AI Comfort and Awareness on Trust and News Disengagement from 27 Countries

Biying Wu-Ouyang, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Expectations Meet Trust: How Mexican Youth Communication Students Make Sense of Journalism in Times of Political Realignment and Risk

Dasniel Olivera Pérez, Benemérita U Autónoma de Puebla, MEXICO

Ruben Arnoldo González Macías, Benemérita U Autónoma de Puebla, MEXICO

Folk Theories of (Un)trustworthy Media: How Germans Construct Trustworthiness of Media

Florian Primig, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Anna Litvinenko, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Anna-Theresa Mayer, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Ana-Nzinga Weiß, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Christoph Neuberger, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY
 Navigating Media Trust in a High-Choice Information Environment: Practices of Trust Assignment in Germany
 Anna Litvinenko, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY
 Florian Primig, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Ana-Nzinga Weiß, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Anna-Theresa Mayer, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
 Christoph Neuberger, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
 Media Systems and Public Trust in the Digital Era: A Comparative Study of 28 Countries
 Linyu Qin, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Lu Wei, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Disguised Media Skepticism? Interpreting the Middle Category in Surveys on Media Trust in Germany
 Christian Strippel, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
 Who Trusts the System? Differential Patterns of Alternative News Audiences in Germany and Systemic Trust, 2021–2025
 Heidi Schulze, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Julian Hohner, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Simon Greipl, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

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HIGH-DENSITY: Misinformation, Errors, and Fact-Checking: How Journalists Deal with Challenges in Reporting

Monday
 15:00–16:15
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Journalism Studies

Chair

Juliane Lischka, U of Hamburg, GERMANY


Participants

Authenticity as an Epistemic Ideal: A Pilot Study of AI Media Fakery and Deepfakes Verdicts among Fact Checkers

Silvia Montaña-Niño, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA
 Michelle Riedlinger, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Caillean Prochon, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA
 Gisela Vallejo, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

The Fragility of News Accuracy: Negotiating the Ideal and Practice of Accuracy in Contemporary Journalism

Cato Depauw, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM
 Kathleen Beckers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

 Editorial Management of Error Correction in Digital Journalism

Livia Vieira, Federal U of Bahia, BRAZIL
 Rogério Christofoletti, Federal U of Santa Catarina, BRAZIL
 Ana Carolina Cerqueira, Federal U of Bahia, BRAZIL
 Camila Pessoa, Federal U of Bahia, BRAZIL

Public Forgiveness of Journalistic Mistakes: Effects of Machine and Human Authorship and Topic Type

Chenan Lyu, Boston U, USA

Warning or Guiding? Comparing the Effect of Positive versus Negative Boosting Interventions and the Role of Repetition for the Effects of Misinformation

Sanne Tamboer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Svenja Schäfer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Nicolas Mattis, U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Claes Vreese, U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Rens Vliegthart, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Threatened by (Mis)Information? Exploring Audience Profiles Based on Perceived Misinformation Threats and Their Navigation of the Information Environment

Ellen Linnert, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Michael Hamелеers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Toni van der Meer, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Linda Bos, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Between Repairing and Re-Examining the Journalistic Paradigm: Meta-Journalistic
Discourse and the Case of the “Newsroom Docusoap”
Jelle Mast, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

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HIGH-DENSITY: Perceiving the Communicating Machine: Trust, Persuasion, and Cues in HMC

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15:00–16:15
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Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Nisa Kirbac Savery, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Participants

The Impact of Human-AI Interaction on Social Capital: An Exploratory Study Based on Human-AI Trust and Social Presence

Jing Niu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Chenxi Wang, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Sijia Kong, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Social Sycophancy: Investigating the Impact of Generative Artificial Intelligence’s Flattery on Human-Machine Trust

Ziang Li, Guangxi Arts U, CHINA

Xue Shen, Guangxi Arts U, CHINA

Yanan Liu, Guangxi Arts U, CHINA

Xinjie Su, Guangxi Arts U, CHINA

When Generative AI Explains Itself: The Dual Pathways to Trust and Verification Intention in Reasoning-Driven Chatbot

Jingshi Kang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Ningxia Wang, Lingnan U, HONG KONG

Jingyuan Shi, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Media Attention and Public Acceptance of Robotaxi: A Moderated Mediation Analysis of Risk and Presumed Influence in the Context of Embodied AI

Haodong Liu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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

When the Source Is AI: Extending Source Credibility Theory with Objectivity and Identifying Trust in AI as a Boundary Condition

Juwon Hwang, Boston U, USA

“Mechanoid, Humanoid, or Android?” Matching Individuals’ AI Trust Levels with Different Types of Anthropomorphic Chatbots to Achieve AI-Based Persuasion across Health and Environmental Communication Contexts

Xinying Tan, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Liang Chen, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Across experimental and survey-based studies, the papers show how cues such as anthropomorphism, explainability, alignment, and media framing shape credibility judgments, persuasion, verification, and public acceptance of AI systems. Together, the contributions clarify when communicative cues foster trust—and when they distort evaluation or undermine accountability in human–machine communication.

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BLUE SKY: The Evolution of Mass Communication: Defining the Field for Today and Tomorrow

Monday
15:00–16:15

Blue Sky Workshops

Mass Communication

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Organizer

Bradley Bond, U of San Diego, USA

The Mass Communication Division held a panel at the 2025 conference focused on the evolution of mass communication. The purpose of this Blue Sky workshop is to provide ICA members with an opportunity to engage in a reflective, collaborative conversation about the meaning of mass communication in the digitized, segmented media landscape of today, and how the division should move forward so that our scholarship best reflects the lived experience of media creators and audiences today.

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Social Norms and Health Behavior

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15:00–16:15
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(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Health Communication

Moderator

Xuechen Hu, Fuyang Normal U, CHINA

Participants

Social Norms and Heat Resilience: Testing and Extending the Theory of Normative Social Behavior to Heat Adaptation Intentions

Kwaku Danso, U of Georgia, USA

Rain Liu, U of Arizona, USA

From Social Media to Self-Care: Linking Health Information, Social Norms, and Self-Efficacy to Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors

Ye Lin, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Shaohai Jiang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Shared Pain, Cultural Relief Choices: A TPB and Social Norms Analysis of Epidural Debates on Weibo and X

Xuechen Hu, Fuyang Normal U, CHINA

Yiming Liu, Fudan U, CHINA

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POSTCONFERENCE: 13th Annual Digital Asia Postconference

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Pre/Postconferences

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