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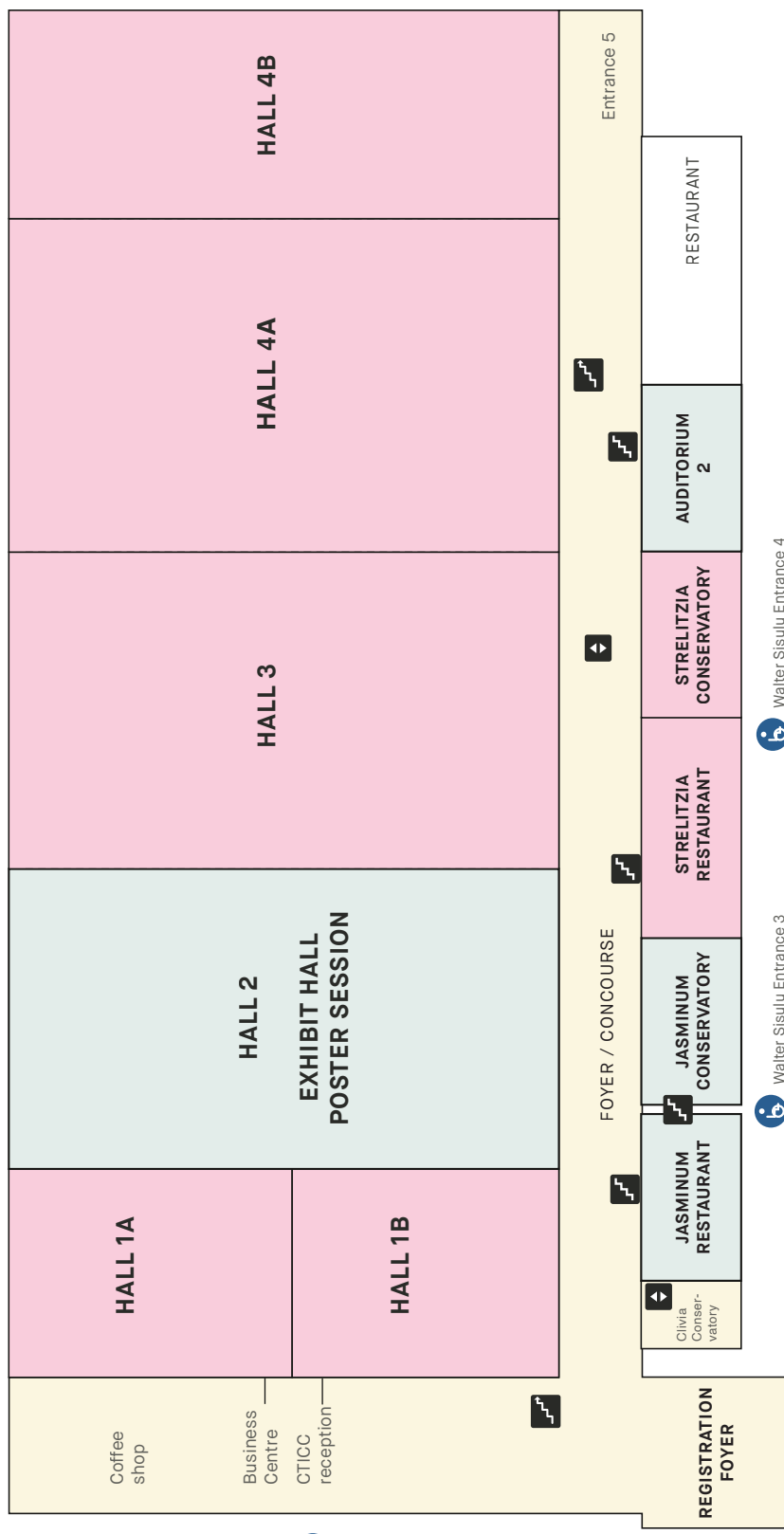
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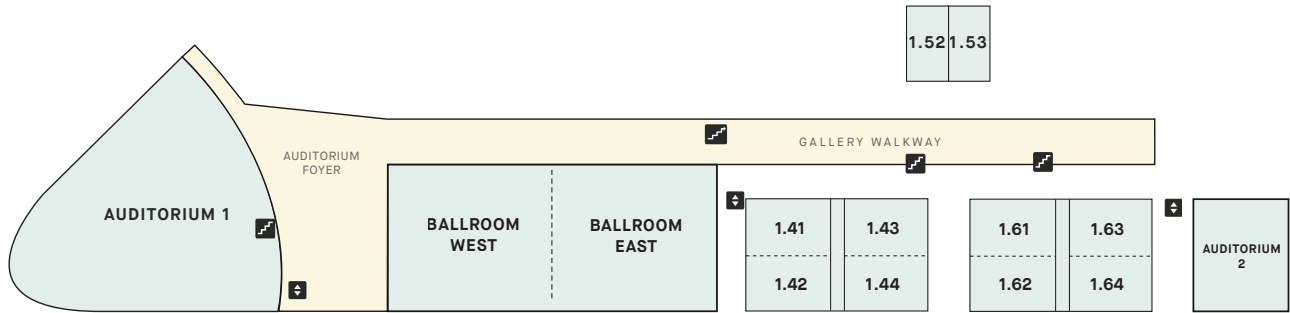
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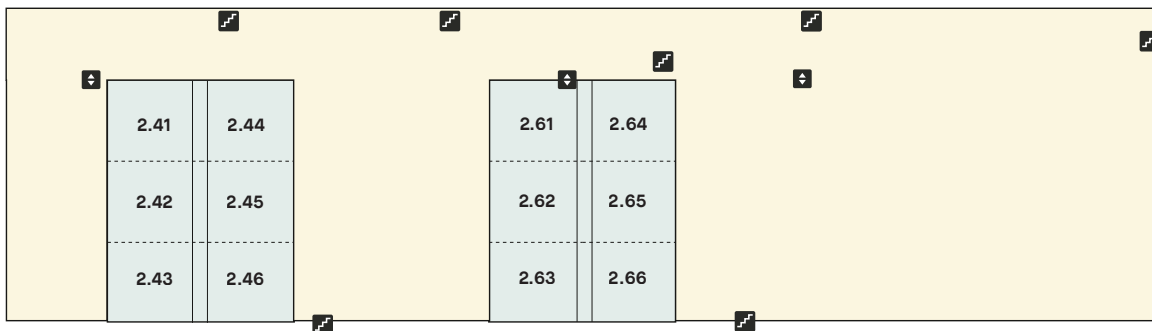


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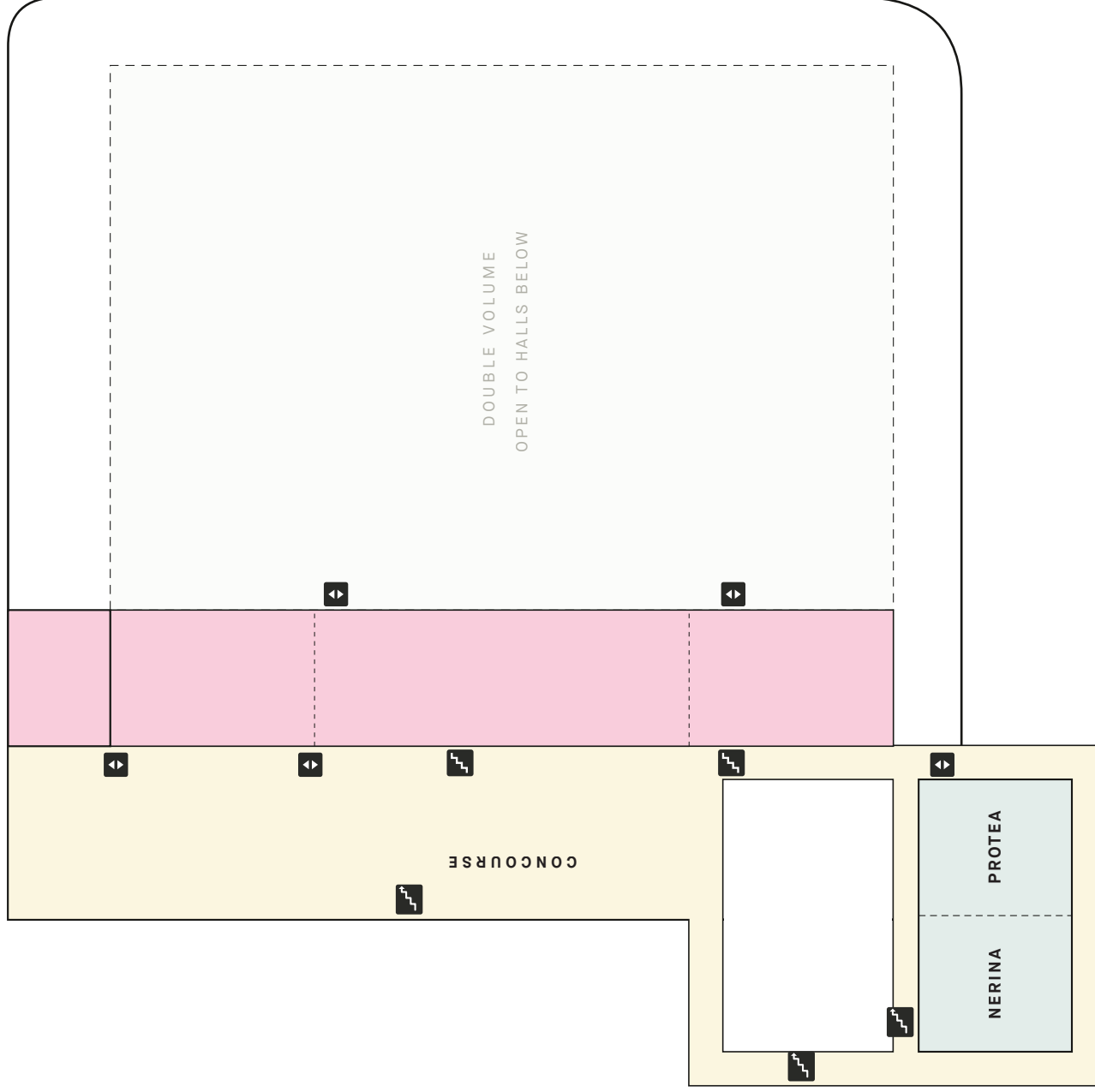


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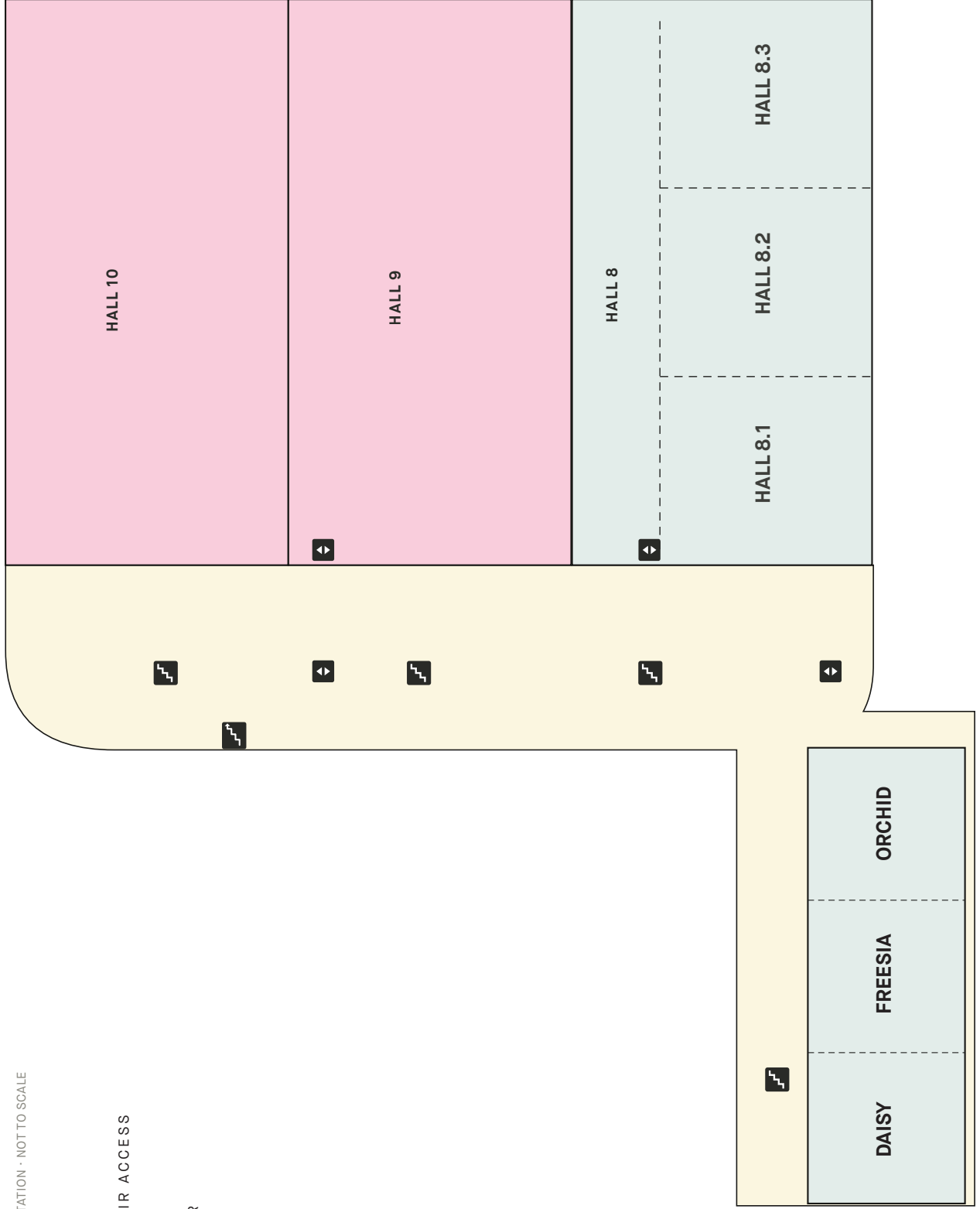
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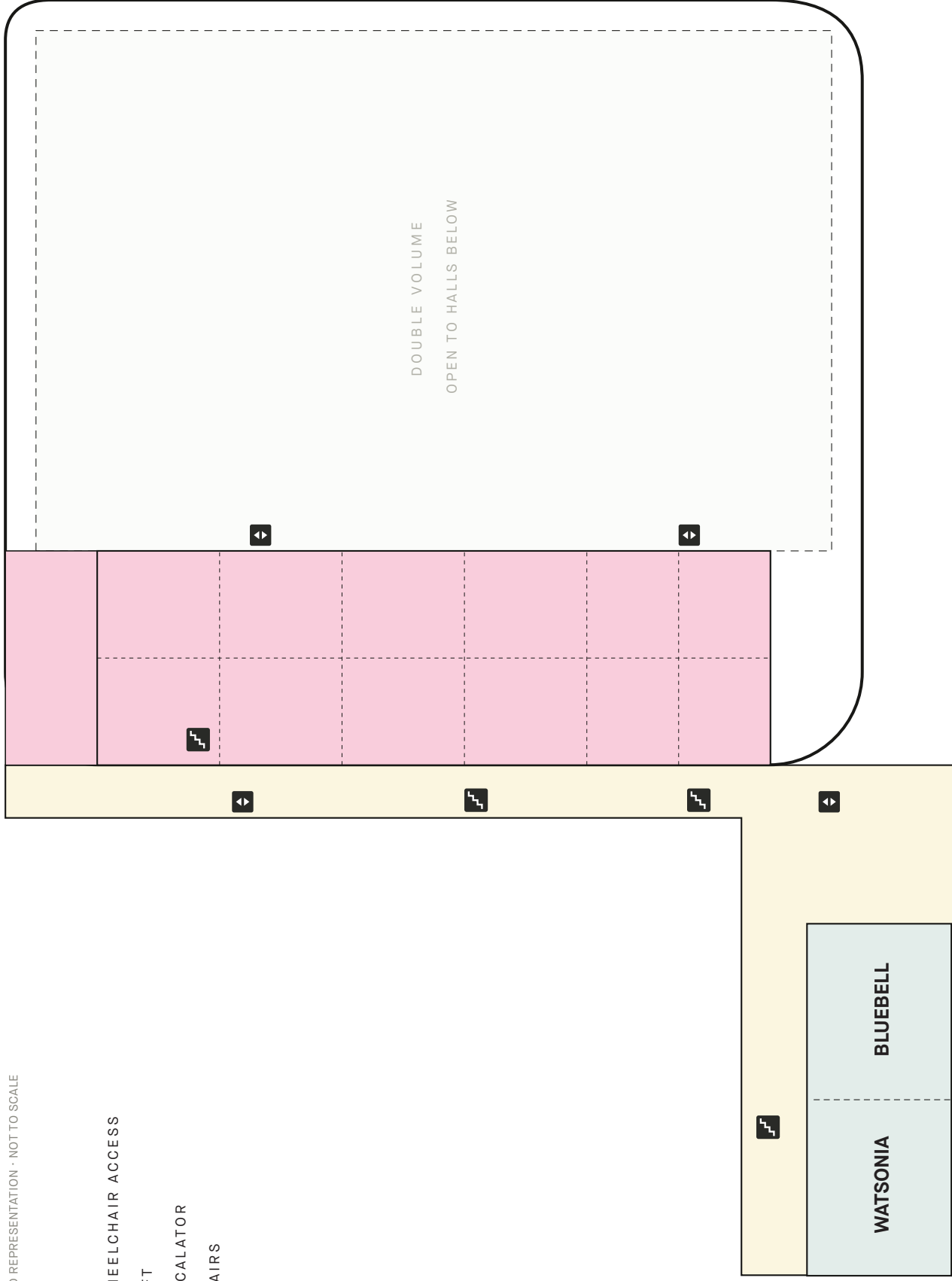


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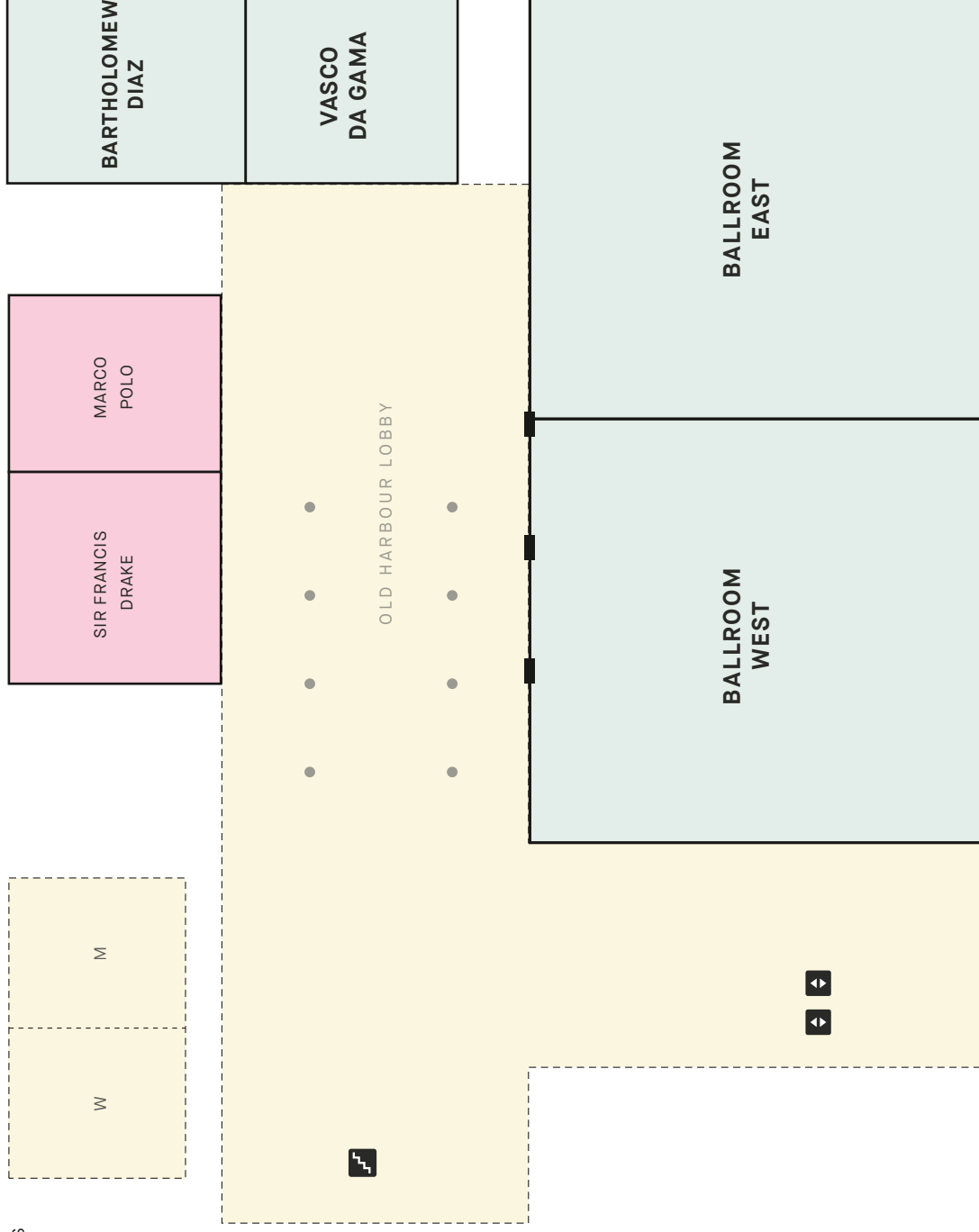
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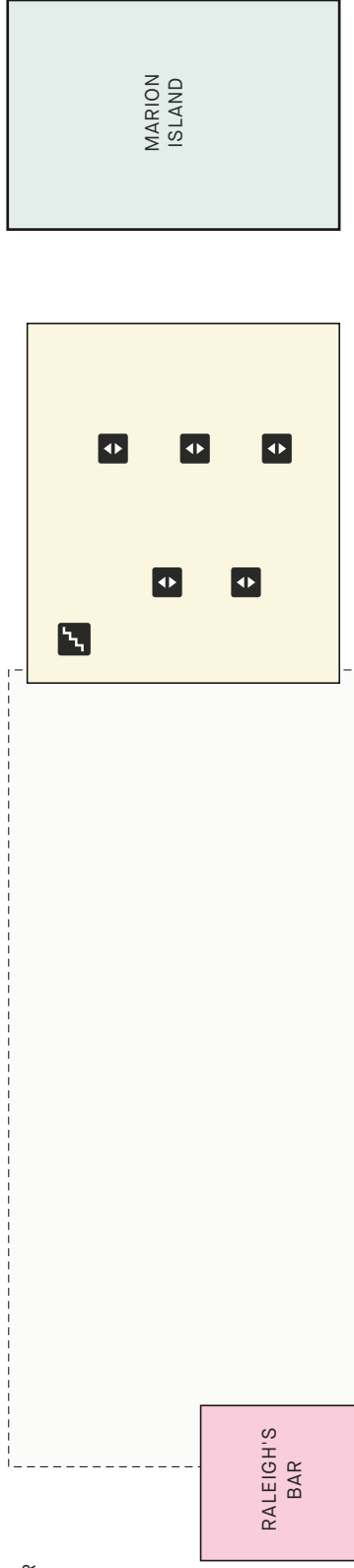
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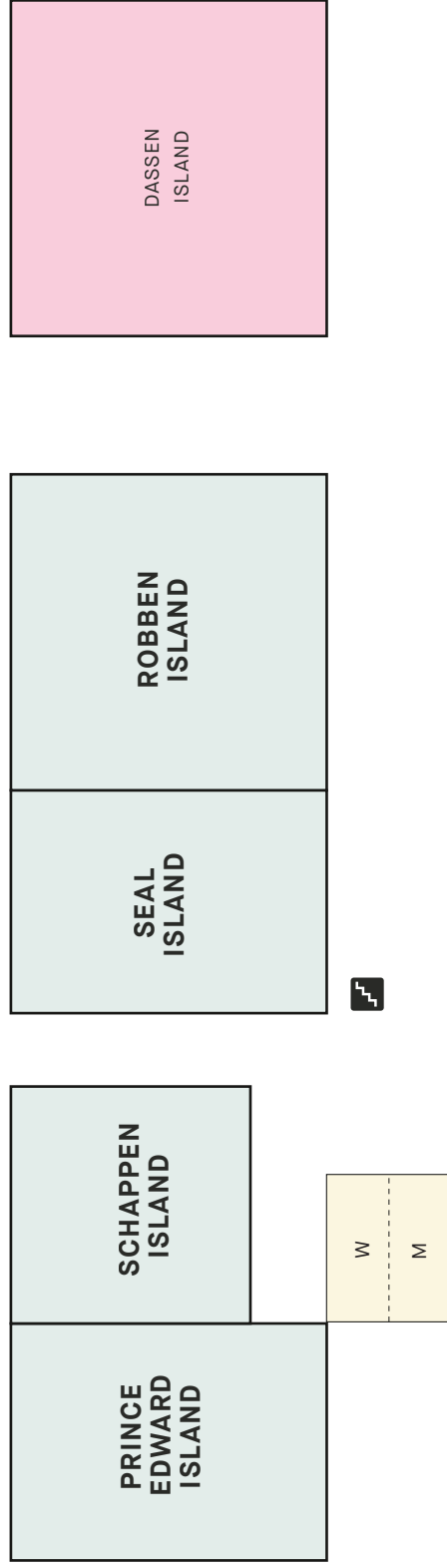
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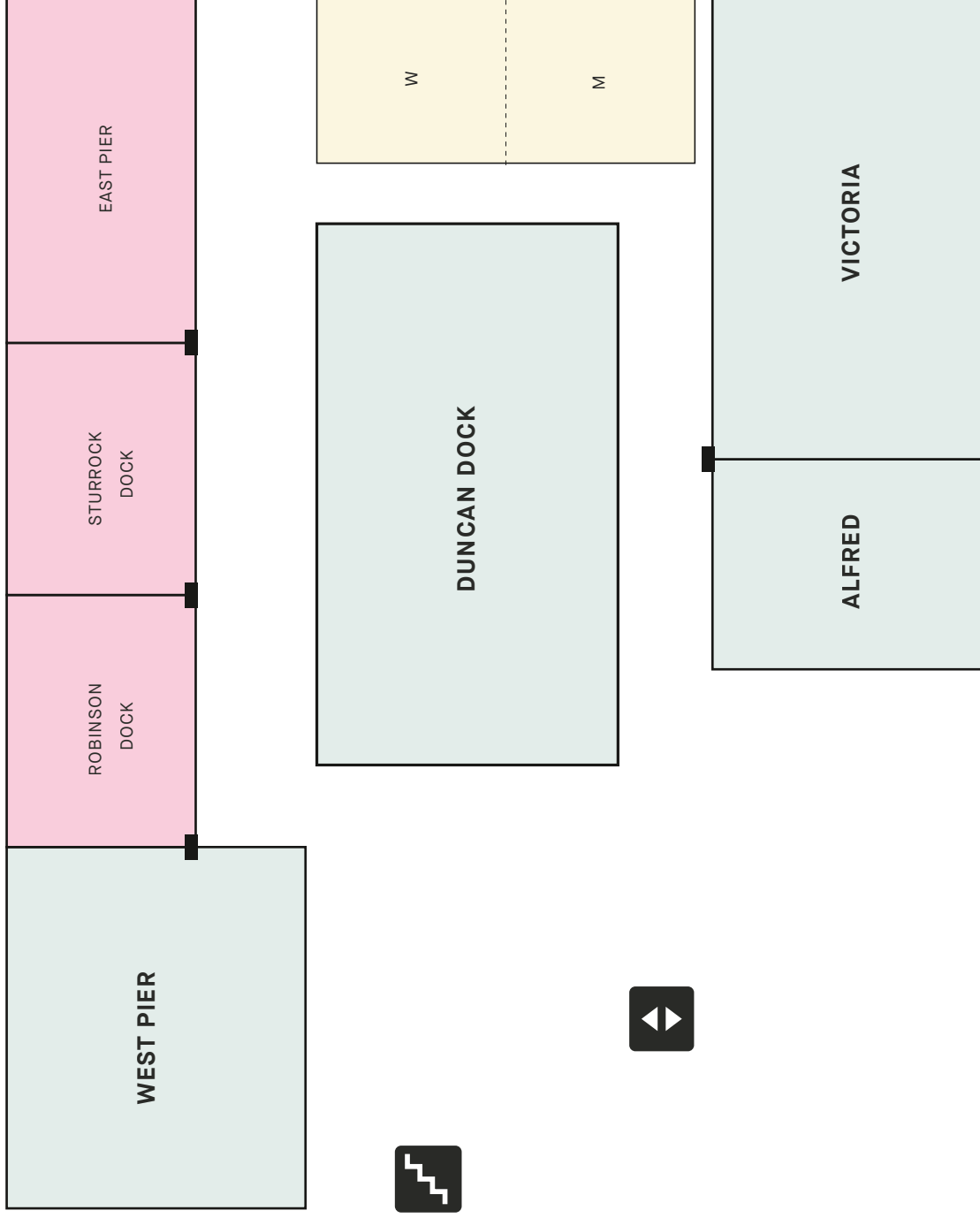
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Welcome to the 76th Annual ICA Conference from ICA

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.

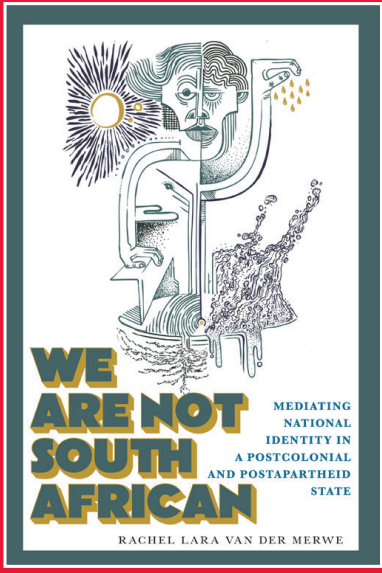
You will have noticed already that this is a complex city, with contested histories and heartbreaking inequalities. You have arrived in a society still marked by the long aftermath of colonialism and apartheid, but also a harbour city which has been globally connected for centuries. These global connections 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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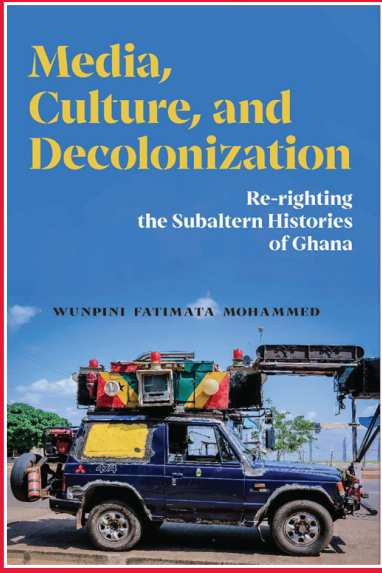
Herman Wasserman, on behalf of the ICA 2026 Host Committee.

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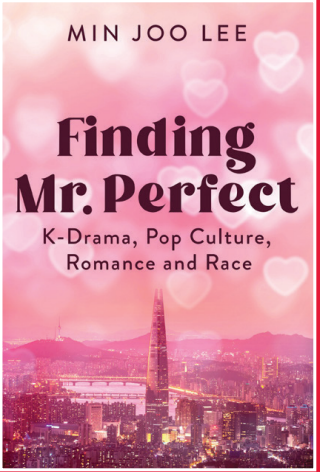
What does it mean to be South African, if the idea of "South Africa" is a European invention that continues to channel colonial values into our world? This book imagines a planet without nations, exploring why and how we could form sociopolitical communities imagined through decolonial commitments to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

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Mediating National Identity in a Postcolonial and Postapartheid State
Rachel Lara van der Merwe

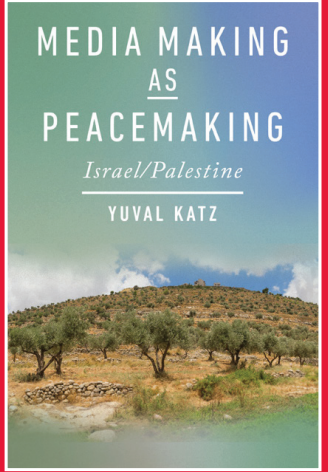


This book examines media by highlighting how African languages, cultures and traditions can shift how we think of knowledge. By focusing on Ghana, the book demonstrates the potential that African language media hold as tools of cultural and epistemological decolonization.

MEDIA, CULTURE, AND DECOLONIZATION
Re-righting the Subaltern Histories of Ghana
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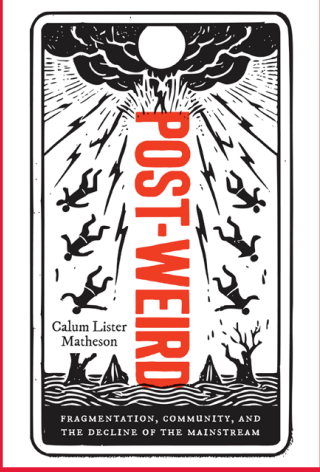
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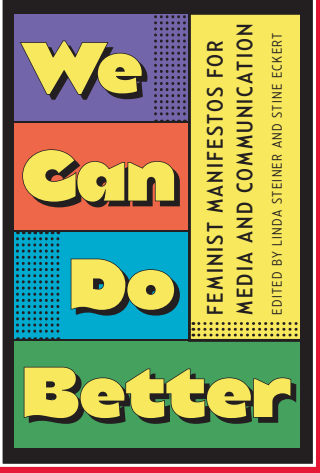
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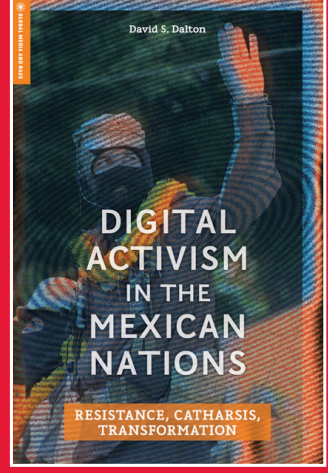
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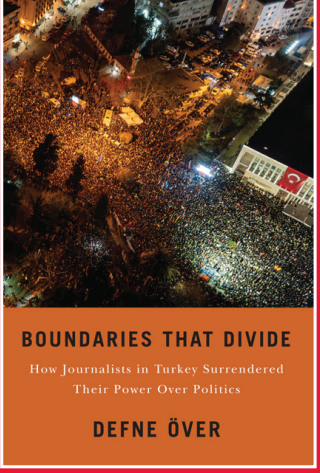
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General Information

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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A Distant Echo of Portuguese: Timorese Journalists Educate a Nation



Yaqi Huang

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

Conference Inclusion and Accessibility

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

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

GETTING AROUND

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

Car Park

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

Airport Ground Public Transportation

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

Hotel Accommodation

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

MOBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Presenters


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

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

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

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

Seating

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

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

HEARING ACCOMMODATIONS

Captioning/Transcription Services

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

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

Presentations

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

CHILD/PARENT/CAREGIVER ACCOMMODATIONS

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

Room Guidelines:

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

CTICC Nursing Room

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

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

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

ICAKids: Childcare

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

ICAKids' Picnic

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

ICAKids Family Play Zone

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

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

LGBTQIA+ ATTENDEES

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

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

Gender-Neutral Restrooms

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

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

Safety for LGBTQIA+ Attendees at the Conference

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

BLACK CAUCUS ATTENDEES

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

RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Religious observance/multi-faith room

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

Please note the following when using the room:

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

misplaced belongings.

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

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

Religious Schedule Conflicts

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

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS (alpha order)

Alcohol Culture

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

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

Allergies

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

Exercise Facilities and Pool

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

Fragrance-Free Environment

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

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

Medical Needs: Hospital & Urgent Care

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

Mental Health/Suicide Hotline

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

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

TRAVEL SAFETY

As with any destination, it is important to:

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

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

Harassment

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

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

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

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

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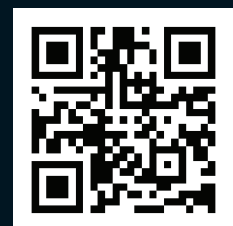
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09:00–10:15
Caring for
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Community:

10:30–11:45
Crisis,
Conflict, and
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12:00–13:15
Audiences'
Practices,
Repertoires

13:30–14:45
Platform
Politics

15:00–16:15
Democratic
Implications
of the Global

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(CTICC1, Lev 2)

09:00–10:15
Rethinking
Academic
Publishing:

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Beyond the
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Valley:

12:00–13:15
Keyboard
Cultures:
Satire,

13:30–14:45
Rebuilding
Trust in
News:

15:00–16:15
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(CTICC1, Lev 2)

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News Use
and Civic
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12:00–13:15
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Social Media:
Influencers,
Identity, and

13:30–14:45
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Solidarity,
and

10:30–11:45
Logics and
Tactics in
Digital

12:00–13:15
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Opportunities,

13:30–14:45
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Repression
and Backlash

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Climate

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(CTICC2, Lev 2)

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DENSITY:
Longitudinal

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DENSITY:
State of the

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DENSITY:
Elections 2

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DENSITY:
Propaganda

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DENSITY:
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DENSITY:
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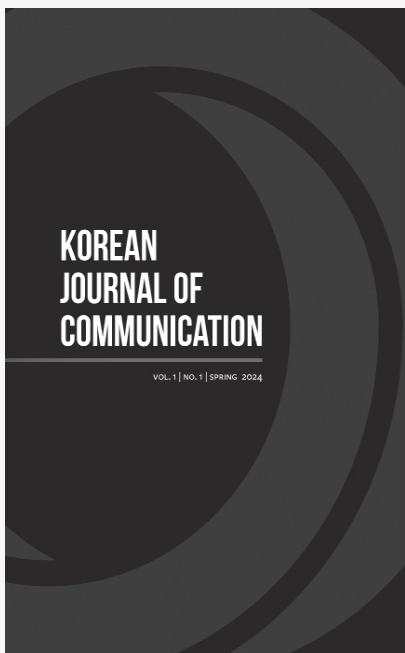
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- Step 5:** *Technologies of Loneliness*
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- What's Your Space in the Superculture?*

Saturday, 6 June 2026

4061

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

U of Oregon SOJC Breakfast


Satellite Events

Chair

H. Leslie Steeves, U of Oregon, USA

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

ICA Fellows' Breakfast Reception

Sponsored Sessions

Organizers

Julie Arnold, International Communication Association, USA

Christopher Rochette, International Communication Association, USA

Laura Sawyer, International Communication Association, USA

Invitation only; for existing and 2026-inducted Fellows of ICA only. Fellows: Please check your email for your invitation; contact Christopher Rochette (crochette@icahdq.org) with any questions.

4081

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

Friends of Bill W. Meeting

Sponsored Sessions

A Friends of Bill W. Meeting will take place in the Westin Cape Town from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. daily. There is no predetermined leader for this meeting. For more information on this meeting and other resources in Cape Town, please visit the FAQs and/or the Accessibility and Inclusion page.

4090

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

Registration and Badge Pickup Hours

Sponsored Sessions

4097

Saturday
8:00–9:00
ONLINE-
ONLY
(online)

LIVE FROM NAIROBI III: Kenya Regional Hub - Reflecting on the Postgrad Journey - Reflections from Africa

Regional Hub

Chair

Robert Aswani, Daystar U, KENYA

Participants

Agneta Alubala, Daystar U, KENYA

John Bell-Okoye, Daystar U, KENYA

Paul Ugoagwu, Daystar U, KENYA

This panel consists of doctoral students and faculty from diverse educational contexts to engage in an open discussion about the rewards and challenges of postgraduate study. Panelists will address topics such as study–life balance, supervision and support, logistical constraints, inequalities and opportunities in careers and publishing. Rather than focusing solely on problems, the discussion aims to highlight practical solutions and share strategies for navigating these challenges effectively. Participants will reflect on their own experiences and contribute ideas that can help to shape more supportive and equitable postgraduate environments.

4064**Saturday**
8:30–9:00**Westin
Ballroom
Foyer
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

Morning Snack**Sponsored Sessions**

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@ WESTIN: Ballroom Foyer, Old Harbour Level

@ CTICC1: Exhibit Hall (Hall 2, Ground Level) Friday through Sunday. Jasminum Conservatory on Monday.

4091**Saturday**
8:30–9:00**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

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4091**Saturday**
8:30–16:30**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

ICA Kids Family Play Zone**Sponsored Sessions**

We are excited to continue this offering for families at ICA26 (introduced last year): the ICAKids family play zone is equipped with kid-friendly books, ride-ons, and other toys where parents and caregivers can take a break from the conference with their children, relax, and connect with other families. This room is not supervised and should not be used as childcare—children may NOT be left unattended 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.

4091**Saturday**
8:30–17:00

Exhibit Hall Open**Sponsored Sessions**

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

4101

**(HYBRID) REACH Panel: AI in Communication Research and Teaching:
Perspectives from the Global South**

Saturday
9:00–10:15
 CTICC
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Sponsored Sessions

Chair

Mengxiao Zhu, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

Organizers

Noshir Contractor, Northwestern U, USA

Christopher Rochette, International Communication Association, USA

Participants

Firasat Jabeen, Forman Christian College, PAKISTAN

Dorien Kartikawangi, Atma Jaya U, INDONESIA

Desmond Okocha, Bingham U, NIGERIA

Yearry Setianto, U Multimedia Nusantara, INDONESIA

Kulveen Trehan, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha U, INDIA

The rapid integration of artificial intelligence into academic research and pedagogy presents both transformative opportunities and significant challenges for communication and media studies. However, much of the discourse on AI in academia remains centered on Anglophone and Western experiences. This panel brings together scholars from ICA's regional chapters and hubs across Africa, Asia, and beyond to examine how context—technological, linguistic, cultural, and institutional—shapes the adoption, application, and implications of AI for communication research and teaching in the Global South. Panelists from Pakistan, China, Nigeria, India, and Indonesia will address questions, including: How do varying technological infrastructures, institutional resources, and regulatory environments shape AI adoption in communication scholarship? What opportunities does AI present for addressing locally and regionally relevant research questions? How can AI tools be adapted for teaching and research in linguistically and culturally diverse contexts? What ethical considerations emerge when AI systems trained predominantly on English-language and Western data are applied in Global South settings? By centering perspectives from underrepresented regions, this panel argues that communication scholarship must move beyond one-size-fits-all approaches to AI and instead develop frameworks that acknowledge the contextual specificities shaping how AI transforms our field across different regions, languages, and scholarly traditions.

4102

**(HYBRID) Get to Know ICA: New Member and Student/Early-Career Scholar
Orientation and Member Business Meeting**

Saturday
9:00–10:15
 CTICC
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Sponsored Sessions

Join the full Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (the most recent past presidents, upcoming presidents, treasurer, and executive director) for a panel discussion/Q&A about ICA and all it has to offer. Hosted by Governance Director Julie Arnold, most of this meeting is made up of audience questions and creates a dynamic, collaborative conversation with the organization's leadership. All are welcome.

4103

**Constructive Communication at the Intersection with Science Communication: From
Local to Global Scales**

Saturday

Science Communication

9:00–10:15
1.41
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Organizers

Imke Hoppe, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Syed Muhammad Saqib Saqib, Forman Christian College (A Chartered U),
PAKISTAN

Participants

Bridging Science and Solutions: Constructive Climate Communication in Journalism Education

Syed Muhammad Saqib Saqib, Forman Christian College (A Chartered U),
PAKISTAN

On the Redundancy of Doomsday Prophets in the Poly- and Permacrisis, Or Why Future Climate Communication Must Be Constructive

Benjamin Schmidt, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Competences and Scientific Expertise in Post-Growth Communication: Constructive Dialogue in Vienna's Grätzelwerk Project

Elisabeth Hartmann, Vienna U of Economics and Business, AUSTRIA

Critical Landscapes in Photography: Talking About Climate and Environmental Issues in South America through Visual Stories

Caroline Jacobi, Federal U of Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

Experimental Insights Into Constructive Journalistic Elements: Audience Effects of Threat and Efficacy Information on Soil Degradation

Anna Gaul, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Constanze Rossmann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

This panel explores constructive communication at the intersection with science communication, from local initiatives to global news coverage. It examines how solution-oriented approaches, anchored in scientific expertise, can address inequalities, foster equity, public engagement, agency, and understanding of complex societal challenges. At the same time, it addresses challenges faced by science in balancing advocacy and neutrality. Contributions span communication science, audience studies and media effects research, journalism research, and human geography, and include cross-national perspectives, highlighting the potentials and responsibilities of integrating science communication into constructive and solution-oriented reporting.

4104

Histories of Networks, Infrastructures, and Softwares

Saturday
9:00–10:15
1.42
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Communication History

Chair

Carlos Scolari, U Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN

Participants

The Politics of Maintenance. Building, Rebuilding and Maintaining the Swiss Telegraph Network, 1852–1882

Riccardo Ferrigato, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

When Europe Missed the “Web Train”: The 1993 Alexandria Proposal and the Decline of Europe's Role in Shaping the Web's Public Future

Martin Fomasi, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Deborah Barcella, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Gabriele Balbi, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Eleonora Benecchi, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Zombies on the Live Web: Network Communication and the Problem of Time

Megan Ankersen, U of Michigan, USA

Technologies of Participation: A History of the Framework for Networked Computers as a Speech System

Morgan Weiland, Boston U, USA

Making the Screen Speak Chinese: A Historical Study of Speech Synthesis Technology in Screen Reading Software

Zhuoxiao Xie, Nanjing U, CHINA
Cong Cai, U of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, CHINA

4105

Palestine as a Communicative Epistemology: Confronting the Mediation of Total Violence

Saturday
9:00–10:15
1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Activism, Communication and Social Justice

Chair

Paula Chakravartty, New York U, USA

Discussant

Karma Chavez, U of Texas Austin, USA

Participants

Why Palestine as Communicative Epistemology?

Paula Chakravartty, New York U, USA

Dina Matar, SOAS, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Karma Chavez, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Palestine as Laboratory: Aerial Technologies, Colonial Violence and an Origin of Information-Weaponry Systems

Burce Celik, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

Sebastian Rose, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

Why the Nakba Matters to Communication and Media Studies

Heather Jaber, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Sulafa Zidani, Northwestern U, USA

Witnessing Undone: Silence, Noise and the Enabling of Genocide in Gaza

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

Centrally addressing “Inequality in Context,” our panel examines the Israeli genocide in Gaza’s relevance for the production of anticolonial epistemologies and ontologies that speak back to the silence in the field of Communication on the question of Palestine. The papers consider how the horrors of livestreamed genocide forces an analytical optics that upends theoretical assumptions about media, technological infrastructures, and colonial wars of “total violence” that have historically and in the present defied liberal norms.

4106

Visuals and Audience Studies

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

Visual Communication Studies

Chair

Luuk Lagerwerf, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Deepening the Ideological Level of Visual Framing: Viewer Interpretations of Power in News Photographs

Jared Macary, Washington and Lee U, USA

Elaboration of Multimodal Frames in News Reception: A Mixed-Method Eye-Tracking and Think-Aloud Study

Stephanie Geise, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Nieki Samar, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Self-Affirmation in the Face of Climate Change: A Two-Wave Experiment on Visual Message Acceptance, Emotional Response and Pro- Environmental Behaviour

Lijun Luo, Beijing Normal–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Rounded Vs. Angular: How Gendered Brand Names and Typeface Curvature Shape Warmth, Competence, and Brand Attitudes

Xinxing Peng, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Yixin Huang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Haoxiang Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

4107

Counter-Hegemonic Communication in Racialized Contexts

Saturday
9:00–10:15
1.61
(CTICCI,
Lev 1)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Chair

Isabella Gonçalves, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Participants

Hablemos De Inmigración: Univision's Deployment of Pragmatic Solidarity in Immigration Reporting

Ayleen Cabas-Mijares, U of Miami, USA

Luis Garcia Conde, U of Miami, USA

Kyle Walkine, U of Miami, USA

Challenging Hegemony in the Global South: Radio Dhimsa's Cultural and Knowledge Interventions

Aniruddha Jena, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, INDIA

White Supremacist Infighting: The Demise and Rise of the Alt-Right

Reed Van Schenck, IE U, SPAIN

Memory of the World or of Regions? Discursive Collaboration and Contestation over the Nanjing Massacre on Wikipedia

Zhaobo Chen, Sichuan U, CHINA

"If There Is Life, There Is Hope": Communicating Motivations and Concerns among Black and Latino Men Navigating Economic and Masculinity Pressures

Lauren Arnold, U of Southern California, USA

Louise Xie, U of Southern California, USA

Eugene Jang, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

Yuanfeixue Nan, U of Alabama at Birmingham, USA

Christopher Persaud, Intel, USA

Robin Stevens, U of Southern California, USA

Racial Trauma and Black-Oriented Media: Media's Role as Refuge and Respite among Black Audiences

David Stamps, Bentley U, USA

Jas Sullivan, Louisiana State U, USA

4108

Affective Publics, Events, and Cultural Mediation

Saturday
9:00–10:15
1.62
(CTICCI,
Lev 1)

Public Diplomacy

Chair

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

Participants

Affective Audiences: The Reception of Russian Strategic Narratives Exploiting Inequalities among Young Russian Speakers in Latvia

Emma Rönngren, Örebro U, SWEDEN

Learning without Liking: The 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics and International Effects of Authoritarian Mega-Events

Haifeng Huang, The Ohio State U, USA

Chaohong Pan, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

"A Game of Many Worlds": Cultural Syncretism and Diplomacy through Globalized ESports

Yupei Zhao, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Qingwen Zhu, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Yue Meng-Lewis, Open U, UNITED KINGDOM

The United Nations and the Use of Immersive Technologies: Fostering Empathy in Public Diplomacy

Caroline Bouchard, U du Québec à Montréal, CANADA

Roxanne Lachapelle, U du Québec à Montréal, CANADA

Lou Amsatou N'Diaye, U du Québec à Montréal, CANADA
Michelle Stewart, U du Québec à Montréal, CANADA

4109

What Is Wrong With Hate Speech Research? Global Media as Method and Theory

Saturday

9:00–10:15

1.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Global Communication and Social Change

Discussant

Marwan Kraidy, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Organizer

Sahana Udupa, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

Hate Speech and Intersectionality in Africa

Yossabel Chetty, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Herman Wasserman, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Situated Speech Cultures and Authoritarian Legacies in Brazil's Far Right

Marcelo Alves dos Santos, Pontificia U Católica do Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

Plural Harms, Plural Worlds: Rethinking Hate Speech through Global South

Epistemologies

Dhiraj Murthy, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Hate Speech Research: The Limits and Risks of Liberal Rationality

Sahana Udupa, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Hate speech and disinformation scholarship continues to be dominated by transatlantic concerns and theoretical models shaped by grievances and moral panics in the global North. This panel contests theoretical and methodological premises of hate speech scholarship by building on global South experiences as epistemologies. As opposed to considering “hate speech” as a universal legal-normative model, the panel centers history, affect, and intersectionality as key methodological points of departure in extreme speech studies.

4110

Oppositional Gazes: Intersectional Feeds and Screens

Saturday

9:00–10:15

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Lev 1)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Sage Chevrette, Middle Tennessee State U, USA

Participants

Racialized Desirability and the Oppositional Gaze: Black Women's Body Image and Resistance on Instagram

Sage Chevrette, Middle Tennessee State U, USA

Natonya Listach, Middle Tennessee State U, USA

Ida Fadzillah Leggett, Middle Tennessee State U, USA

Unpacking “Daddy's Flavor”: The Playful Deconstruction of Chinese Mansplaining through Online Feminist Discourses

Lulu Yuan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Middle-Aged and Elderly Livestream Viewers in China: Between Digital Inequality and Active Agency

Xuanchang Zhang, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Brandon Harris, U of Alabama, USA

Digital Feminism and Authenticity: Audience Responses to Chinese Female Influencers' Changing Self-Images

Zhiyuan Li, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

“I Got 99 Problems but Representation Ain't One”: Perception of Intersectional Representation and Popular Media Consumption Habits in Brooklyn Nine-Nine

Natasha Gol, Bar Ilan U, ISRAEL

4111

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

External Funding around the Globe: Opportunities and Challenges

Organizational Communication

Chair

Kerk Kee, Texas Tech U, USA

Discussant

Keri Stephens, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

Rethinking Grants as Relational Fields for Organizational Communication Research

Boris Brummans, U de Montréal, CANADA

Why, What for, and for Whom? Funding Critical Research

Shiv Ganesh, U of Texas at Austin, USA

How Grant Challenges Are Intertwined with Junior and Senior Communication Scholars:
Work-Life Balance Challenges

Laura Vandebosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Pathways for Securing the First Grant: An Interdisciplinary Reflection

Mian Jia, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Funding Communication Studies in Germany: Structure, Experience, and Global Gaps

Veronika Karnowski, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Positioning and Persistence: Grant Review Challenges for Communication Scholars

Tien Ee Dominic Yeo, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Funding Our Field: Supporting and Mentoring Early Career Organizational
Communication Scholars Matters

Keri Stephens, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Learning from External Funding Failures and Reviewing Grants around the Globe

Jack Qiu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Funding Opportunities and Applications for Communication Scholars in China: An
Interdisciplinary Perspective

Mengxiao Zhu, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

Risk Communication Funding around the Globe: Insights on Collaboration and Team
Success

Deanna Sellnow, Clemson U, USA

Tim Sellnow, Clemson U, USA

Positioning Organizational Communication and Mixed Methods Research for NSF
Success

Kerk Kee, Texas Tech U, USA

Twelve communication scholars from Belgium, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the United States share insights from securing external funding. Drawing from experiences with national and international agencies (e.g., German Research Foundation, European Research Council, China's National Social Science Fund, National Science Foundation, and Research Grants Council), panelists address: (a) top tips for securing funding, (b) first-time applicant advice, and (c) lessons learned. Discussion explores international collaboration and strategies for scaling communication research globally.

4120

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

Caring for Your Community: Countering Unequal Knowledge Production Processes in Collaborative and Comparative Journalism Studies Projects

Journalism Studies

Chair

Marenet Jordaan, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Discussant

Terje Skjerdal, NLA Høgskolen Gimlekollen, NORWAY

Participants

Care-full Journalism Research: The Ethic of Care as Embodied Practice to Enhance
Academic Collaborations

Marenet Jordaan, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA
Precariousness as a Structural Challenge in Journalism Studies
Manasvi Maheshwari, U of Miami, USA
Decentering Dominant Paradigms: Addressing Power Imbalances in Ethical Collaborative Research
Summer Harlow, U of Houston, USA
Epistemological, Ontological, Axiological, and Praxiological Inclusions in Research Endeavors
Jyotika Ramaprasad, U of Miami, USA

Journalism researchers representing the Majority World will delve into issues such as the precariousness of journalism and journalism research; how power imbalances can be addressed ethically; and how the inclusion of perspectives from the Majority World might contribute to creating more value in research and greater equity in scholarship. The panel aims to move beyond concerns in cross-border research to offer solutions on how to carefully and collaboratively conduct Journalism Studies research.

4121

Rethinking Academic Publishing: Challenges and Innovations in the Age of AI, Equity, and Open Access

Saturday

9:00–10:15

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Political Communication

Moderator

Regina Lawrence, U of Oregon, USA

Organizer

Taberez Neyazi, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Participant

Folker Hanusch, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Dan Mercea, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Zizi Papacharissi, U of Illinois Chicago, USA

Participants

Editorial Transparency in Scholarly Publishing

Oscar Westlund, Oslo Metropolitan U, NORWAY

The Peer Review Crisis: Reimagining Incentives and Accountability

David Ewoldsen, Michigan State U, USA

Open Access and Editorial Sustainability: Balancing Equity and Viability

Silvio Waisbord, George Washington U, USA

Generative AI and the Future of Authorship Ethics

Porismita Borah, Washington State U, USA

This panel brings together journal editors from communication, journalism, and political communication to discuss the most urgent challenges facing academic publishing today. Topics include the peer review crisis, the need to diversify authorship and editorial boards, the implications of generative AI for research integrity, and the financial pressures of open access. Together, panelists will share insights, strategies, and reforms that can strengthen transparency, equity, and sustainability in scholarly publishing.

4122

News Use and Civic Identity: Advancing the Understanding of a Dialectical Relationship

Saturday

9:00–10:15

🌐 2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Discussant

Joelle Swart, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Organizer

Maria Bakardjieva, U of Calgary, CANADA

Participants

Understanding the Multigenerational U.S. News Audience via Dyadic Interviews with Emerging Adults and Their Parents: Does News “Trickle up?”

Lynn Clark, U of Denver, USA

From News Normalization to Social Activation: Young Adults, News Consumption, and the Question of Monitorial Citizenship

Kim Schröder, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Chris Peters, Roskilde U, DENMARK

News Repertoires as Gateways to Civic Identification

Maria Bakardjieva, U of Calgary, CANADA

Brooks Decillia, Mount Royal U, CANADA

Influencers as Sources of News and Information: Perspectives from a Young Adult Audience

Sofia Johansson, Södertörn U, SWEDEN

Stina Bengtsson, Södertörn U, SWEDEN

This panel examines the mutual shaping of news use as a paradigmatic form of “public connection” and civic identities in a cross-media environment. Participants will present the results of empirical studies conducted in different national contexts, focusing on the relationship between processes and patterns of receiving and making sense of the news and the identification with subject positions that attach individuals to communities, issues, and debates unfolding in the public world.

4123

PARTNER PANEL: AANZCA - Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion (DEIA): Critically Assessing Research and Institutional Agendas

Saturday
9:00–10:15
2.64
(CTICC1,
Level 2)

Partner Panel

Chair

Mohan Dutta, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND

Discussant

Kuansong Victor Zhuang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

What Do We Do with Diversity? Limited Mechanisms of Media Redress under Stress

David Nolan, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

Archie Thomas, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

From Diversity Containment to Journalism Commoning: Challenging the Racist and Colonial Architecture of Australian Newsrooms

Tito Ambyo, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Community Representation in the Media in the Times of Neo-Nazi Rallies: The Limits of Liberal Multiculturalism

Tanja Dreher, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Sukhmani Khorana, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Poppy de Souza, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Access Labour and the Individualisation of Inclusive Communication: How an Ethos of “Collective Care” Can Inform More Impactful DEIA Work

Ashleigh Haw, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

Over recent decades, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access (DEI/DEIA) has gained ground across both media industries and communications scholarship. In this panel AANZCA scholars critically reflect on: the space addressed by DEIA policies; their achievements, limitations, and blind spots; the contested and contradictory space in which DEIA agendas developed; and where current trends—including a right-wing backlash that nominates DEIA as a primary target of a “war on woke”—position contemporary research.

4124

Narrative Engagement and Health: Mechanisms and Moderators

Saturday

9:00–10:15

2.65-2.66

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Health Communication

Moderator

Constanze Rossmann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

Unveiling the Mechanisms in Narrative Medicine through Communication Theory: Narrative Engagement-Driven Empathy Pathways in Medical Students—Role of Self-Reference, Resistance and Professional Background

Qingchuan Liu, East China Normal U, CHINA

Shoushi Li, East China Normal U, CHINA

Numerical Evidence Versus Narrative Evidence: The Moderating Role of Information Uncertainty in Online Health Persuasion

Jinzhao Liu, Fudan U, CHINA

Lun Zhang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Format and Emotion in Action: Their Joint Impact on Mental Health Engagement

Soo Jung Hong, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

How Do Conversion Narratives Affect Attitudes and Intentions to Support Organ Donations?

Rehab Alayoubi, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Fuyuan Shen, Pennsylvania State U, USA

The Impact of Alternative Narratives from Community Organizing for Health Justice: Narrative Effects via Self-Referencing, Counter-Arguing, and Emotion

Kristina Medero, Creighton U, USA

Yusra Murad, U of Minnesota, USA

Chloe Gansen, U of Minnesota, USA

Sarah Gollust, U of Minnesota, USA

4130

CAT-ching Digital Divides: Apple Vision Elitism, Older Adult Resistance, and Platform Veils

Saturday

9:00–10:15

Nerina

(CTICC2,


Lev 1)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Minh Hao Nguyen, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

 Framing Space: Apple Vision Pro and the Rhetorical Construction of Digital Elitism

Brent Lucia, U of Connecticut, USA

Selective Connection: Navigating Trust, Intimacy, and Resistance in Older Adults' Social Media Use

Cora van Leeuwen, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Leona Craffert, U of the Western Cape, SOUTH AFRICA

An Jacobs, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

From Digital Back-Feeding to Digitalized Back-Feeding: Reverse Intergenerational Support for Illiterate Older Adults in Online Learn-to-Read Experiences

Zichun Leng, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Yiyang Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Yuan Ouyang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Qian Liang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Shuni She, Renmin U of China, CHINA

How Urban-Rural Interaction Bridges the Knowledge Gap: A Computational Experiment Based on Social Network Theory

Jingyuan Tian, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Zi-ke Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

The “User-Friendly” Veil: How Platform Governance Features Marginalize Users and Widen the Digital Divide

Haoxiang Wen, Communication U of China, CHINA

Qian Zhan, Communication U of China, CHINA

4131

GATO of the Future: From ChatGPT Essays to AI Science News Rivalries

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

Communication and Technology

Chair

Joo-Young Jung, International Christian U, JAPAN

Participants

Reanimating History: Memory and Perceived Truth in Deepfakes of Historical Figures

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

Gina Junhan Fu, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Delegating Moral Decisions to AI Systems

Philippe Sloksnath, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Markus Kneer, U of Graz, AUSTRIA

My AI versus Their AI: Perceived Hostility of Artificial Intelligence Authors in Science News

Jialing Huang, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U, USA

Jian Rui, South China U of Technology, CHINA

Lezhi Fang, South China U of Technology, CHINA

More Engaging, More Credible, and AI-Made: AI-Generated Lay Summaries and Podcasts in Science Communication

Haoran Chu, U of Florida, USA

Hanzi He, U of Florida, USA

Shuo Yao, U of Florida, USA

4140

Misinformation, Disinformation, and Politics 1

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

Political Communication

Chair

Konrad Bleyer-Simon, European U Institute, GERMANY

Participants

The Effect of Thinking Styles on Users' Engagement with Alternative Media and Misinformation in Newsfeeds: An Argument Against Cognitive Universalism in Misinformation Research

Florian Primig, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Jakob Ohme, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Lukas Seiling, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

When National Identity Diverges: Party-Conditioned Affective Mediation to Misinformation Belief

Xiaxin Huang, City U of Hong Kong & Wuhan U, CHINA

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

Accounting for Asymmetries in Misinformation Supply and Partisan Psychology Reconcile Lab-field Inconsistencies

Benjamin Lyons, U of Utah, USA

Who Changes Their Mind? The Asymmetry of Congruence Effects on Misinformation Evaluation and Correction

Luisa Gehle, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

4141

Affect, Solidarity, and Resistance

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

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Rachel Grant, U of Florida, USA

Participants

Communicating Cross-Cultural Solidarity: Black Perspectives on Palestine

Rachel Grant, U of Florida, USA

Nikki Lyons, U of Florida, USA

Nader Dagher, Austin Peay State U, USA

“Nos Queremos Vivas”: Digital Circulation of Grief and Feminist Solidarity through Protest Anthems

Valentina Proust, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Private Public Mourning: Algorithmic Grief and Affective Politics on Xiaohongshu in the Anniversary Remembrance of Wenchuan Earthquake

Xinyu Xu, Jinan U, CHINA

“We Gotta Stay Active”: Palestinian Hip-Hop, Resistance, and Teenage Rapper MC Abdul’s Anti-Settler Colonial Discourse

Keven Rudrow, Mississippi State U, USA

Making Solidarity Sexy: Political Engagement through Affect, Desire, and Digital Play

Yasmeen Mekawy, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

4142

HIGH-DENSITY: Imagining the “Other”: Intercultural Communication, Media, and Representation

Saturday

9:00–10:15

Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Intercultural Communication

Discussant

Damariye Smith, San Diego State U, USA

Participants

Meme-ing Your Way into Media Representation: Cultural Identity Portrayal of Immigrant Coptic Memes on Instagram

Petra Zaky, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

Shahira Fahmy, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

Multiverses of Belonging: Intersectionality, Postcoloniality, and Language in Everything Everywhere All at Once

Sihang Shu, U of Colorado Denver, CHINA

Soumia Bardhan, U of Colorado Denver, USA

Defining “Future China”: Sinofuturism and the Discursive Politics of China’s Image Construction

Mao Huang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Xuejie Guan, Communication U of China, CHINA

Cross-National Differences in Stereotyping of the Other: Evidence from the UK, US, Brazil, and Israel

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

Digital Gaps in the Uruguayan Prison System: An Exploration of People Deprived of Their Liberty’s Digital Competencies and Internet Use

Carolina Perez, U Católica del Uruguay, URUGUAY

Matias Dodel, U Católica del Uruguay, URUGUAY

Knocking on Heaven’s Door: Framing the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis in Mexican News Media

Melissa Santillana, Texas Tech U, USA

Maria Shpeer, Texas Tech U, USA

Grant Pustelnik, Texas Tech U, USA

4143

HIGH-DENSITY: Longitudinal Perspectives on HMC

Saturday

9:00–10:15

 8.1
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Marco Dehnert, U of Arkansas, USA

Participants

Tool or Social Actor? How AI Perception and Preferred Modality Influence Perceived Credibility of AI Systems over Time


Stefanie Klein, Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

Sonja Utz, Leibniz Institut für Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

The Arrival of the Non-Human Interlocutor: A Three-Year Examination of Perceptions of Utility, Risk, and Human-Likeness of Large Language Models

Danny Yihan Jia, Boston U, USA

Maria Grabe, Boston U, USA
Etienne Barnard, North-West U, SOUTH AFRICA
Estelle Sun, U of Florida, USA

 Perception of Communicative AI and Cognitive Self-Esteem: Results from a Longitudinal Panel Study

Sonja Utz, Leibniz Institut für Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

More Human Than Human? Perceived Affordances, Humanness, and Attraction to ChatGPT Over Time

Kathryn Coduto, Boston U, USA

Margaret Wallace, Boston U, USA

Conversational AI and the Resocialization of Generation Z: Insights from a Longitudinal Diary Study

Bolin Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yichu Yang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Dongni Lin, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Qiuhe Jiang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Chenyu Lu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Unfolding Human-AI Intimacy: Computational Analysis of the Thematic and Linguistic Trajectories of Human-AI Relationships

Han Li, Cornell U, USA

Renwen Zhang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

This session examines how the human-machine communication (HMC) and relationship evolve over time at societal, individual, and relational levels. Drawing on longitudinal surveys, diary studies, and large-scale interaction data, the papers show how AI systems are increasingly normalized as high-utility yet high-risk tools, how perceptions of humanness and credibility recalibrate, and how intimacy and socialization emerge in specific contexts. Together, the contributions highlight temporal dynamics that challenge static models of anthropomorphism, trust, and adoption in HMC.

4144

HIGH-DENSITY: Algorithmic Auditing and Online Incivility

Saturday

9:00–10:15

 8.2

(CTICC2,

Lev 2)

Computational Methods




Chair

Carlos Arcila Calderón, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

   Moderation as Communication: How Language and Reason Shape User Participation on Reddit

Siyi Zhou, U of Southern California, USA

Marlon Twyman, U of Southern California, USA

Lindsay Young, U of Southern California, USA

Combat Online Incivility by Designing Detection Systems in Hong Kong

Baiqi Li, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

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

Liang Lan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

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

CVaR: A Framework for Algorithmic Auditing of Tail Risks in AI-Mediated Communication

Jia Yee Tan, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Xiaohuan Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Digital Twins: Examining Persona-Prompted Generative AI for Zero-Shot Digital Hate Classification


Thomas Kirchmair, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Why We Share Falsehoods: Testing a Coalitional Account of Misinformation Sharing
Yiting Miao, Tsinghua U, USA
Xinyue Zhang, Tsinghua U, USA
Beyond Text: A Multimodal Model for Detecting Islamophobia on Digital Platforms
William González-Baquero, U of Salamanca, SPAIN
Carlos Arcila Calderón, U of Salamanca, SPAIN
Patricia Sánchez-Holgado, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

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HIGH-DENSITY: Reimagining Democratic Participation: Critical Literacies and the Media Industries in the Age of AI

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

Media Industry Studies

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Cheryll Ruth Soriano, De La Salle U, PHILIPPINES

Organizer

Marina Prentouli, American College of Greece, GREECE

Participants

Visual Lies: Generative AI, Populism, and the Urgent Need for Media Industry Intervention

Anastasia Veneti, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

(Re)envisioning a Democratic Media System: Critical Algorithmic Literacies in the Media Industry

Angelos Kissas, American College of Greece, GREECE

The Data Loop in the Age of AI: How Media, Algorithms and Audiences Shape the Public Interest

Ioanna Ferra, HSE U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The Tug-of-War between Literacies, Regulations, and the Processing of Media Content

Georgia-Zozeta Miliopoulou, American College of Greece, GREECE

Synthetic Media Literacies

Graham Meikle, U of Westminster, UNITED KINGDOM

Sex Workers: Digital Literacy, Decriminalisation, Activism and Resilience

Bev Orton, Open U, UNITED KINGDOM

Strategic Communications and the Third Sector: Threat or Enabler of Political Participation?

Marina Prentouli, American College of Greece, GREECE

Networks of Power and Truth: International Comparative Perspectives on Digital Citizenship, Activism, and Disinformation

Athina Karatzogianni, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM

This high-density panel brings together academic researchers as well as practitioners from the media industries and civic organisations working on the intersection between media and communication industries (advertising, public relations), platform economies, regulatory frameworks, and activism to reimagine media systems in a way that enhances critical media literacy and active citizenship.

4150

HIGH-DENSITY: Youth, Media, Political Identity, and Policy in the Age of Climate Change and Misinformation

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

Children, Adolescents and Media

Chair

Ine Beyens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS


Participants

Fostering Adolescents' News Literacy to Fight Misinformation: A Three-Wave Panel Study on the Impact of Class Visits by Journalists

Larissa Leonhard, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Ruth Wendt, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Lena Frischlich, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

 Old and New Voices: How Traditional and Social Media Agents of Political Socialization Affect Adolescents' Political Identity Centrality and Participation

Maximilian Klesl, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Darian Harff, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Ellen Van Houtven, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Desiree Schmuck, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Filipino Children in Disaster Aid Imagery: Visual Representations in Humanitarian Communication

Nheru Veraflor, U of the Philippines, PHILIPPINES

Media for a Changing Climate: A Mixed-methods Study of the Impacts of Participatory Media on Youth Engagement and Leadership for Environmental Action

Louise Xie, U of Southern California, USA

Lauren Arnold, U of Southern California, USA

Elaine Jeon, U of Southern California, USA

Jill Johnston, U of California, Irvine, USA

Robin Stevens, U of Southern California, USA

Disconnect to Reconnect? The Role of School Smartphone Bans in Adolescents' Social Well-Being

Jana Vereecke, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Robyn Vanherle, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Lise-Marie Nassen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Hannah Boen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Steven Eggermont, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Kathleen Beullens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Lara Schreurs, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Adapting to Phone-Free Schools: Early Insights from Brazilian Students' Perceptions of a Nationwide School Phone Ban

Sarah Wu, Stanford U, USA

Zacariah Smith-Russack, Stanford U, USA

Sunny Liu, Stanford U, USA

Gabrielle Carvalho, Equidade.Info, BRAZIL

Guilherme Lichand, Stanford U, USA

Addressing the "Lonely Young Man" Narrative: Exploring Gender, Parent-Child Alignment, and Influencer Influence as Predictors of Political Activity

James Cochran, U of Georgia, USA

Joshua Cloudy, U of Georgia, USA

Lance Porter, U of Georgia, USA

Sara Epps, U of Georgia, USA

Jackson Crean, U of Georgia, USA

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InfoSys: Cognitive and Emotional Processing

Saturday

9:00–10:15

Bluebell
(CTICC2,

Lev 3)

Information Systems

Chair

Narine Yeghyan, U of California, Davis, USA

Participants

Evaluative Space and Cyber-Bystander Effect: How Motivational Activation Influences Attitude Stability and Intervention Likelihood

Narine Yeghyan, U of California, Davis, USA

Haojian Li, U of California, Davis, USA

Bo Feng, U of California, Davis, USA

Yiyun Zhang, U of California, Davis, USA

Terror Management at the Movies: A Psychophysiological Test of Cognitive Resource Allocation to Death Portrayals and Meaningful Endings in Eudaimonic Entertainment

Experiences

Enny Das, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS
Bridget Roncaglia, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS
Kobie van Krieken, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS
Susanne Brouwer, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Exploring Optimal Form of Short-Video News: A Computational and Psychophysiological Study of Incidental News Exposure on Douyin (TikTok)

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

Measuring What Lasts: Validating EEG-Based Engagement Metrics through Prolonged Experience Assessment

Izabela Derda, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Caught but Not Retained: How Audiovisual Cross-modal Conflict Modulates Information Processing in Short Videos

Sichu Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Shuting Tuo, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Analyzing Impression Formation at the Language Level: Do Cognitive and Affective Dimensions of Language Use Change over Time?

Duy Pham, Michigan State U, USA
David Markowitz, Michigan State U, USA

Use It or Lose It: The Relationship between Short-Form Video Use and Sustained Attention

Kerria Drüppel, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY
Jana Dombrowski, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY
Sabine Trepte, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

Algorithmic Temporality and Parasocial Connection: How Feed Chronology and Gaze Shape Influencer Perception


Veranika Paltaratskaya, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
Alice Ji, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
Kevin Wise, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Encoding Overlay Advertisements in Streaming Programs: Effects of Ad Stability and Arousal within Arousal-Varying Videos

Haoqing Yu, Fudan U, CHINA
Rui Cai, Fudan U, CHINA
Xiaotong Dong, Fudan U, CHINA
Yujia Li, Fudan U, CHINA
Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

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Saturday
9:00–10:15

 Westin
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

HIGH-DENSITY: Interpersonal Communication

Interpersonal Communication

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Moderators

Kai Kuang, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Liesel Sharabi, Arizona State U, USA

Participants

The Influence of Gossip on Dyadic Relationships: Network Approval, Attraction, and Balance

Deepti Apte, U of Mumbai, INDIA

I Like the Wine Not the Label, CMM Used for LGBTQ+ Identity Explanations and Defense

Donald Lowe, U of Kentucky, USA

Reconfiguring Interpersonal Relationships in Later Life: Older Chinese Women's Digital Relational Practices

Yueqian Wu, Lingnan U, HONG KONG

The Effects of Communication Mediums and Relationship Types on Depolarization in Cross-Cutting Discussions: Evidence from an Experiment

Zhengyi Liang, U of California, Davis, USA

Bo Feng, U of California, Davis, USA

Jaeho Cho, U of California, Davis, USA

Minghui Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Resisting “Siguatang”: Young People’s Power and Affective Negotiation of Intergenerational Communication Dilemmas in Chinese Digital Discourse

Hongsheng Huang, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA

The Rich Social World of Mobile and Social Media: Four Pathways toward Satisfying the Need to Belong

Jeffrey Hall, U of Kansas, USA

Liesel Sharabi, Arizona State U, USA

Digital Gender Wars: Investigating Teenagers’ Interpretations of Gender-Oppositional Content on TikTok through Methodological Triangulation

Yiheng Zhang, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Chinese Social Relationships, Moral Disengagement, and Bystander Intervention Behaviors in Cyberbullying Incidents

Yiwei Wu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Ping Han, Communication U of Chin, CHINA

The Spatial Formation and Norms of “Internet Toilets”: A Grounded Theory Study of Online Negative Subcultural Communities

Zhijun Ye, Central South U, CHINA

Songyin Liu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Hualin Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

The Affective “Fog” in the AI Era: How Uncertainty Discrepancy in Intimate Relationships Influences Information Seeking Strategies

Sirui Li, Wuhan U, CHINA

JingYu Hou, Peking U, CHINA

It’s Not Me, It’s GPT: Comparing Perceptions of AI- and Human-Generated Breakup Texts across Self- and Other-Focused Message Orientations

David Roaché, Christopher Newport U, USA

Leah LeFebvre, U of Alabama, USA

Kate Blackburn, Independent Scholar, USA

Nicholas Brody, U of Puget Sound, USA


Demand-Withdraw and Caring-Insist Patterns in Interpersonal Conflict: The Role of Attributions and Face Needs for Close Relationships from a China and U.S. Comparison

Susan Kline, The Ohio State U, USA

Wen Song, The Ohio State U, USA

Leah Lindemeyer, The Ohio State U, USA

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

HIGH-DENSITY: Topics in Mobile Communication

Mobile Communication

Chair

Andrew Yee, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Mindless Smartphone Use: Measuring Habitual App Openings Using a Decoy App Paradigm

Tim Van Timmeren, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

Jonas Dano, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Lukas Gunschera, U of Cambridge, UNITED KINGDOM

Sanne De Wit, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Beyond Homogeneity: Late Smartphone Adoption Influences Fixed Mindset and Depression Differently among Urban and Rural Adolescents

Zheng Tu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Mengchen Zhou, U of Alberta, CANADA

Making Sense of Public Charging for Personal Mobile Devices with Raymond Williams’

“Mobile Privatization”

Grant Lattanzi, Rutgers U, USA

From Public Curation to Private Connection: Affective Curation and Digital Intimacy in Chinese Youth’s Kuolie

Ziying Liu, East China Normal U, CHINA

Risk Mapping as the Production of Local Knowledge: A Case Study of Dog Owners’ Anti-Poison Mapping Practices

Chai Zifan, Sichuan U, CHINA

Voices off the Grid: Zello, Youth Activism, and Digital Resistance in Kenya’s

#RejectFinanceBill 2024 Protests

Wangari Njathi, Pepperdine U, USA

Leah Komen, Daystar U, KENYA

Moses Kemibaro, Dotsavvy Digital Business Agency, KENYA

Relational Visibility on Tiktok: How Blind or Visually Impaired Vloggers Gain Ties and Social Capital?

Tingting Cao, Communication U of China, CHINA

Tingli Liu, Communication U of China, CHINA

4162

From Responsibility to Advocacy: Public Relations, DEI, and the Struggle for Legitimacy

Saturday

9:00–10:15

Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

Public Relations

Chair

Ganga Dhanesh, U of Maryland, USA

Participants

Navigating Retrenchment: PR Practitioner Agency in Redressing DEI Inequalities in the Context of the-Trump Administration

Celia Weaver, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Franziska Weder, Vienna U of Economics and Business, AUSTRIA

Effects of State and Federal Anti-DEI Laws on DEI Advocacy: Toward Compliance-Based Corporate Social Advocacy

Jack Lipei Tang, U of Alabama, USA

Jiali Zhang, U of Alabama, USA

DEI Representations in Employer Branding on Corporate Social Media

Sabine Einwiller, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Raphaela Stibor, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Louisa Marko, U of Leipzig, GERMANY

Mapping Conceptual Boundaries: Using Structural Topic Modeling and Word Embedding to Contrast CSA and CSR in Public Relations Research

Jiacheng Huang, U of Minnesota, USA

Bree Hurst, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Luke Capizzo, U of Missouri, USA

Alvin Zhou, U of Minnesota, USA

Bridging the Legitimacy Gap beyond Borders: Country-of-Origin Effects in Strategic CSR Communication

Baobao Song, Virginia Commonwealth U, USA

4163

Climate and Environmental Misinformation: Beliefs, Diffusion, and Correction

Saturday

9:00–10:15

de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Environmental Communication

Chair

Shupei Yuan, Northern Illinois U, USA

Participants

Why Do Chinese Citizens Believe Climate Misinformation, and How Does It Affect Policy Support? The Role of Values, Perceived Consensus, and Media Use

Yuan Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Lingyan Ma, Minzu U of China, CHINA
 Yiting Deng, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Personal Discussion Networks Shape Counterarguing Intentions against Climate Misinformation through Pro-Climate Norms and Attitudes
 Ji Ye Kim, U of Southern California, USA
 Donggyu Kim, U of Southern California, USA
 Magdalayna Curry, U of Southern California, USA
 Zituo Wang, U of Southern California, USA
 Media and Misinformation Adoption under the Social Amplification of Risk Framework: The Case of Fukushima's Nuclear Wastewater Discharge in Japan
 Wenhao Yang, Northern Illinois U, USA
 What Drives Adolescents' Susceptibility to Planetary Health Mis- and Disinformation?
 Jil Laukamp, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Marijn Meijers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Eline Smit, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Jeroen Lemmens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Countering Climate Misinformation with Large Language Models: A User Perspective
 Stephanie Jean Tsang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Dandan Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

4170

Voices of Agency: Feminist Storytelling and Transformative Practices

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

Feminist Scholarship

Organizer

Aazadi Fateh Muhammad, Federal Urdu U of Arts, Science, and Technology, PAKISTAN

Participants

Surrogacy as a Form of Reproductive Autonomy and Economic Empowerment: Contesting Legal and Political Exclusion of Reproductive Rights and Feminist Care Work in India
 Saumya Pant, Ohio U, USA

Expressions of Soft Masculinity in the Time of Toxic Masculinity: Narratives from South Korea and India

Ruma Sen, Ramapo College of New Jersey, USA

Dialogues of Agency: Feminist Storytelling and Marital Decision-Making among Pakistani Women in Diaspora

Zoya Muhammad, Ohio U, USA

From the Margins to the Digital: Bell Hooks and the Epistemology of Inclusion

Aazadi Fateh Muhammad, Federal Urdu U of Arts, Science, and Technology, PAKISTAN

This panel explores feminist storytelling as a transformative communicative practice that reclaims women's agency across South Asia and its diaspora. Through diverse qualitative and creative methodologies, including participatory theater, narrative inquiry, podcasting, and digital media, the panel examines how women resist patriarchal, colonial, and neoliberal structures. Bringing together voices from India, Pakistan, and the diaspora, the session highlights storytelling as a feminist tool for representation, solidarity, and social transformation through communication.

4171

Environmental Messaging: Media, Climate, and Science

Saturday
 9:00–10:15

Mass Communication

Environmental Communication

**Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

Chair

Janine Blessing, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Participants

A Typology of Anti-System Orientations: Conspiratorial and Anti-Elite Attitudes in the Context of the Climate Crisis

Janine Blessing, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Sarah Geber, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Weaponizing Shortcomings in Science: The Effects of “Science is Broken” Vs. “Science is Self-Correcting” Frames over Scientific Failures on Public Perceptions of Science

Ozan Kuru, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Siyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Yuanyuan Wu, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Justifying Climate (In)Action: The Relationship between News Media Use Patterns and Knowledge of Political Arguments About Climate Change Mitigation Measures in the United States, Spain, and Germany

Quirin Ryffel, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Mira Warné, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Henri Mütschele, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Thomas Zerback, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Same Shade of Green? The Effect of AI Disclosures in Functional and Emotional Green Advertising

Christina Brandstetter, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Ariadne Neureiter, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Sourcing Power in the Hydrogen Discourse: A Cross-National Analysis of Newspaper Coverage in Germany and the MENA Region

Majid Ali, TU Dresden, GERMANY

4180

IDEA Committee Breakfast Meeting

Saturday

9:00–10:30

**West Pier
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

Sponsored Sessions

Chairs

Shinsuke Eguchi, Wake Forest U, USA

Magdalena Saldana, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

4194

BLUE SKY: A New Era of Data Access: How the EU’s Digital Services Act Transforms Platform Research in Europe and Beyond

Saturday

9:00–10:15

**1.52
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Megan Brown, U of Michigan, USA

Ulrike Klinger, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Josephine Lukito, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Jakob Ohme, Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, GERMANY

Data access and infrastructure for digital media research continues to be a persistent challenge for communication scholars. But some cautious optimism in policy also exists, including the EU’s Digital Service Act, which grants a legal right for scholars to access platform data in Europe and beyond. This workshop will bring researchers together for a frank discussion about current data access mechanisms and provide participants with first-hand guidance on how to apply for data access and what infrastructures can be used for it. Join us to learn more!

4195**Editorial Board Meeting: Global Perspectives in Communication (GPC)****Saturday**
9:00–10:00
1.53
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Satellite Events****Chair**

Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

Invitation only.

4197**LIVE FROM NAIROBI IV: Kenya Regional Hub - Hub to Hub Collaboration - ICA Kenya and ICA Nigeria Regional Hubs****Saturday**
9:00–10:00
ONLINE-
ONLY
(online)**Regional Hub****Chair**

Margaret Mtange, Multimedia U of Kenya, KENYA

Participants

Ekaete George, U of Port Harcourt, NIGERIA

Timothy Gimode, Daystar U, KENYA

Jennifer Kanyeki, Daystar U, KENYA

Yakubu Ozohu-Suleiman, Nile U of Nigeria, NIGERIA

Francis Wachira, Daystar U, KENYA

Steve Wambua, King's College London, UNITED KINGDOM

This panel brings together two ICA regional hubs in Africa to engage in an open discussion about how ICA has provided a forum for mentorship and scholarly development of graduate students and emerging scholars. Panelists will share their experiences highlighting the challenges, but also opportunities for growth.

4197**LIVE FROM BEIJING: China Regional Hub - Communication and Inequalities in Context: Chinese Perspectives and Global Dialogue****Saturday**
9:00–11:30
ONLINE-
ONLY
(online)**Regional Hub****Chair**

Qiaolei Jiang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Participants

Jianxun Chu, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA


Min Hang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Liangwen Kuo, Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Xiuli Wang, Peking U, CHINA

Baohua Zhou, Fudan U, CHINA

This panel explores how communication both reflects and shapes social inequalities across cultural, institutional, and media contexts, with particular attention to Chinese perspectives and their relevance to global dialogue. Bringing together scholars from diverse backgrounds, the discussion examines inequality in health, risk, environment, and everyday life, highlighting context-sensitive theories, methods, and cases. It aims to foster cross-cultural exchange and build more inclusive, comparative approaches to communication research and practice.

4201**(HYBRID) BLUE SKY: The Future of Disability, Communication, and Media Research at ICA (CART)****Saturday**
10:30–11:45
 **CTICC**
Ballroom
East**Blue Sky Workshops****Organizers**

Meryl Alper, Northeastern U, USA

Lorenzo Dalvit, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Elizabeth Ellcessor, U of Virginia, USA


(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

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

Over the past decade and before, disability, communication, and media research has become a rich, diverse, and interdisciplinary field, with increasing presence at the ICA conference. In this Blue Sky session, we invite scholars to engage in a collaborative discussion to reflect on past and current scholarship around disability, communication, and media, discuss support necessary for disability scholars' participation in research, and imagine the futures of the field more broadly, but also at the ICA conference.

4202

(HYBRID) ICA Student and Early-Career Advisory Committee (SECAC) Town Hall

Saturday
10:30–11:45
 **CTICC**
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Sponsored Sessions

4203

Globalizing Media Sport

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

Sport Communication

Moderators

Andrew Billings, U of Alabama, USA
Lawrence Wenner, Loyola Marymount U, USA

Participants

Framing the Globalization of Research on MediaSport

Andrew Billings, U of Alabama, USA
Lawrence Wenner, Loyola Marymount U, USA

MediaSport in France

Roxane Coche, U of Florida, USA

MediaSport in Germany

Christiana Schallhorn, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

MediaSport in Israel

Alina Bernstein, Tel Aviv U, ISRAEL

MediaSport in Indonesia

Meistra Budiasa, U 17 August 1945, Jakarta, INDONESIA

MediaSport in Nigeria

Chuka Onwumechili, Howard U, USA

MediaSport in South Africa

Tendai Chari, U of Venda, SOUTH AFRICA

MediaSport in Australia

David Rowe, U of Western Sydney, AUSTRALIA
MediaSport in the United States
Michael Butterworth, U of Texas at Austin, USA

This panel focuses on the globalization of research on media and sport. The panel opens with a paper framing the globalization of research on MediaSport. This is followed by eight papers from scholars focusing on the growth of media and sport in diverse national contexts: France, Nigeria, Australia, Germany, United States, Israel, South Africa, and Indonesia. Discussion by the panel focuses on the local, global, and global impacts of mediated sport in national and regional contexts.

4204

Casting Protection: Managing Social Interaction and Risk in Games and Virtual Reality

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

Game Studies

Chair

Vasil Arangelov, U of Oregon, USA

Participants

Making Friends or Money, or Both: New Media and Economic Literacy for Succeeding in the Fortnite Metaverse

Max de Baey-Ernsten, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

Sven Joeckel, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

Protecting Gamers in Social Virtual Reality: An Interactive Intervention to Combat Manipulation and Deception in Immersive Environments

Kelly Leahy, Syracuse U, USA

Tiara Johnson, Syracuse U, USA

David Peters, Syracuse U, USA

Ash Cavalcanti, Syracuse U, USA

Kexin Li, Syracuse U, USA

Shengjie Yao, Sam Houston State U, USA

Kandice Green, Fairfield U, USA

Jack Spies, Syracuse U, USA

T. Makana Chock, Syracuse U, USA

Talking Play or Politics? How German Twitch Users Navigate Political Content and Disinformation on the Platform

Antonia Wurm, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Maria Grub, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Jeffrey Wimmer, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

4205

Election Coverage in Uncertain Times: Evidence from Belgium, Israel, the Philippines, and the United States

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

Journalism Studies

Chair

Meagan Doll, U of Minnesota, USA

Participants

Live-Blogging Elections: The Use of Social Media in Framing Presidential Candidates

Mirjana Pantic, Pace U, USA

Ivana Cvetkovic, California Polytechnic State U, Pomona, USA

Governing the Narrative: Algorithmic Power, Propaganda, and the Ethical Resistance of Filipino Journalists in the 2022 Philippine National Elections

Kim Bernard Fajardo, U of the Philippines, PHILIPPINES

The Use and Effectiveness of Fact-Checking in Election Times: A MESM Study

Babette Hermans, U of Leuven, BELGIUM

Cato Waeterloos, Hasselt U, BELGIUM

Michael Opgenhaffen, U of Leuven, BELGIUM

Peter Van Aelst, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
Perceptions of and Attitudes towards Election Polls: Do Journalists and the Public Think Alike?

Sandrine Boudana, Tel Aviv U, ISRAEL

Akiba Cohen, Tel Aviv U, ISRAEL

Algorithmic News Curation Amid Political Polarization: Effects of Curator Type, Editorial Standards, and Sensationalism on News Processing

Xinzhi Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Sunny Liu, Stanford U, USA

Jeff Hancock, Stanford U, USA

WeiMing Ye, Peking U, CHINA

4206

TikTok and RedNote

Saturday

10:30–11:45

1.44

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Visual Communication Studies

Chair

Yi Xu, Lancaster U Leipzig, GERMANY

Participants

The Primacy of Form: A Computational Analysis of How Multimodal Cues Outweigh Content in City Brand Engagement on TikTok

Linyu Huang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Te Hu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Jiamin Lin, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Jialing (Catherine) Lin, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Wensen Huang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

From News to Exclusionary Memes: How Far-right TikTok Discourse Recontextualises Mainstream Media

Hugo Ekström, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Algorithm as Montage: Ideological Nature in TikTok Short Video Distribution

Zikai Pang, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

“Safari but Make It Aesthetic”: Visual Representations of Luxury Safari Travel in Tanzania on Xiaohongshu (RedNote)

Guan Wang, U of Alabama, USA

4207

Nation Branding, Pan-Africanism, and Global Image

Saturday

10:30–11:45

1.61

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Chair

Reed Van Schenck, IE U, SPAIN

Participants

The Struggles That Persist: An Exploration of the Harsh Living Conditions of Venezuelan Migrants in Trinidad and Tobago

Sharifa Simon-Roberts, Emerson College, USA

Timothy Affonso, U of the West Indies - St. Augustine, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

From Representation to Transformation: Latinx Communication Professors Navigating Inequalities in Higher Education

Miriam Hernández, California State U, Dominguez Hills, USA

Fernando Severino, Illinois State U, USA

News Media Use and Attitude towards Immigration: Evidence from the Transitional Society of Hong Kong

Yuexin Lyu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Misinformation in the Context of African Diaspora in the United States

Eric Agyekum, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Ivy Fofie, Loyola Marymount U, USA

A Giant on Shaky Legs: Nigeria's Role-Playing and Image-Building in Pan-Africanism

Fan Huang, Beijing Foreign Studies U, CHINA

4208

Developing Novel Methods and Approaches for Organizational Communication Scholarship

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

Organizational Communication

Chair

Ellen Nathues, U of Twente, NETHERLANDS

Discussant

Keri Stephens, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

The Communicative Constitution of Social Entrepreneurship: The Case of Sole Mission

Robert Beaty, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Ryan Bisel, U of Oklahoma, USA

Authoring Worker Voice in the Digital: The Case of the YouTubers Union

Leonie Sauer, U of Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Milena Leybold, Johannes Kepler U Linz, AUSTRIA

Laura Thäter, Johannes Kepler U Linz, AUSTRIA

Mapping Lines and Unfolding Figures: A Methodological Framework for Multimodal Ventriloquial Analyses

Isabelle Neufang, Johannes Kepler U Linz, AUSTRIA

Organizational Listening on and beyond Social Media: How Social Enterprises Navigate Institutional Isomorphism

Chih-Hui Lai, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung U, TAIWAN

Sophia Fu, Rutgers U, USA

4209

Global Streaming, Transnational Tensions: Netflix, and the Negotiation of the Global South

Saturday
10:30–11:45
1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Sisanda Nkoala, U of the Western Cape, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Cultural Citizenship Opportunities for Transnational Streaming Platforms: The Case of Netflix in Africa

Lefa Afrika, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Netflix's (Re)presentation of the Global North versus the Global South

Carin Hector, U of the Western Cape, SOUTH AFRICA

From "Yizo Yizo" to "Blood and Water": Changing Representations of Youth, Identity, and Everyday Life on South African Screens

Aphiwe Mame, Independent Scholar, SOUTH AFRICA

Netflix and the Transnationalisation of Teen Television

Axelle Asmar, Vrije U Brussel, BELGIUM

Streaming Platforms: Rethinking Digital Communication Regulation in South Africa

Collen Chambwera, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

This panel critically examines the decade-long influence of Netflix in South Africa (2016–2026) as a key case study for understanding transnational inequalities in the Global South. We analyse the tensions between global content models and the imperatives of local cultural citizenship, representation, and confronting stereotypes, tracing shifts from localised narratives to global market adaptations and comparing representation across the North-South divide.

4210

Transparency and Trust Regarding AI-Generated Journalism

Saturday

Journalism Studies

10:30–11:45

1.64
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Chair

Lynge Asbjørn Møller, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Participants

Expecting Humans, Encountering Machines: An Expectancy Violations Theory Approach to Generative AI in Journalism

Ryan Thomas, Washington State U, USA

T.J. Thomson, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Hannes Cools, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Rebecca Venema, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Oscar Toohey, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Caroline Gardam, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Dina Strikovic, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Michelle Riedlinger, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Jean Burgess, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Who Do You Trust More in Using AI: Journalists or News Organizations?

Linda White, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

Saleem Alhabash, Michigan State U, USA

Linking Artificial Intelligence Literacy and Trust in AI-Generated News: The Mediating Role of AI Attitudes in a Cross-National Longitudinal Study

Manuel Goyanes, U Carlos III de Madrid, SPAIN

Sonja Utz, Leibniz Institut fuer Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

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

Demystifying the Double Black Box: Theorizing and Testing the Effects of Transparency Messages Around AI Journalism

Rui Wang, Loyola U, USA

Yotam Ophir, U at Buffalo, USA

Yanmengqian Zhou, U at Buffalo, USA

Writing the Rules, Not the Code: Journalistic Values and AI Governance in Swiss Newsrooms, 2022–2024


Laura Pranteddu, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Colin Porlezza, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

4211

Saturday

10:30–11:45

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

MEOW-tivating Interactions: Public AI Partners and Being Seen Online

Communication and Technology

Chair

Mia Leppälä, U of Tampere, FINLAND

Participants

AI Companionship in Public Space: How Weibo Users Understand Their Relationship with CommentRobot

Chang Wan, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Zhijing Wu, Zhejiang U, CHINA

The AI-RP: Toward a Novel Framework for Studying Human–Chatbot Communication and Companionship

Nadja Rupprechter, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Tobias Dienlin, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Tilo Hartmann, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Seeing and Being Seen: A Latent Class Analysis of Social Media Use among Young Individuals with Visible Differences and Its Links to Sociodemographic Characteristics, Social Norms, Body Characteristics, and Body Image

Laure Dedecker, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Laura Vandebosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Chelly Maes, U Libre de Bruxelles, BELGIUM

Jill Meirte, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Lara Schreurs, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

News Finds Me through Online Vigilance: Indirect Effects of Habitual Social Media Use on Incidental News Reliance

Yuxin Li, The Ohio State U, USA

Scott Campbell, The Ohio State U, USA
Ian Hawkins, U of Alabama, USA
From Content to Strategy: Understanding the Motivations, Processes, and Impacts of AI-Guided Communication
Chang Wan, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Angel Hsing-Chi Hwang, U of Southern California, USA

4220

Crisis, Conflict, and War

Saturday

10:30–11:45

🌐 2.41-2.43

(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Yuzhou Tao, Xi'an International Studies U, CHINA

Participants

Evolution of Wartime Discourse on Telegram: A Comparative Study of Ukrainian and Russian Policymakers' Communication before and after Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine

Aytalina Kulichkina, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Mykola Makhortykh, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Kateryna Maikovska, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

To Fight for My Country: How Commemorative Practices on the National Days Shape Chinese People's War Attitude?

Xinyu Zhang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Wenjie Yan, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

War, Feelings of Belonging, and News Diets: How Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine Did (Not) Change the News Repertoires of Russian Speakers in Germany

Anna Ryzhova, U of Passau, GERMANY

Eunike Piwoni, U of Passau, GERMANY

Florian Toepfl, U of Passau, GERMANY

The Moral Battleground: Israel's Use of Atrocity Tweets to Legitimize the War on Gaza

Moran Yarchi, Reichman U, ISRAEL

Ilan Manor, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Bar Fishman, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Time for Civil War? Facebook Comments on Breaking News of Charlie Kirk's Assassination

Andrea Carson, La Trobe U, AUSTRALIA

Justin Phillips, U of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND

Kristy Campion, Charles Sturt U, AUSTRALIA

4221

Beyond the Uncanny Valley: Epistemic and Affective Boundaries in HMC

Saturday

10:30–11:45

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Margot van der Goot, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Consciousness, Mind Perceptions, and Emotional Reactions to AI: A Mixed-Methods Study across Five Countries

Bianca Nowak, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Nicole Kärmer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Nils Köbis, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

How Emotions Influence the Ontological Classification of Machine Agents

Sven Engesser, TU Dresden, GERMANY

Katrin Etzrodt, TU Dresden, GERMANY

The Epistemic Uncanny Valley: Cognitive Dissonance in Algorithmic Fact-Checking Systems

Don Shin, Texas Tech U, USA

Emily Shin, Washington U in St. Louis, USA

Ali Ahsan, Texas Tech U, USA
Affective Spillover: How AI Chatbots' Socio-Emotional Warmth Extends beyond the Screen to Foster Reciprocal Behaviors
Chuanqin Wen, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Bolin Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA


This session examines how perceptions of AI as minded entities emerge, how emotions shape these perceptions, and when they become destabilizing. Across cross-national surveys, experiments, and qualitative studies, the papers show how affect influences ontological classification, produces epistemic and ethical unease, and can be strategically shaped through design cues such as explainability and emotional expression. Together, the contributions highlight how mind perception and affect not only structure trust and categorization but also generate broader social consequences that extend beyond human-AI interaction itself.

4222

HIGH-DENSITY: Hype, Misinformation, Incivility, and Populism in Science Communication

Saturday

10:30–11:45

 2.61-2.63




(CTICCI,
Lev 2)

Science Communication

Chair

Justin Schröder, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants



   Hate Speech Can Backfire: But So Can Counterspeech: Experimental Evidence on the Effects of Attacks against Scientists in Four Countries

Niels Mede, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Lena Frischlich, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

A “Pro-Science” Science Populist: Science Media Use and Trust in Sources of Information About Antibiotic Resistance

April Eichmeier, U of St. Thomas, USA

  Practical Barriers to Using Psychological Inoculation against Misinformation: The Perspectives of Australian Professional Biosecurity Communicators

Matthew Nurse, Australian National U, AUSTRALIA

Will Grant, Australian National U, AUSTRALIA

Mapping Incivility toward Public Actors in Science-Related Debates: A Large-Scale Analysis of YouTube Comments

Denise Roth, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Svenja Schäfer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Rens Vliegthart, Wageningen U, NETHERLANDS

Erik de Vries, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Understanding Social Resilience in Socio-scientific Crises: The Role of Science Perceptions and Media Use

Anja Kalch, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Markus Schug, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Helena Bilandzic, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Susanne Kinnebrock, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Michael Paul, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Promotional Language in COVID-19 Preprints: Hying Does Not Translate Into Public and Media Attention

Yu Ohki, Rishso U, JAPAN

Dongwoo Lim, Kansai U, JAPAN

Mikihito Tanaka, Waseda U, JAPAN

Hying Novel Food: Comparing Public Expectations on Facebook and Weibo

Yongxu Lu, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

Zhicong Chen, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Yanshan Chen, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

Jiaojiao Ji, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA
Weiyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

4223

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

PARTNER PANEL: SEP - Journalism in Times of Inequality and Global Challenges: Social Transformations and Technological Opportunities

Partner Panel

Journalism Studies

Organizer

Ainara Larrondo, U of the Basque Country, SPAIN

Participants

The Artificial Information Ecosystem: A Functional–Structural Analysis of Generative AI’s Transformative Vectors in Journalism

Pedro Luis Pérez Díaz, U de Murcia, SPAIN

Juan Miguel Aguado Terron, U de Murcia, SPAIN

Rocio Zamora, U de Murcia, SPAIN

María del Mar Grandío Pérez, U de Murcia, SPAIN

The Impact of AI Authorship on Media Audiences

Simón Peña Fernández, U of the Basque Country, SPAIN

Ainara Larrondo, U of the Basque Country, SPAIN

Koldobika Meso Ayerdi, U of the Basque Country, SPAIN

How AI Is Reshaping European and South American Television: Governance, Current Uses, Professional Routines, Business Models and Forecasts

César Fieiras Ceide, U of Santiago de Compostela, SPAIN

Martín Vaz Álvarez, U of Santiago de Compostela, SPAIN

Miguel Tüñez López, U of Santiago de Compostela, SPAIN

Examining the Role of Journalism in the Absence of Media: News Circulation and Public Perception in News Deserts

María-Cruz Negreira-Rey, U de Santiago de Compostela, SPAIN

Jorge Vázquez-Herrero, U de Santiago de Compostela, SPAIN

This panel organized by the Spanish Society of Journalism (SEP) aims to host papers that address journalism from multiple perspectives, in a context in which this profession and discipline are experiencing times of inequality and global challenges linked to new technological and algorithmic opportunities.

Within this framework, the panel welcomes contributions that examine the social changes and challenges connected to professional routines and cultures; business models and sustainability; formats and consumption patterns; content and narratives, among others.

Specifically, following the general CFP of the ICA 2026 Conference, the panel is particularly interested in studies that explore how journalism and media systems reproduce or mitigate social inequalities in today’s disruptive communication ecosystem.

Possible topics include information disorders; AI and newsroom automation (algorithmic bias, transparency, accountability, and labor impacts); data journalism; access and consumption gaps (news deserts, media literacy, accessibility, etc.); governance and regulatory capacity; audience segmentation and polarization; and the values/epistemologies of journalism in dialogue with other disciplines.

In this regard, special consideration will be given to contributions that help to explain how journalism can either reinforce stereotypes and exclusions or, conversely, help to reduce divides through solutions journalism and community partnerships.

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Saturday
10:30–11:45

Message Design: Identity, Affirmation, and Health Disparities

Health Communication

Moderator

Hye Kyung Kim, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

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(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Participants

Defensive Responses and Self-Affirmation Effects in Health Messaging on Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Consumption

Hye Kyung Kim, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Rui Gu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Catalyst for Change or Barrier to Health? A Meta-Analysis Synthesizing the Impact of Social Identity Threat in Health Messages

Chongming Qiao, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Meng Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Anger for Mental Health Equity: Racial Identity-Contingent Effects of Anger Appeal and Efficacy Cue

Yin Yang, Florida State U, USA

Yujie Dong, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Sazzad Shuvo, Florida State U, USA

Testing the Effects of Communicating Structural Racism as an Explanation for Health Disparities between Black and White Americans

Emma Cox, Cornell U, USA

Norman Porticella, Cornell U, USA

Kristina Medero, Creighton U, USA

Sarah Gollust, U of Minnesota, USA

Jeff Niederdeppe, Cornell U, USA

Do All Roads Lead to Vicarious Affirmation? A Comparative Look at Cognitive, Emotional, and Values-Based Domains

Callie Kalny, Northwestern U, USA

Nathan Walter, Northwestern U, USA

Sijia Liu, Northwestern U, USA

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Data, AI, and the Infrastructures of Global Inequality

Saturday

10:30–11:45

Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Wenhong Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

When Data Speaks for the North: Generative AI, Corpus Inequality, and the Reinforcement of Symbolic Power

Guoying Lu, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

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

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

The Technopolitics of AI Surveillance in Urban Kenya

Iginio Gagliardone, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Stephanie Diepeveen, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Job Mwaura, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

The Empowerment Trap: How AI-Generated Content Deepens Digital Dependency Inequality in Brazil's Platform Economy

Anqi Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Evidence and Remedies for Inequality in Communication Research (1858–2024)

Nada Alzara, U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Muhammad Awais, U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Colonial Logic in AI: Visualizing Global Power Structures in Text-to-Image Models and Cognitive Consequences

Yijia Zeng, Communication U of China, CHINA

Sihan Chen, Communication U of China, CHINA

Stong Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Yunfang Cui, Communication U of China, CHINA

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

Computational Methods**Chair**

Kokil Jaidka, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Algorithmic News Agenda Building: An ABT Computational Experiment on Intelligent Recommendation Platforms

Yichen Liu, Jinan U, CHINA

Wen Shi, Jinan U, CHINA

Experimental Social Media Platforms: A New Methodology to Study the Implications of Algorithmic News Curation

Rasmus Schmøkel, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Narongrit Unwerawattana, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Morten Skovsgaard, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Kim Andersen, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Claes Vreese, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

YouTube Recommendation Algorithms Have Systematic Right-Leaning Bias: A Longitudinal Audit

Miner Ye, U of California, Davis, USA

Muhammad Haroon, U of California, Davis, USA

Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA

YouTube Algorithm Amplifies Hostility toward Political Parties and Out-Party Hostility: Especially to Conservative Users

Wonjeong Jo, U of California, Davis, USA

Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA

The Elite Effect: Elite Visibility on Social Media Drives Misinformation and Distorts Political Learning

Kokil Jaidka, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Yphtach Lelkes, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Subhayan Mukerjee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Harshit Aneja, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Saturday
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Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Media Industry Studies**Chair**

Marina Prentouli, American College of Greece, GREECE

Participants

Negotiating Visibility: Collective Meaning-Making and Platform Labor in Online Creator Communities

Jing Di, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Generating AI Imaginaries: The SAG-AFTRA Game Strike and the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Game Performance

Amanda Cote, Michigan State U, USA

Daniel Nielsen, Charles U, CZECHIA

Brandon Harris, U of Alabama, USA

Content Creation as Resignation: Post-Aspirational Labour in Korea's Influencer Economy

Faye Mercier, Curtin U, AUSTRALIA

Labours of Layered Care Work in the Remote Platform Economy

Cheryll Ruth Soriano, De La Salle U, PHILIPPINES

Redistributing Precarity: Multichannel Networks as Obligatory Passage Points

Ruiwen Zhou, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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

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Logics and Tactics in Digital Activism

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

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Nicole Bush, Independent Scholar, USA

Participants

Multimodal Rhetoric and Assemblage: The #Stopfastfashion Activism on Instagram

Yipu Zeng, Fudan U, CHINA

Zehao Liu, Tianjin Normal U, CHINA

Zhanghao Lei, Tianjin U, CHINA

Shaojing Sun, Fudan U, CHINA

Digital Affective Rituals: Black Femme Activists' Affective Tactics on Instagram in June 2020


Nicole Bush, Independent Scholar, USA

The Social Obligation Paradox: #BlockOut and Celebrity Silence in the Context of the Israel-Hamas War

Hannah Blundon, Mount Saint Vincent U, USA

Digital Activism and the Multiple Logics of Action in the Meme Stock Movement

Devon Probol, U of Pennsylvania, USA

 From Luxury Flexing to Public Shaming: Digital Vigilantism and the Conspicuous Consumption of “Neпо Babies” in the Philippines

Christine Anne Cox, Ateneo de Manila U, PHILIPPINES

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HIGH-DENSITY: Doing Intercultural Research: Positionality, Method, and Meaning-Making

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

Intercultural Communication

Chair

Comfort Tosin Adebayo, Towson U, USA

Participants

Conversations over Food: Advancing a Decolonial Methodological Approach to Research with Indigenous Communities

Abhilash Bapanasha, Tezpur U, INDIA

Joya Chakraborty, Tezpur U, INDIA

Qualitative Interviews as a Valuable Self-Reflection Tool for Sojourners: “A Reminder of an Extraordinary Life Lived”

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

Syboney Biwa, U of Oklahoma, USA

“Unable to Stay in Africa, Unable to Return to China”: The Acculturation and Triple Marginality of Chinese Project-based Migrant Workers in Algeria

Chunyu Zhang, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA

Miaoran Li, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA

Queer Nightlife and the Translocal Possibilities of the Endotic


Paul Mart Jeyand Matangcas, Northwestern U, USA

Articulating Critical Waiting and Its Political Aesthetics in Rajie Cook’s Art About the Palestinian Struggle for Self-Determination

George Villanueva, Texas A&M U, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: State of the Art in HMC: What We Know and How We Measure

Saturday
10:30–11:45
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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair



Marco Dehnert, U of Arkansas, USA

Participants

How We Use Generative AI: A Scoping Review of Research on Purposes, Prompts and Interaction Patterns

Victoria Vziatysheva, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND
An Explication of Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI): From Explainable to Understandable AI

Shreya Gopi, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
On the Operationalization of Anthropomorphism: Challenges and Recommendations
Yanfei Wu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Yifan Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Ruilin Zheng, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Ye Sun, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Yue (Nancy) Dai, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Li Crystal Jiang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

  Measuring Machine Companionship Experiences: Scale Development and Validation for AI Companions


Jaime Banks, Syracuse U, USA
Social Robots' Behavioural Styles and Individual Differences in Primary School Education: A Systematic Literature Review

Veerle Hobbelink, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Elly Konijn, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Matthijs Smakman, U of Applied Sciences Utrecht, NETHERLANDS
Marieke van Otterdijk, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Tessa Beinema, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Roma de la Torre y Rivas, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

The Value of Generative Artificial Intelligence Lies in Augmenting Human Creativity Rather Than Replacing It
Jinhui Li, Jinan U, CHINA

This session examines the conceptual and methodological foundations of human-machine communication research. Across scoping reviews, theoretical reframing, systematic evaluations of measurement practices, scale development, and quantitative syntheses, the papers reveal how current research on AI and social machines is shaped—and limited—by its conceptual and methodological choices. Together, the contributions advance more cumulative, rigorous, and user-centered approaches to studying human-machine communication.

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Saturday
10:30–11:45
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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

HIGH-DENSITY: Misinformation, Disinformation, and Politics 2

Political Communication

Chair

Hedvig Tønnesen, NTNU, NORWAY

Participants

Prior Beliefs and Source Credibility in News Evaluation: A Drift Diffusion Modeling Approach to Understanding Misinformation Susceptibility

Hugo Snijders, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Anita Eerland, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Gabi Schaap, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Mike Rinck, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Hanneke Hendriks, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Does Misinformation Correction Spark Affective Polarization? An Experiment Along Partisan Lines

Rebecca Scheffauer, DIW Berlin, GERMANY

Zicheng Cheng, U of Arizona, USA


Emily Vraga, U of Minnesota, USA

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

Ideological Alignment and Citizen Responses to Disinformation Accusations: Evidence from Fifteen European Countries

Alice Hamilton, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sophie Boerman, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Annelien Van Remoortere, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Rens Vliegthart, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Beyond Left and Right? Investigating Asymmetries in (Mis)information Processing with
 Regard to Social and Economic Conservatism
 Lena Iwertowski, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY
 Stephan Winter, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY
 From “Just Jokes” to “Biased Truth”: How Politician-featured Memes Shape Perceptions of
 Political (Mis)information
 Jiyoung Yeon, U of Georgia, USA
 Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA
 Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA
 Salman Khawar, U of California, Davis, USA
 Cuihua Shen, U of California, Davis, USA
 ICA Political Communication Division Who Speaks Up? Mapping Accuracy and
 Directional Motivations behind Citizen Corrections of Online Misinformation: A
 Comparative Survey Analysis
 Ambika Ahuja, ASCoR, NETHERLANDS
 Marina Tulin, ASCoR, NETHERLANDS
 Michael Hamelers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Guda van Noort, ASCoR, NETHERLANDS
 Do You Read Your Messages? Political Misinformation on WhatsApp in Chile
 Marcelo Santos, Diego Portales U, CHILE
 Sebastián Rivera, U Mayor, CHILE
 Stephan Winter, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY
 Sebastian Valenzuela, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE
 Competence and Reliability in Generative AI: Understanding Trust in ChatGPT’s Role in
 Combating Misinformation
 Shudipta Sharma, Texas A&M International U, USA
 HPV Vaccine Politics and Challenges for Misinformation Correction: How Politicized
 Comments Can Impact Misperceptions and Negative Attitudes in Parents
 Porismita Borah, Washington State U, USA
 Fahima Khanam, Washington State U, USA
 Kyle Lorenzano, Washington State U, USA
 Yan Su, Washington State U, USA
 Anastasia Vishnevskaya, Texas Tech U, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Tobacco and Vaping: Message Design and Effects

Saturday

Health Communication

10:30–11:45

Moderator



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Jingwen Zhang, U of California, Davis, USA

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Participants

Lev 2)

“It Shouldn’t Be About Race”: A Co-Creation Approach to Understanding Socioeconomic
 and Age Disparities in Anti-Flavored Combusted Tobacco Messaging

Yidi Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Nurul Kodriati, Georgia State U, USA

Vanessa Mallory, Georgia State U, USA

Aarya Gupta, Georgia State U, USA

Di Pei, Georgia State U, USA

Folashayo Adeniji, Georgia State U, USA

Claire Spears, Georgia State U, USA

David Ashley, TRSConsulting56 LLC, USA

Jiaying Liu, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Lucy Popova, Georgia State U, USA

Beyond Self-Reports of Social Media Exposure and Engagement: The Feasibility of
 Integrating Social Media Profiles Into a Longitudinal Vaping-Related Study

Dhiraj Murthy, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Caroline North, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Srishty Arora, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Jackson Sorenson, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Qinghua Yang, Texas Christian U, USA
 Bara Bataineh, U of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, USA
 Seth Schwartz, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Alexandra Loukas, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Anna Wilkinson, U of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, USA
 Bias in Multimodal Generative AI Evaluations of Vaping Risk Perceptions and Willingness: Comparison with Human Reference Data from a Vaping Warning Message Effect Experiment
 Kwanho Kim, Kyung Hee U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Soojong Kim, U of California, Davis, USA
 Jeff Niederdeppe, Cornell U, USA
 Sahara Byrne, U of Denver, USA
 Dongdong Zhu, U of California, Davis, USA
 Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Investigating the Effectiveness of a Media Literacy Intervention on Adolescents' Media Literacy and Smoking and Vaping Behaviors
 Sofie Apers, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 Kathleen Beullens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 Kathryn Greene, Rutgers U, USA
 Sofie Vranken, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Femke Geusens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 More Authentic or More Resistant? Examining the Effects of Message Creators, Humor Types, and AI Anthropomorphism Tendencies in Anti-Smoking Campaign
 Jiaxin Zuo, Wuhan U, CHINA
 Vapor Tales: The Effects of Narrative Fear Appeal on Vaping Cessation among American Young Adults
 Jun Pei, U of Kansas, USA
 Judy Watts, U of Kansas, USA
 Mugur Geana, U of Kansas, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Gender, Media, and Youth Development

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

Children, Adolescents and Media

Chair

Jannah Sheffield, Brigham Young U, USA

Participants

How Gender Role Beliefs and Social Media Exposure Shape (A)Typical Career Aspirations among Adolescent Boys and Girls in the Netherlands

Yiran Zi, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Irene van Driel, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Following Manosphere Influencers and Endorsement of Traditional Masculinity Ideology among Adolescent Boys

Erica Scharrer, U Massachusetts, Amherst, USA


L. Monique Ward, U of Michigan, USA

Brenda Volling, U of Michigan, USA

Boys Just Wanna Have Fun: An Experiment Investigating Gender Performative Media Selections Along Two Affective Dimensions

Matthew Meier, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

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



 Inspirational Female-atypical Career Role Models in Fiction TV Series and Female-Atypical Career Cognitions? A Longitudinal Study among Late Adolescent Girls

Ilse Vranken, PXL U of Applied Sciences and Arts, BELGIUM

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

Gaelle Ouvrein, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

  Exploring Longitudinal Links between Exposure to Gendered Self-Presentations of Famous Role Models on Instagram and Late Adolescents' Gender Identity

Ilse Vranken, PXL U of Applied Sciences and Arts, BELGIUM

Helene Laporte, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Steven Eggermont, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Peripartum Depression and Caregivers' Practices of Digital Media Exposure in Infants and Young Children: A Systemic Review and Meta-analysis Study

Femke Geusens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Po-Ching Huang, Hong Kong Metropolitan U, HONG KONG

Jonatan Finell, Umeå U, SWEDEN

Hsing-Fen Tu, Umeå U, SWEDEN

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InfoSys: Narrative, Emotion, and Audience Engagement

Saturday

10:30–11:45

Bluebell

(CTICC2,

Lev 3)

Information Systems

Chair

Olivia Bullock, U of Florida, USA

Participants

How Narrative and Non-Narrative Relate to User Engagement and Discourse Persistence in Social Media Activism

Byeong-Hyeon Lee, U at Buffalo, USA

Yini Zhang, U at Buffalo, USA

Melanie Green, U at Buffalo, USA

Narrative Access without Sight: Toward Emotionally and Semantically Rich Advertising for Blind/Low Vision Audiences

Zihang E, Northwestern U, USA

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

Donggyu Kim, U of Southern California, USA

Complex Stories, Flexible Minds: Narrational Complexity in Film and Its Effects on Cognitive Flexibility, Tolerance for Ambiguity, and Political Polarization

Cynthia Cabanas, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Gaia Yonah, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Mariken van der Velden, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Katalin Balint, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Elly Konijn, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Engaging but Not Educational: Science Narratives Containing Jargon Reduce Knowledge Gain

Elizabeth Riggs, College of Charleston, USA

Olivia Bullock, U of Florida, USA

Relationship between Emotional Reactions and Information Sharing: A Meta-Analysis

Hongyu Fu, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Yunze Zhao, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

The Dark Side of Narratives: A Systematic Review of the Unintended Effects of Narrative-based Communication in Health Contexts

Shuo Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Mingxi Sun, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

She Lyu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Making Sense of Complex Cinema: Introducing the TENCo Model of Triadic Engagement with Narrational Complexity

Cynthia Cabanas, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Gaia Yonah, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Mariken van der Velden, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Miklós Kiss, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Elly Konijn, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS


Katalin Balint, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Collective Disseminative Behavior: A Meta-Analysis of the Nexus between Emotion Arousal and Rumor Spreading

Tiantian Xiang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Hongyu Fu, Renmin U of China, CHINA
Yunze Zhao, Renmin U of China, CHINA
Digital Moral Echoes: Liking as a Lightweight Moral Response to Online Outrage and Its
Offline Consequences
Jiayi Luo, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Pianpian Wang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

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

HIGH-DENSITY: How Environmental Messages Persuade: Processing Routes and Effects

Environmental Communication

Chair

Jagadish Thaker, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Waste Communication in Urban Indonesia: A Practice-Based Exploration of Message
Exposure and Reception

Snezana Brodjonegoro, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Jagadish Thaker, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Elske van de Fliert, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Zombies against Climate Change? How Fictional and Documentary Films on Resource
Scarcity Persuade Audiences Depending on Environmental Attitudes

Monti Pflug, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Helena Bilandzic, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Pro-Environmental Behaviors across Different Socioeconomic Status Groups in China:
How Environmental Risk Cues Shape Persuasion

Zepeng Tong, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Wenzhu Li, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Shitemi Khamadi, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Yangzheng Wu, Yale U, USA

James Shanahan, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Strategic CSR Communication on Social Media: How Interactivity and Multimodality
Shape Trust, Identification, and Offline Behavioral Intentions

He Dong, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

Cindy Ngai, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

Jihye Park, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

Rui Jiang, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

Zeping Feng, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

Wenting Yu, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

When Deep Thinking Backfires: The Complex Dynamics of Climate Change Persuasion
Shuo Shan, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

At the Intersection of Artistic Expression and Strategic Environmental Communication:
Investigating Contextual Cues for Ambiguous Artworks About Plastic Pollution

Berend Barkela, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY


Exploring the Antecedents of Perceived Message Effectiveness in a Flood Risk Context:
The Role of Exposure, Efficacy, and Knowledge

Mir Rabby, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Ruoxiao Su, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Keri Stephens, U of Texas at Austin, USA

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Saturday
10:30–11:45
 Westin
Ballroom
East (Westin,

HIGH-DENSITY: Advances in Journalism and Political Communication

Mass Communication

Journalism Studies Political Communication

Chair

Christina Seeger, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA

**Old Harbour
Level)**

Participants

Audience Out of Order? Journalists' Evaluations and Expectations of Citizens' Democratic Behavior

Juliane Keilmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Nayla Fawzi, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Alina Jakob, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Mimicking the Star: How Celebrity Activism Reverberates to Fans through Parasocial and Affective Political Discourse Dynamics

Joel Sandoval Valdez, U of California, Davis, USA

Jeanette Ruiz, U of California, Davis, USA

Investigating the Antecedents of Discursive Citizenship Norms

Pablo Porten-Chee, Heidelberg U, GERMANY

Alcides Velasquez, U of Kansas, USA

Martin Emmer, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

The Communication Mediation Model and Ghana's 2024 Presidential Election

Eric Agyekum, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Leonor Hidalgo, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Caroline Anipah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Hernando Rojas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Audience Alienation from Mainstream Media and Politics: How Citizens and Elites Perceive Their Mutual (Detached) Relationships

Nayla Fawzi, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Juliane Keilmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Alina Jakob, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Perceiving Platform Harms: How Negative Affordances Shape Democratic Skepticism and Societal Concerns through an O-S-O-R Framework

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

How Media Diets Fueled COVID-19 Vaccine Ignorance and Skepticism across Political Identity Lines

Minchul Kim, Chung-ang U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Maria Grabe, Boston U, USA

Cameroon Journalists' Perceptions of Mainstream News Media Attention to Online Misinformation

Dominic Forcha Elempia, U of Buea, CAMEROON

Christian Nounkeu Tatchou, Mid Sweden U, SWEDEN

Brian Binebunwi, U of Buea, CAMEROON

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Crisis Communication in Contemporary Media Systems

Saturday

10:30–11:45

Diaz (Westin,

Old Harbour

Level)

Public Relations

Chair

James Ndone, Coastal Carolina U, USA

Participants

Communicating Risk in the Age of Misinformation: Empirical Frameworks for Understanding Stakeholder Trust

Matthew Weber, Rutgers U, USA

Chaeyeong Lee, Rutgers U, USA

Cumulative Crisis of a Brand: Dynamics, User Roles, the Nature of Consensus, and Social Media Management Efficiency Metrics in Explosive Online Discussions Around Brands

Alena Rodicheva, St. Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Svetlana Bodrunova, St. Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Ivan Blekanov, St. Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Framing Crises, Shaping Nations: How Crisis Communication Shapes Multi-Level Attributions, Spillover Reputation, and Country Image

Xing Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yinglan Hai, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Hoist with His Own Petard: Meta's Scansis and Backfire During the 2025 TikTok Ban

Xi Liu, Syracuse U, USA

Bixuan Ren, Syracuse U, USA
Investigating Crisis Response Strategies of Chinese Charitable Organizations: A Study on the Impact of Chatbots in Crisis Management and Public Reactions
Xiubin Duan, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO
Yu Guo, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO
Yujie Kong, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO
Yijing Li, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO

4263

Mobile Media in Everyday Contexts

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

Mobile Communication

Chair

Ragan Glover, U of Michigan, USA

Participants

Mobile Phone Empowerment in Everyday Life: Differential Susceptibility of Positive Phone Use Effects

Xinyu Tan, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Lara Wolfers, U of Basel, SWITZERLAND

Anisha Arenz, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Brandon McDaniel, Parkview Mirro Center for Research and Innovation, USA

Three Dimensions of Screen Activity Fragmentation: Within-Person Change over Time and in Relation to Perceived Motivational States

Rinseo Park, Stanford U, USA

Yung-Ju Chang, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung U, TAIWAN

Byron Reeves, Stanford U, USA

Nilam Ram, Stanford U, USA

Texting for Connection: Examining the Role of Texting Content, Availability Pressure, and Emotional Fatigue through the Lens of Communicate Bond Belong Theory

David de Segovia Vicente, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Mariek Vanden Abeele, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Kyle Van Gaeveren, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Stephen Murphy, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Jeffrey Hall, U of Kansas, USA

Media Use at Red Lights: A Driver-Centered Investigation

Chai Zifan, Sichuan U, CHINA

Diabetes, Devices, and Daily Life: Understanding Situations of Mobile Media Use in Chronic Disease Self-Management

Janine Brill, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Veronika Karnowski, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Annemarie Wiedicke, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

The Use of Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA) in Communication: A Methodological Review

Minghui Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Jiaqi Liu, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

4270

Feminism, Leadership, and Institutional Power

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

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Robi Ochieng, US International U–Africa, KENYA

Participants

Where Are the Women? Unpacking the Gender-Leadership Paradox in a Female-Dominated Field

Medha Bakhshi, Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, INDIA

Papiya De, NMIMS, INDIA

From “Nurturers” to Decision-Makers: Deconstructing Gendered Leadership Stereotypes

Ziwei Xu, Temple U, USA
Through the Feminist Lens: A Media Framing Analysis of Women Candidates in Bangladesh's 2018 and 2024 Elections
Koherin Farhanaz, Texas Tech U, USA
Miglena Sternadori, Texas Tech U, USA
Digital Inequalities and Women's Techno-Agency: Ghanaian Online Spaces and the Assertion of Agency in Digital Media Spaces
Felicity Dogbatse, U of Maryland, College Park, USA
Lyzbeth King, Ohio U, USA
Irene Lutterodt, Southern Illinois U, USA
From "Happy Feminism" Rooted in the Politics of Ressentiment to the Disguised Forms of Patriarchy: An Empirical Study on Unequal Feminist Practices in the Context of Chinese Social Media
Jiayi Li, Nanjing U, CHINA
Peng Liu, Renmin U of China, CHINA

This panel addresses women's agency within state, nonstate, and corporate structures.

4271

Imagine (Unequal) Futures: AI Strategies and Governance in Global Perspectives

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

Communication Law and Policy

Chair

Min Jiang, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

Participants

Competition and Benefits: How Domestic Governance Logics Shape U.S.-China AI Policies

Yan Xu, Fudan U, CHINA

Peng Hwa Ang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Analysing AI Strategies in Africa: Governance, Ethics, Approaches

Vincent Obia, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Imagining (Unequal) Futures with AI: A Comparative Study of National AI Strategies in the Global South

Fan Liang, Duke Kunshan U, CHINA

Hannah McGee, Dartmouth College, USA

Yihan Chen, Duke Kunshan U, CHINA

Alistair Simmons, Duke U, USA

From Collaboration to Containment: The Techno-Nationalist Ascendancy in U.S. AI Governance (2016–2025)

Yike Wang, East China Normal U, CHINA

4294

BLUE SKY: Addressing Geographic Knowledge Production Disparities in the Field: Promises, Pitfalls, and Pathways Forward

Saturday
10:30–11:45
1.52
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Maha Bashri, Africa Institute, Global Studies U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Gawie Botma, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Lindita Camaj, U of Florida, USA

Daniela Dimitrova, Iowa State U, USA

Brian Ekdale, U of Iowa, USA

Kecheng Fang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Paula Gardner, McMaster U, CANADA

Summer Harlow, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Ruth Moon, Louisiana State U, USA

Musawenkosi Ndlovu, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Celeste Wagner, Rutgers U, USA

James Wahutu, Yale U, USA
Wendy Weile Zhou, U of Virginia, USA

This session features a forward-looking discussion among a geographically diverse group of scholars who have participated in various initiatives designed to address knowledge production disparities in the field. Recognizing that these programs have the potential to both produce lasting change and reproduce the very inequities they seek to address, the goal of this session is to share best (and worst) practices as well as discuss opportunities to revise existing programs and pursue future initiatives.

4295

Saturday
10:30–11:30
Duncan Dock
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)

Editorial Board Meeting: Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication (JCMC)

Satellite Events

Chair

Mike Yao, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Invitation only.

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Saturday
12:00–13:15
 **CTICC**
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

(HYBRID) Gendered Labour in Platformised Communication

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Tanja Bosch, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Digital Gendered Labor in Attention Economy: A Case Study on Iconic Female Influencers in China

Songyueqi Li, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Fen Lin, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Gender Integration for Land Governance in Post-Ebola Development in Liberia: A False Promise of Participation?

Elinam Amevor, U of Pittsburgh at Bradford, USA

Oscar Boakye, U of Oregon, USA

Indonesian Domestic Workers' Precarity, Resilience, and Resistance in Hong Kong during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Gaia Guatri, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Nothing About Us without Us: An Exploratory Study of Inclusion in Strategic Communication Campaigns with Digital Influencers with Disabilities

Andreia Amaro, U NOVA de Lisboa, PORTUGAL

Dora Santos-Silva, U NOVA de Lisboa, PORTUGAL

“Technology for Good (Social Impact)” as a Moral Economy: Transnational Discourses, Corporate Legitimacy, and the Politics of Responsible Innovation

Zhan Zhang, U of Nottingham Ningbo China, CHINA

4302

Saturday
12:00–13:15
 **CTICC**
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

(HYBRID) Addressing Global Inequalities: Shifting the Communication Landscapes of Migration

Theme

Chair

Sandra Ponzanesi, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Virtual Reality for Humanitarian Communication: Empathy or Equality?

Sandra Ponzanesi, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

Digital Streets for and against Inequalities

Myria Georgiou, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED

KINGDOM

Digital Dashboards: Racialized Narratives of Expendability

Radha Hegde, New York U, USA

Data as Archives of Political Constructs of “Citizen” vs. “Migrant” in Postcoloniality:

Afterlives of Pandemic/Post-Pandemic Twitter Data

Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State U, USA

Maitrayee Basu, Leeds U, UNITED KINGDOM

Synthetic Migration

Saskia Witteborn, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Digital (Dis)empowerment: Analyzing the Role of Digital Asylum Platforms and

Infrastructures on Migrant Vulnerability in the Global South

Michele Ferris Dobles, U of Costa Rica, COSTA RICA

Advancing Migration Governance with Digital Technologies and Regional Mobility in

West Africa

Ngozi Louis Uzomah, U of Nigeria, NIGERIA

Facts vs. Fiction: Discursive and Material Inequality in Global Migration Trends

Faisal Garba, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Migration, a deeply contested topic, is also a story of human inequality, vulnerability, and precarity. The conditions under which people move are determined by transnational actors, institutions, communication ecologies, and digital infrastructures. This roundtable discusses the shifting landscape of migration studies amidst tightening national policies, surveillance regimes, and anti-immigration discourses. How can we engage with the intersection of migration and communication to reimagine and address migration from the standpoint of community, communication, and transnational solidarity.

4303

Beyond the Scoreboard: Community, Equity, and Diplomacy

Saturday

Sport Communication

12:00–13:15

Chair

1.41

Maria Cerga, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

(CTICC1,

Participants

Lev 1)

Balancing Performance and Inclusion: A Multi-Sport Study of European Champion Teams’

Community Engagement Initiatives across Social Groups

Maria Cerga, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Veronica Campian, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Football Tourism and the Gender Narrative: Exploring Communication Pathways for

Women’s Economic Empowerment in Africa

Nnenna Otakagu, U of Calabar, NIGERIA

Emmanuel Otakagu, U of Calabar, NIGERIA

Nweke Joan, U of Calabar, NIGERIA

National Image and Sports Aid: An Empirical Study of the Uruguayan National Volleyball

Team and Cultural Exchange Pathways

Qian Huang, Yunnan U, CHINA

Ye Zhang, Yunnan Normal U, CHINA

Co-Creating Cybernetic Borders: Mapping Immigrant Acculturation and Public

(Conditioned) Gatekeeping through Elite Transnational Olympians’ Social Media

Wenwen Guo, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Liangwang Ruan, Peking U, CHINA

4304

All Work and Some Play: Understanding Labor in Games, Platforms, and Communities

Saturday

Game Studies

12:00–13:15

Chair

Rabindra (Robby) Ratan, Michigan State U, USA

- 1.42**
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)
- Participants**
“We’re Not Doing Fan Journalism, We’re Doing Journalism About Games”: The Communicative Ecology of Game Journalism in a Platformized Media Environment
Benjamin Bigl, TU Dortmund, GERMANY
Any % Queer: Toward a Critical Queer Video Game Studies of Labor and Community
Walker Brewer, Northwestern U, USA
Will Bixby, Northwestern U, USA
Play to Earn? A Thematic Analysis to Understand Playbour on Blockchain Game
Minxing Wang, Peking U, CHINA
Female Perspectives and Game Authorship: Pink Realism, Semi-Cyborg, and Queering History in Chinese Mobile Otome Games
Wanyue Zhang, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

4305

Digital Science Communication

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

Science Communication

Chair

Daniela Mahl, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Participants

The Effects of Online Harassment of Scientists on Observing Scientists and Citizens

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

Christina Seeger, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA

Alice Binder, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Public Backlash against Science Communicators: Conceptualization and Qualitative Analysis of Perceptions, Effects, and Responses

Niels Mede, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sophia Volk, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Funny, Felt, Familiar: Memetic Communication, Trust in Scientists, and Risk Perception on TikTok

Jon Benedik Bunquin, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

Alex Cohen, U of Oregon, USA

The Price of Monetization: Exploring Audience Engagement with Commercialized Science Influencers

Anfan Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Luye Bao, Peking U, CHINA

Shupei Yuan, Northern Illinois U, USA

Wenhao Yang, Northern Illinois U, USA

Role and Audience Perceptions of Health Influencers on Social Media

Annemarie Wiedicke, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Constanze Rossmann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

4306

Governing Communication: Surveillance, Censorship, and Counterpower

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

Communication History

Chair

Nelson Ribeiro, U Católica Portuguesa, PORTUGAL

Participants

Technologies of the Self under State Surveillance: A Thematic Analysis of the Life Writings of East German Author Brigitte Reimann

Sheila Lalwani, U of Texas at Austin, USA

The “Hugenberg-Konzern” as Approach towards Media Counterhegemony in the Weimar Republic

Martin Rutsch, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Telegraphic News: Common Carriage and Liability in U.S. Distribution Networks

Kathryn Montalbano, U of Kentucky, USA

Prison Media Histories in the Arab World: Illicit Communication Practices as Counter-Infrastructures

Chafic Najem, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

A Conceptual History of Dis-/misinformation: Implications for Communication Research and Policy

Jayson Harsin, American U of Paris, FRANCE

4307

Intersections among the Student Experience, Student Learning and Affective Outcomes, and Student Behaviors

Saturday

12:00–13:15

1.61

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Instructional and Developmental Communication

Chair

Michelle Violanti, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Participants

Enhancing South Asian Language Enrollment at Syracuse U: A Public Relations Approach to Motivating Students and Overcoming Barriers

Ziying Chen, Boston U, USA

The Double-Edged Role of AI Usage in Academic Workload, Burnout, and Dropout: Evidence from Korea

Jueming Li, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Boyoung Kang, Dong-Ah Institute of Media and Arts, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Sanghee Kweon, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

When Does Generative AI Help or Hinder? A PLS-SEM Multigroup Analysis of Dual Pathways to Academic Performance through Creativity and Laziness

Siyu Xu, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO

Yu Guo, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO

Yijing Li, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO

Yiwei Li, Beijing Normal U–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Yang Hu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Students' Sensemaking of Instructional Design in a Business Communication Course

Anusree K P, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, INDIA

Anupam Das, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, INDIA

We Attend, We Respond, We Are Changed: The Case for Attentional Validation

Svetlana Grushina, Dartmouth College, USA

Bridging Inequality through Peer Mentoring: Communication and Belonging in Community College Transfer Pathways

Brian Heisterkamp, California State U, San Bernardino, USA

Alexis Felix, California State U, San Bernardino, USA

Brystal Nevins, California State U, San Bernardino, USA

4308

Emerging Technologies and Artificial Intelligence in Organizational Communication

Saturday

12:00–13:15

1.62

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Organizational Communication

Chair

Eric Fassbender, Northwestern U, USA

Participants

AI Controversies: Discursive Battles for Legitimacy over AI in the Creative Industries

Kai Xin Soh, Northwestern U, USA

Ignacio Cruz, Northwestern U, USA

Making It CreAltive: How Advertising Practitioners Normalize AI in Workflows

Xiaoda Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Too Much or Too Fragmented: Communication Overload, Technology Switching and Attention Allocation

Rasa Jämsen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Ward Van Zoonen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Stochastic Parrots and Human Projection: Fabrication and Mistrust in the Age of

Generative AI

Ward Van Zoonen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Ronald Rice, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

A Dissonant AI Ethics: Creating the Boundaries of Social Responsibility in Interdisciplinary AI Development

Jared Jensen, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Dhiraj Murthy, U of Texas at Austin, USA

4309

(In)Equity in Healthcare, Academia, and Digital Spaces

Saturday

12:00–13:15

1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Language and Social Interaction

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Rahul Sambaraju, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Locating Interactional Health Equity in Community Taichi Practice and Performances in Multilingual Communities

Evelyn Ho, U of San Francisco, USA

Conversational Repair in End-of-Life Consultations with Black Cancer Patients

Darlene K Drummond, Dartmouth College, USA

Satveer Kaur-Gill, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

Amber Barnato, Dartmouth College, USA

Robert Gramling, U of Vermont, USA

Metaphorical Language in Black Academic Women’s Resistance to Racism in the Workplace

Naomi Alormele, U of Northampton, UNITED KINGDOM

Jessica Robles, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

Analyzing Responses to Racism and Evaluations of Responses on Digital Media Platforms

Natasha Shrikant, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Rahul Sambaraju, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

“Even Gay Men in Nigeria Will Be Against the Legalization of Gay Marriage in Nigeria...” On Discourse, Decriminalizing Homosexuality, Mixed-Orientation Marriages, and a Nigerian Digital Community

Dennis Okeke, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Anthony Okeke, Nnamdi Azikiwe U, NIGERIA

Emmanuel Gyasi, U of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, USA

Ousman Mbaye, U of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, USA

Christiana Ibiwoye, U of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, USA

4310

Social Identity, Prejudice, and Discrimination

Saturday

12:00–13:15

1.64
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Intergroup Communication

Chair

Mackensie Minniear, U of Georgia, USA

Participants

“Deconstruction Is Both Loss and Creation”: A Found Poetry Investigation of Identity Reconstruction After Religious Deconstruction

Mackensie Minniear, U of Georgia, USA


Toni Maisano, Oregon State U, USA

Amnee Elkhaid, U of Arkansas, USA

Cassidy Talady-Carter, Boise State U, USA

Morgan Harper Nichols, U of Georgia, USA

Malek Sebri, U of Georgia, USA

 When Fiction Confronts Prejudice: Designing Persuasive Dialogues to Counter Anti-Immigrant Rumors through Identification and Insight


Juan-Jose Igartua, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Hans Hoeken, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS
 Alejandro González-Vázquez, U of Burgos, SPAIN
 Isabel Rodríguez-de-Dios, U of Salamanca, SPAIN
 Valeriano Piñeiro-Naval, U of Salamanca, SPAIN
 Laura Rodríguez-Contreras, U of Salamanca, SPAIN
 Apis Mediavilla-Lomas, U of Salamanca, SPAIN
 Ideological and Psychological Dispositions, and Distrust Perception toward Pro-, Neutral-,
 and Anti-Immigration Messages
 Sachiyo Shearman, East Carolina U, USA
 Adrienne Muldrow, East Carolina U, USA
 Aysel Morin, East Carolina U, USA
 Invisibility and Hypervisibility: Comparing the Experiences of Local and International
 Teaching Assistants in the US
 Morgan Harper Nichols, U of Georgia, USA
 Doris Acheme, U of Georgia, USA
 The Effects of Anti-Discrimination Campaigns on Ageism and Ableism: A Multiple-
 Exposure Experiment
 Lise-Lore Steeman, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 David De Coninck, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 Hajo Boomgaarden, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Rozane De Cock, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
 Leen d'Haenens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

4311

Saturday

12:00–13:15

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

PURR-sistent Digital Divides: From Algorithmic Awareness to Kinship Networks

Communication and Technology

Chair

Lisi Mai, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Participants

From Digital Inequality to Digital Dis/enfranchisement: The Shanghai COVID Lockdown

Hao Cao, Wuhan U, CHINA

Yujie Zhong, Temple U, USA

The Other Divide: How Social Resources, Platform Practices, and Digital Skills Shape
Algorithmic Awareness

Catalina Farías, Northwestern U, USA

Teresa Correa, Diego Portales U, CHILE

Isabel Pavez, U de Los Andes, CHILE

Nicolás Tobar, Millennium Nucleus of Digital Inequalities and Opportunities, CHILE

Media Practices of Blind Vloggers and the Paradox of Visibility

Sijing Song, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Digital Kinship at Fingertips: Smartphone-Mediated Family Communication among
Visually Impaired People

Min Wang, Wuhan U, CHINA


Haomiao Xu, Wuhan U, CHINA

Tingting Wang, Wuhan U, CHINA

4320

Saturday

12:00–13:15

 **2.41-2.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)**

**Audiences' Practices, Repertoires and Effects: Evidence from Brazil, Britain, Finland,
Singapore, and the United States**

Journalism Studies

Chair

Timothy Koskie, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Traditional but Hard to Displace: A Longitudinal Study on Cross-Platform News

Audiences in Singapore's Media System

Zhang Hao Goh, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

- Yangkun Huang, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Edson Tandoc, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 The Chase after the Paying Subscriber: How Data Shapes Journalism's Institutional Logics
 Minna Koivula, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
 Pinja Päivänen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
 Mikko Villi, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
 Subtle, but Seismic: Change and Continuity in American News Consumption Repertoires, 2000–2020
 Stephanie Edgerly, Northwestern U, USA
 Sean Pauley, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Namjin Lee, College of Charleston, USA
 Michael Wagner, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Examining Media Repertoires of Underrepresented Groups: A Cross-Comparison of News, Entertainment, and Online Media Use in Brazil and the UK
 Courtney Tabor, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Antonis Kalogeropoulos, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Tom Nicholls, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM
 “What Makes a Piece Really Impactful”: Military Journalists and Veterans' Perceptions
 Military Mental Health Coverage
 Daniel Johnson, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

4321

Keyboard Cultures: Satire, Memes, and Negotiated Feelings

Saturday
 12:00–13:15
 **2.44-2.46**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Andreas Widholm, Stockholm U, SWEDEN

Participants

From Playful Irony to Cultural Discipline: The Meme “Cultural Workers Must Be Cultured” and the Politics of Digital Critique in China

Xiaorui Guo, Shanghai Jiaotong U, CHINA

Zhiwei Zhou, Shanghai Jiaotong U, CHINA

When Memes Encounter Nationalist Politics: Playful Meaning and Contestations in Chinese Popular Culture

Wenqing Cheng, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Kamala Is Brat: TikTok and the Affective Politics of Memes

Laura Cervi, U Autònoma de Barcelona, SPAIN

Sarah Jackson, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Entertaining the Electorate? The Use of Strategic Satire as Hybrid and Negative Political Communication Campaigns

Andreas Widholm, Stockholm U, SWEDEN

Mattias Ekman, Stockholm U, SWEDEN

Latin American Digital Satire as Subversive Cultural Glocalization

Paul Alonso, Georgia Tech, USA

4322

Legitimacy, Empowerment, and Contested Realities

Saturday
 12:00–13:15
 **2.61-2.63**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Sandra Ristovska, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Participants

From Softmaxxing to Skull Measuring: Biology, Optimization, and the “Science of Beauty” in Online Women's Spaces

Elizabeth Fetterolf, Stanford U, USA

Rachel Bergmann, Stanford U, USA

News Repertoires between Habitus and the Reflexive Project of the Self

Maria Bakardjieva, U of Calgary, CANADA

Epistemic Expectations and Contested Knowledge: Seeking or Managing Truth(s) in Alternative Media Repertoires

Jule Ubben, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

The Logic of Newsmaking and the Palestinian Exception

Isaac Blacksin, Texas A&M U, USA

Questions of legitimacy and empowerment increasingly unfold within fragmented media environments marked by competing epistemic claims and uneven visibility. The papers in this panel examine how public legitimacy is negotiated in everyday media practices, alternative news repertoires, and contested regimes of knowledge. The panel illuminates how mediated realities are produced, contested, and mobilized in struggles over authority, social identity, and power.

4323

Social Media: Influencers, Identity, and Information

Saturday

Mass Communication

12:00–13:15

Chair

2.64

Silvia Knobloch-Westerwick, The Ohio State U, USA

(CTICC1,

Participants

Level 2)

Can Professional or AI Fact-Checking Protect Trust in Journalism from Political Attacks?

The Complex Roles of Source, Transparency, Ideology, and the Machine Heuristic

Rui Wang, Loyola U, USA

Yotam Ophir, U at Buffalo, USA


Do Followers Learn from Social Media Influencers? Investigating the Links between

Parasocial Opinion Leadership, Subjective and Objective Political Knowledge

Pascal Merz, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Katarina Letulé, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Christian von Sikorski, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

 A Dangerous Bond? Identification with Social Media Influencers and the Effects of Mental Health Misinformation and Overgeneralized Messaging

Jaroslava Kankova, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Influencers and Platform Affordances: A Cross-Cultural Investigation in Parasocial Relationships on YouTube

Bradley Bond, U of San Diego, USA

Mu Hu, Texas A&M U–San Antonio, USA

Trevor Kartalija, Drexel U, USA

Brandon Miller, U of Massachusetts, Boston, USA

The Influence of Identifiability on Self-Effects: How Making Posts on Social Media Influences People's Cognitions

Zijian Lew, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

4324

Designing Persuasive Messages to Influence Health Outcomes

Saturday

Health Communication

12:00–13:15

Moderator

2.65-2.66

Yariv Tsfati, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

(CTICC1,

Participants

Lev 2)

Comparing Effects of Messages Calling for Avoidance vs. Harm Reduction on Intentions to Drive Under the Influence of Cannabis (DUIC) among Low and High-Risk Drivers

Ayelet Har-Even, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Nehama Lewis, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Sharon Sznitman, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Gut Check! How Trust in Doctors Affects Audience Response to Clinical Trial Recruitment Videos

Yoorim Hong, Eastern New Mexico U, USA

Namyeon Lee, U of North Carolina at Pembroke, USA
Ciera Kirkpatrick, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA
Sisi Hu, U of Arkansas, USA
Sungkyoung Lee, U of Missouri, USA
Amanda Hinnant, U of Missouri, USA

Increasing Help Seeking from Symptomatic Individuals and Support from Asymptomatic Individuals: Depression, Lenticular Messaging, and the Dual Dependent Variable Approach

Jason Siegel, Claremont Graduate U, USA
Alexander Marshburn, Claremont Graduate U, USA

The Effect of AI-Based Linguistically Tailored Health Messages on Plant-Based Lunch Choices of Adolescents: A Randomised Controlled Trial

Jonas Schlicht, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS
Thabo van Woudenberg, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS
David Blok, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS
Bojan Simoski, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS
Moniek Buijzen, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Humor as Emotional Reappraisal: Insights from Self-Generated Humorous Messages About Colorectal Cancer Screening

Aurora Occa, U of Kentucky, USA
Wei Peng, Washington State U, USA

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The Causal Turn in Digital Trace Data Research: Bridging Computational and Communication Science

Saturday

12:00–13:15

Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Computational Methods

Organizers

Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Jisu Huh, U of Minnesota, USA
Jakob Ohme, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Participants

The Challenge of Establishing Causality with Digital Trace Data

Isabelle Freiling, U of Utah, USA
Jakob Ohme, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
Isabel Villanueva, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
Dietram Scheufele, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

From Correlation to Causation: A Framework for Identification and Causal Inference with Naturally Occurring Digital Data

Je Hoon Chae, U of California, Los Angeles, USA
Hyunjin Song, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Random Fluctuation vs Meaningful Change: Understanding Media Effects by Leveraging Digital Trace Data

Ine Beyens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Susanne Baumgartner, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

The Power of Sequences: Thinking Causally with Digital Trace Data beyond Events

Yangliu Fan, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Beyond Search Result Personalisation: Exploring How Search Query Variation Affects Results

Daniel Angus, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
Axel Bruns, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

As digital trace data increasingly reshape how we study media and behavior, the next challenge is causal explanation. This international panel brings together leading scholars developing methods that bridge granular digital data with rigorous causal reasoning. This panel explores how tracking, data donation, and new DSA-enabled data access can move computational communication science beyond description—toward robust, theory-driven insights into how digital platforms shape political and social life.

4331

Community and Constructive Journalism as Ethical Endeavors

Saturday

12:00–13:15

**Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)**

Journalism Studies

Chair

Vasco Avides Moreira, U NOVA de Lisboa, PORTUGAL

Participants

Addressing Media Harm and Community Relationships through an Ethic of Love

Danielle Brown, Michigan State U, USA

Perry Parks, Michigan State U, USA

Jessica Pettengill, Michigan State U, USA

Jung-Hsiang Hsieh, Michigan State U, USA

Jasmine Snow, Michigan State U, USA

Jarrad Henderson, Michigan State U, USA

The Democratic Value of Local News: Impact of Local News Use on Community Attachment, Local Engagement and Democratic Attitudes

Leyla Dogruel, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

Jakob Henke, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

Wiebke Möhring, TU Dortmund, GERMANY

Reaching News Avoiders: Constructive Journalism About Antibiotic Resistance and Its Impacts on Emotions and Engagement

Elena Link, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Janine Blessing, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Constructive Journalism and Audiences' Ambivalent Attention to Negativity: Experiments on Whether Selection Actually Follows More Positive Affect

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

Robin Leuppert, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

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

Anja Dittrich, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Jakob Deckers, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Lisa Schumacher, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Constructive Journalism as a Remedy for News Fatigue? An Experimental Study on News Avoidance, Use Intention, and Paying Intention

Gianna Ehrlich, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Silas Thelen, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

4340

Media Workers: Agency, Adaptation, Inequalities, Dehumanisation

Saturday

12:00–13:15

**Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**

Media Industry Studies

Chair

Andreas Schellewald, Goldsmiths, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Addressing the Inequalities of TikTok's AI Slop Economy: A Mischievous Labubu Method

Jiaru Tang, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Billie Wilcox, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Jonathon Hutchinson, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Jean Burgess, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Patrik Wikstrom, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Joanne Gray, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Tian Wen, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Michelle Nidoy, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Ariadna Matamoros-Fernandez, U College Dublin, IRELAND

From Influencers to Market Accounts: Dehumanisation and Rehumanisation in Algorithmic Creativity

Meng Liang, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Playing the Guanxi Game: The Relational Politics of Labor in China's Internet Downturn

Yi Yang, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Strategically Manufacturing Consent: Professional Media Workers' Occupational Pivot to Group Livestreaming in China

Wenjing Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

The Shift toward a Value-Oriented Logic in the Multi-Platform Era: Creator Adaptation under Bilibili's Content Payment Model

Hanbo He, Peking U, CHINA

Chun Yang, Peking U, CHINA

Xinying Yao, Peking U, CHINA

4341

Digital Inequalities: Opportunities, Obstacles, and Ostracization for the Incarcerated

Saturday

12:00–13:15

Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Activism, Communication and Social Justice

Chair

Alexandra Hinck, U of Cincinnati, USA

Participants

Surveillance, Incarceration, and Deportation as Communication Issues

Jeffrey Lane, Rutgers U, USA

Salvador Guzmán-Villegas, Rutgers U, USA

Hashtag Wellbeing: Digital Care, Carceral Control, and the Politics of Connection

Ipek Rappas, Koc U, TÜRKIYE

Irem Sot, Koc U, TÜRKIYE

Learning on Licence: Information, Exclusion, and Adaptation in an “Open” Prison Context

Isabel Virgo, Robert Gordon U, UNITED KINGDOM

Detention as a Technological Waiting Institution

Miriana Cascone, Södertörn U, SWEDEN

As technology becomes more ubiquitous within societies, individuals who are detained and imprisoned often have limited access to and are surveilled through technology. In this panel, scholars across four countries call attention to who is left behind and targeted through their communication in this increasingly digital world and address implications for the transmission of social inequalities for the incarcerated. Their projects examine how technology perpetuates digital inequality and injustice within carceral systems across the globe.

4342

HIGH-DENSITY: Platformed Cultures: Intercultural Communication, Identity, and Power Online

Saturday

12:00–13:15

Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Intercultural Communication

Chair

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

Participants

How Native English Speakers Perceive Non-Native English Speakers' Writing with Generative AI Assistance

Ming Yang, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Christine Cook, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Cultural Identity Transformation through Social Media: South Korean Influence and Hybridization of Emirati Identity

Zaheer Alam, United Arab Emirates U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Shujun Jiang, United Arab Emirates U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Cultural Breakthrough or Algorithmic Compromise? The Transcultural Communication of Afrobeats on TikTok

Wanrui Mao, East China Normal U, CHINA

Narrating Identity and Resilience On- and Offline: Intersectionality of Self-Deservingness and Boundary-Making among Syrian Refugees in TÜRKIYE

Ozen Bas, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE

HIGH-DENSITY: Elections 2

Political Communication

Chair

Ma. Rosel San Pascual, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

Participants

Constructing Representation: Political Actors' Representative Style on Facebook during European and National Election Campaigns

Márton Bene, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, HUNGARY

Gábor Illés, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, HUNGARY

Uta Russmann, U of Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Pawel Baranowski, U of Wroclaw, POLAND

Joerg Hassler, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Linda Bos, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jakob Jensen, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Simon Kruschinski, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Anders Olof Larsson, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Alena Pospíšil Macková, Masaryk U, CZECHIA

Anamaria Dutceac Segesten, Lund U, SWEDEN

Election Campaigns on Social Media: Audiences, Genres, and Affordances

Sebastián Rivera, U Mayor, CHILE

Karen Gheza, U Diego Portales, CHILE

Digital Creators in the 2025 German Federal Election Campaign: A Conceptual Case Study on the Creator Strategies of the Political Parties Die Linke and AFD

Paula Nitschke, Augsburg U, GERMANY

Practice What You Preach? How Candidates' Moral Foundations Shape the Moralization of Campaign Rhetoric

Corinna Oschatz, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Frederic Hopp, Leibniz Institute for Psychology (ZPID), GERMANY

Do Actors and Platforms Matter? Professional and Private Personalization in the 2024 Austrian National Council Campaign

Franz Reiter, U of Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Uta Russmann, U of Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Social Media Savvy? The Use and Effectiveness of Political Parties' Issue Strategies across Platforms in the German Federal Election Campaign 2025

Christoph Ivanusch, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Simon Luebke, Leipzig U, GERMANY

Anna-Katharina Wurst, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Jörg Haßler, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Targeting in Election Campaigns: Analysing Longitudinal Relations of Political Preferences and Individual Perceptions with Political Targeting

Hannah Decker, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Yannic Meier, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Abdul Obeid, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Jennifer Bast, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Daniel Angus, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Algorithmic Deliberation and Digital Inequality: YouTube's Visibility Politics during India's 2024 General Election


Vani Jupudi, Christ (Deemed to be U), INDIA

Pragya Yadav, National Law School of India U, INDIA

The Personalization Strategy of German Politicians on Instagram and Its Effects on Online Engagement

Yuru Li, U of Bremen, GERMANY

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

HIGH-DENSITY: Disagreeing, Rude, and Judging Machines: Frictions in HMC
Human-Machine Communication
Chair

Desiree Schmuck, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Perceptions of AI Bad Behavior: Variations on Discordant Non-Performance

Jaime Banks, Syracuse U, USA

That's Not What I Wanted to Hear: How Viewpoint Disconfirmation Triggers Defensive Processing in Human-AI Interaction

Xinyu Zhang, Michigan State U, USA

Yoo Jung Oh, Michigan State U, USA

When Human-Like AI Speak Rudely: How Perceived Working Mechanism and Language Style Shape Users' Evaluation of General-Purpose AI Chatbots

Zhuoman Li, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Chen Lou, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

When Generative AI "Bullshits": The Roles of Perceived Profoundness and Uncanniness of AIGC in Shaping AI-Related Conspiratorial Beliefs

Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Wenbin Ma, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Jian Xu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Combating HPV Vaccine Misinformation on Social Media: The Interplay of Correction Source, Conversational Tone, and Vaccine Beliefs

Xiaohui Cao, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Porismita Borah, Washington State U, USA

Yibing Sun, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Michael Wagner, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin –Madison, USA

Sijia Yang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Would Chatbots' Stance Affect Users' Extreme Opinion? Exploring the Depolarization Effect of Opposing Chatbots

Yihe Huang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA


This session examines how people respond when machines challenge, contradict, or violate social and moral expectations. Across qualitative and experimental studies, the papers show that disconfirmation, offensive tone, and perceived "bad behavior" of machines trigger strong affective reactions that shape credibility, advice-taking, trust, and broader social outcomes, such as conspiracy beliefs and polarization. Together, the contributions highlight that the key obstacle to constructive HMC is not disagreement itself, but affective shutdown—posing critical challenges for the design of machines intended to correct, persuade, or foster user growth.

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

HIGH-DENSITY: Power, Precarity, and Platform Life
Global Communication and Social Change
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies
Chair

Rachel van der Merwe, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Participants
 "We Do Not Have the Privilege of Westerns to Search for New Platforms, We Need to Be Where the Action Is Right Now!" Proposing a Global Framework of Digital Gentrification

Craig Ryder, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

 "Involution," Burnout, and Digital Fatigue: A Cross-Cultural Digital Ethnography of Youth Pressure Narratives in China and the United States

- Ziwei Xu, Temple U, USA
 Visibility from the Margins: Identity Narratives and the Construction of Masculinity in the Short Video Practices of Male Construction Workers
 Mo Huang, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Ailang Li, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Ziyang Zhao, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Bohan Meng, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Transnational Dating Studies and Glocal Political Economy of Queer Dating in Poland
 Lukasz Szulc, U of Manchester, UNITED KINGDOM
 When a Platform Model Becomes Rural E-Commerce Policy: Institutionalizing the Suichang Model and Its Replication Dilemmas in Western China
 Yanhua Chen, Peking U, CHINA
 Xiufeng Zhai, Capital Normal U, CHINA
 Hanshu Zhang, Peking U, CHINA
 Whose Critique Is This? Cross-Cultural Convergence in Algorithmic Power Representation and AI's Performative Ethics
 Zhenkun Jia, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Polymarket and Web3 Networks: New Forms and Governance Pathways for Global Communication Inequality
 David Zou, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Clarence Chen, Communication U of China, CHINA
 The Always "Standby" High-Energy Teachers: The Structural Dilemma of Filipino Online English Teachers
 Fenglei Ding, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Yubing Chen, Peking U, CHINA

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Deception and Conspiracy

Saturday

12:00–13:15

Watsonia
 (CTICC2,
 Lev 3)

Political Communication

Chair

Diya Liu, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Participants

The Effects of (Un-)congenial Media Sources on Conspiracy Debunking: Pulling Conspiracy Believers Out and Pushing Conspiracy Non-Believers In?

Silke Adam, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Tobias Rohrbach, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Chiara Valli, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

How Lockdown Fueled Conspiracy Theory Dissemination: An Everyday Resistance Framework

Xueyan Cao, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Debunking Populists' False Claims: An Experiment on Correcting Political Misperceptions About Migration and the European Union

Robin Leuppert, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

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

Beyond Deception: A Functional Typology of Political Deepfakes

Christina Walker, Purdue U, USA

Alena Birrer, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Morgan Wack, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, Purdue U, USA

Daniel Schiff, Purdue U, USA

JP Messina, Purdue U, USA

Why Content Moderation Fuels Conspiracy Mentality in Some Contexts but Not Others: Theorizing Adaptive Resignation in Divergent Media Ecosystems

Yuner Zhu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Xiaoyu Xia, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

King-wa Fu, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Saturday
12:00–13:15
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

InfoSys: Research Escalator
Information Systems
Chair

Glenna Read, U of Georgia, USA

Discussants

Haley Hatfield, U of South Carolina, USA

Joomi Lee, U of Arkansas, USA

Moderator

Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

Participants

Shifting Minds, Moving Words: Applying the Goals-Plans-Action Model to AI-Mediated Interpersonal Risk Communication in Diverse Contexts

Tianlai Ye, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Xinmiao Lan, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

How Need for Cognitive Closure Subdimensions Shape Attitudes toward Counter-Attitudinal News Comments

Jihyun Kim, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Stereotype Threat and Lift on Career Perceptions: An ERP Investigation

Camren Allen, U of California, Davis, USA

Exploring Subliminal Persuasion in AI-Driven Health Product Advertising: The Impact of Belief and Health Goal Priming on Consumer Decision-Making

Qingqing Xie, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yijia Zheng, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yiling Liu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Rukun Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Which Comes First? Understanding the Role of Sequential Placement in Human vs. AI Supportive Interaction with Expectancy Violation Theory

Yuetong Du, Michigan State U, USA

Qianyi Jin, Michigan State U, USA


AI as God or Servant? An Empirical Examination of Technological Deification and Algorithmic Authoritarianism

Zheng Tu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Mengchen Zhou, U of Alberta, CANADA

Cancer Communication as an Information System: Framing, Interpretation, and Lived Experience

Samantha Lorenzo, U of Oregon, USA

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

HIGH-DENSITY: Psychological Pathways to Climate Engagement and Climate-Friendly Behavior
Environmental Communication
Chair

Lara Zwarun, U of Missouri St Louis, USA

Participants

From First Impression to Second Chances: How Climate Researchers' Everyday Choices Shape Public Climate Engagement

Yuyao Lu, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Marijn Meijers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Zeph van Berlo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS


Discussion, Benefit Beliefs, and Self-Efficacy Beliefs Are Associated with Environmental Scientists' Pursuit of Societally Useful Research

John Besley, Michigan State U, USA

Anne Toumey, Pace U, USA

Kari O'Connell, Oregon State U, USA


Martha Downs, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

 Perceived Behavioral Control Is a Correlational Mediator of Climate Change Frames, but Is Not Causal

Esther Thorson, Michigan State U, USA
 Renita Coleman, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 From Online to Offline: Exploring the Pathways from Incidental Exposure to Pro-Environmental Behavior and the Moderating Role of Mianzi among Chinese Youth
 Nan Zhang, Xiamen U, CHINA
 Hailong Peng, U of Kansas, USA
 Jiaqi Wang, Xiamen U, CHINA
 Narrative as a Time Machine: Cultivating Future Self-Continuity for Effective Climate Change Response
 Xinzhu Wu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Meng Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Jilong Wang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Ke Liu, U of California, Davis, USA
 Individual Drivers of Climate-Friendly Behavior: A Longitudinal Perspective
 Anne Reif, U of Hamburg, GERMANY
 Robin Tschötschel, U of Hamburg, GERMANY
 Michael Brüggemann, U of Hamburg, GERMANY
 Where Personal Talk Meets Public Concern: Mapping Multiplex Ties in Climate-Change Discussions
 Yiting Huang, U of Southern California, USA
 Shufan Mao, U of Southern California, USA
 Zituo Wang, U of Southern California, USA
 Lindsay Young, U of Southern California, USA

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ICA Fellows' Mentoring Session

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

Sponsored Sessions

Chair

Eszter Hargittai, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Participants

Andrew Billings, U of Alabama, USA
 Axel Bruns, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
 Wenhong Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Lynn Clark, U of Denver, USA
 Teresa Correa, Diego Portales U, CHILE
 Matthew McAllister, Pennsylvania State U, USA
 Sora Park, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA
 Sharon Stover, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Edson Tandoc, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Sebastian Valenzuela, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Open to all. ICA Fellows elected in 2025 will lead different tables in discussions about various professionalization topics from publishing to teaching, from mentoring to grant applications, from collaboration to service. The tables will be moderated by early career scholars.

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Emotions, Ethics, and Meaning-Making in Crisis Communication

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

Public Relations

Chair

Hao Xu, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Communicating under Moral Transgression: Extending SCCT with Ethical Emotions
 Lingyan Ma, Minzu U of China, CHINA
 Yuan Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
 Yijing Wang, Minzu U of China, CHINA
 Emotion over Alignment: How Empathy and Anger Drive Publics' Responses in

Organizational Crises

Victoria Kyriakopoulos, Syracuse U, USA
James Ndone, Coastal Carolina U, USA

Green Signals, Red Flags: The Impact of Greenwashing Allegations and Crisis Communication on Corporate Perceptions

Michael Johann, U of Augsburg, GERMANY
Vesile Cinceoglu, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
Nadine Strauss, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
Jesse Tuominen, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Country Image at Risk: Spillover Effects of Product-Harm Crises and the Roles of Crisis-Induced Negative Emotions

Xing Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Hualin Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Digital Transformation and Crisis Communication Readiness: A Qualitative Study of Communication Practitioners in Hong Kong

Zeping Feng, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG
Cindy Ngai, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG
Sihui Chen, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG
Yijing Wang, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS
Xianzhu Jin, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG
Wenting Yu, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

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

Resilience Enactment and Risk Management in Challenging Situations

Interpersonal Communication

Chair

Roselia Mendez Murillo, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

Bouncing Back in Unequal Systems: Communication, Resilience, and Maternity Leave Policy

Lyzbeth King, Ohio U, USA
China Billotte Verhoff, Ohio U, USA

“Just Stay Quiet and Ignore”: Gendered Communication and Women’s Risk-Management Strategies in India’s Digital Transport Platform Spaces

Abza Bharadwaj, U of Queensland & Indian Institute of Technology, INDIA
Vigneswara Ilavarasan, Indian Institute of Technology, INDIA
Aparna Hebbani, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Resilience as Question, Not Virtue: Rethinking Communication Theory of Resilience and Interpersonal Communication across WEIRD and Non-WEIRD Worlds

Patrice Buzzanell, U of South Florida, USA
Rana Elhendi, U of South Florida, USA
Evgeniya Pyatovskaya, Loyola Marymount U, USA
Steven Wilson, U of South Florida, USA

The (In)formality of Navigating Partner Abuse in Florida: A Qualitative Examination of Interpersonal Network Ties Surrounding Battered Women

Pooja Ichplani, Florida Institute for Child Welfare, USA

Chisme as an Interpersonal Cultural Storytelling Network among Detained Latinas in U.S. Immigration Centers

Roselia Mendez Murillo, U of Texas at Austin, USA
Monica Cornejo, Cornell U, USA

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Saturday
12:00–13:15

AI, Algorithmic Power, Bias, and Feminist Interventions

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Amanda Cote, Michigan State U, USA

**Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)**

Participants

Algorithmic Bias Meets Feminist Consciousness: The Three-Way Interaction of AI Disclosure, Feminist Identity, and Advertising Language on Female Consumers' Responses

SuBai Chen, Xiamen U, CHINA
Xinhe Qi, Xiamen U, CHINA
Xuerui Wang, Xiamen U, CHINA
Jiayi Sun, Xiamen U, CHINA

Proxy-Based Safety: Sociotechnical Imaginaries and Communicative Injustice in Platform Governance

Shi Qiu, Nanjing Normal U, CHINA

The Amplified "Coded Gaze": How Do Image Algorithms Reproduce Occupational Gender Bias?

Yupeng Zhu, Chongqing U, CHINA
Jue Lai, Chongqing U, CHINA
Xiaowei Gong, Chongqing U, CHINA

Algorithmic Crowding Out: The Reproduction of Gender Division in the Exposure of Algorithm-Driven Job Advertisements

Zhen-Zhen Wang, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Songyin Liu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

 What Is AI without the Mother? A Xenofeminist Framework for Understanding Artificial Intelligence as Truth

Shana Kleiner, U of Pennsylvania, USA

This panel explores AI, automation, and gendered inequality.

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

Algorithms, Cookies, and Synthetic Artists: New Regulatory Issues and Perspectives

Communication Law and Policy

Chair

Michael Park, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

Participants

Algorithmic Dark Patterns: Addressing Regulatory Gaps in a New Era of Adaptive Data-Driven Manipulation

Caitlin Burke, Stanford U, USA
Sacha Alanoca, Stanford U, USA
Victor Wu, Stanford U, USA

Whose Voice Is It Anyway? Algorithms, Amplification, and the First Amendment

Emma Bissell, Syracuse U, USA

Record Labels' Newest IP Asset: Trademark Rights in Synthetic Artists

Imraan Farukhi, Syracuse U, USA

The Rise and Fall of Third-party Cookies: The Evolving Technological, Regulatory and Economic Landscape of the Adtech Ecosystem

Jiahong Chen, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

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**Saturday
12:00–13:15
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

BLUE SKY: AI, HMC, and the Question of Sustainability: Generative, Degenerative, Regenerative?

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Autumn Edwards, Western Michigan U, USA
Klaus Jensen, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK
Sigrid Kannengiesser, U of Münster, GERMANY
Anne Mollen, U of Münster, GERMANY

This Blue Sky session asks whether AI-enhanced human machine communication (HMC) can become sustainable economically, socially, and ecologically. Participants will trace and reimagine the infrastructures that make AI and HMC possible, confronting how extraction, inequity, and environmental cost accompany their generative potential. Engaging generative, degenerative, and regenerative conceptions of communication, the session calls attention to the material and symbolic footprints of communicative systems and our shared responsibility to envision more just and accountable futures.

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Saturday
12:00–13:15
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Editorial Board Meeting: Communication, Culture, and Critique (CCC)**Satellite Events****Chair**

Paula Chakravartty, New York U, USA

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

(HYBRID) Contested Truths: Navigating Information in Changing Media Landscapes**Interdivisional****Chair**

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

Participants

Auditing the Digital Gatekeepers: How Google and Bing Curated Political Information Prior to the 2024 U.S. Elections

Mykola Makhortykh, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Tobias Rohrbach, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Maryna Sydorova, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Elizaveta Kuznetsova, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Computational Analysis of Toxicity, Hate Speech and Engagement in Spanish Parties' Gender/Sexuality Tweets (2015–2023)

Javier Amores, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Manuel Escudero-Garrido, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

William González-Baquero, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Do Uncertainty Expressions Make AI-based Rumor Refutation More Persuasive? Evidence from Two Experiments

Manli Wu, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Yichen Ma, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Yiming Pei, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Ran Wang, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Mediated Multipolarity: RT's Discursive Construction of India before and after the Russia-Ukraine Conflict

Anilesh Kumar, Beijing Normal–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Daya Kishan Thussu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

No Easy Answers: How LLM-powered Chatbots (Mis)represent the Contested History of the Holocaust in Ukraine

Mykola Makhortykh, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Victoria Vziatysheva, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Maryna Sydorova, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

4402

Saturday

(HYBRID) Health Communication and Disability Across Popular Media Culture (CART)**Health Communication**

13:30–14:45



CTICC

Ballroom

West

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Chair

Katie Ellis, Curtin U, AUSTRALIA

Organizers

Meryl Alper, Northeastern U, USA

Lorenzo Dalvit, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Elizabeth Ellcessor, U of Virginia, USA

Gerard Goggin, Western Sydney U, AUSTRALIA

Beth Haller, Towson U, USA

Deanna Holroyd, Akita International U, JAPAN

Chelsea Jones, Brock U, CANADA

Jenny Kennedy, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Amanda Lagerkvist, Uppsala U, SWEDEN

Jingyi Liao, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Dyah Pitaloka, Monash U, Indonesia, INDONESIA

Samira Rajabi, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Valquiria Ramos Obregón, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Abdul Rohman, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM

Filippo Trevisan, American U, USA

Zhuoxiao Xie, Nanjing U, CHINA

M. Remi Yergeau, Carleton U, CANADA

Kuansong Victor Zhuang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

“These Are Our Voices”: Disability Influencers and Health Communication during COVID-19

Divya Garg, Curtin U, AUSTRALIA

Health and Chronic Illness in Video Games: Disability as Ludonarrative in Citizen Sleeper

Wenqi Tan, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Putting Simulation to the Existential Test: Revealing “Truths” of Technology, Disability and Selfhood

Amanda Lagerkvist, Uppsala U, SWEDEN

Lost in Representation: Portrayal of Disabilities in Indonesian Films, a New Form of Oppression?

Dyah Pitaloka, Monash U, Indonesia, INDONESIA

Popular media packages, disseminates, and shapes values regarding disability and health. At the same time, a critical need exists for disabled people’s inclusion and equal treatment in health communication. Against this backdrop, this panel brings together critical disability perspectives with health communication to ask: How are disabled people intervening in health communication and narratives through popular media? How can health representations on popular media be informed by disability knowledge, experiences, and creativity?

4403

Saturday

13:30–14:45

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(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

The Moral Machine? Negotiating Ethics and Responsibility

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Katrin Etzrodt, TU Dresden, GERMANY

Participants

The Communicative Turn: An HMC Perspective on the AI Welfare Debate

David Gunkel, Northern Illinois U, USA

“I’ll Be a Professor with ChatGPT Homework”: Emotional and Moral Orientations of Young Adults toward AI: An Exploratory Qualitative Study

Natalie Berner, TU Chemnitz, GERMANY

Between Humans, Machines, and Morality: Public Negotiations of AI Ethics

Andrew Prah, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Wayne Tien Loong Lim, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Machine “People-Pleasing Personality”: The Intrinsic Logic and Ethical Reflection of AI

Sycophancy in the Era of Large Language Models

Shumin Cai, Chongqing U, CHINA

Who Takes the Blame? Actor Networks and Responsibility Attribution in AI Incident News Coverage

Xiaoqian Li, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Shuyuan Cao, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Jingjie Guo, Renmin U of China, CHINA

This session approaches AI ethics from a human-machine communication perspective, arguing that moral relevance emerges through communication and relational practice rather than machine sentience. Combining theoretical and empirical contributions, it examines how moral meaning, trust, and responsibility around AI are produced in everyday imaginaries, interaction, public discourse, and accountability practices. The panel positions AI ethics as a question of communicative order and responsibility in human-machine relations.

4404

PARTNER PANEL: KACA - ICA Research Session

Saturday

13:30–14:45

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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Partner Panel

Chair

Yujin Heo, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Participants

The Making of Public Relations in Korea: From Historical Foundations to Contemporary Global Reach

Jae-Hwa Shin, U of Southern Mississippi, USA

Wave to Wanderlust: The Impact of Hallyu on Indian Tourism to South Korea in the Post-COVID Period

Susmita Dash, Pondicherry U, INDIA

Who Distrusts Public Opinion Polls and Why? Insights from Closed- and Open- Ended Survey Data

YoungJin Lee, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Jaehyun Lee, Ewha Womans U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Sangwon Lee, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Jihyang Choi, Ewha Womans U, MOLDOVA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Psychosocial and Digital Pathways to Identity: Predictors of Identity Status Profiles among South Korean Adolescents (Top Paper)

Hyoungkoo Khang, U of Alabama, USA

Irkwon Jeong, Kwangwoon U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Miaohong Huang, U of Alabama, USA

Establishing Legitimacy from Within: The Role of Dialogic Competencies (Mutuality and Openness) in Employee Support for Corporate Social Advocacy

Yeonsoo Kim, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Shana Meganck, James Madison U, USA

Yilin Huang, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Jino Chung, U of Texas at Austin, USA

4405

Entertainment Media: Algorithmic Bias, Structural Power, and the Reproduction of Social Inequality

Saturday

13:30–14:45

1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Media Industry Studies

Chair

Paloma Otero, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Participants

Dramatic Narratives and the Shaping of Youth Opinion: Entertainment Media Consumption, Binge-Watching, and Political Perceptions among North African Youth

Mokhtar Elareshi, U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Abdulkrim Ziani, Al Ain U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Hatem Alsridi, U of Bahrain, BAHRAIN
Streaming Diversity, Platformizing Memory: Audience Reception of Netflix's Kulüp in Türkiye
Eylem Yanardagoglu, Macromedia U of Applied Sciences, GERMANY
“Now You Need to Have Your Feet in Two Boats”: Negotiating Creativity and Autonomy between Creators, Platforms, and GenAI Tools in AI Short-Drama Industry
Yiwen Wang, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Jiaru Tang, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA
Wenjia Tang, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Manufacturing “Regret”: The Production Logic, Algorithmic Bias, and Reproduction of Social Inequality in the “Rebirth” Narratives of Micro-Dramas
Qihua Xia, Communication U of China, CHINA
Intergenerational Divides and Class Inequality in UK Television Drama: Production Cultures, Commissioning, and Structural Power
Beth Johnson, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM
Laura Minor, U of Salford, UNITED KINGDOM

4406

HIGH-DENSITY: Between Love and Fear: Emotional Dynamics in Gameplay

Saturday

Game Studies

13:30–14:45

Chair

1.44

Nathaniel Poor, Underwood Institute, USA

(CTICC1,

Participants

Lev 1)

Virtual Immersion and Algorithmic Alienation: A Serial Mediation Analysis of Psychological Engagement, Affective Investment and Gender Expectation Shift in the Otome Game Love and Deepspace

Yitiantian Yin, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Lan Mu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Wei Huang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Cognitive and Physical Demands Differentially Impact Enjoyment of a “Flat” or VR Puzzle Game

Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

Jung-Hsiang Hsieh, Michigan State U, USA

Frank Yang, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Jih-Hsuan (Tammy) Lin, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Tuned in for Connection: Social Compensation and Parasocial Relationships in Livestreaming

Ryna Yeoh, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Catalina Toma, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Benjamin Detenber, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Sensory Presence and Meaning Generation: Death Narratives in Games from the Perspective of Human-Computer Interaction

Shiming Hu, Zhengzhou U, CHINA

Xianquan Zeng, Hunan Institute of Science and Technology, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Xinyu Guo, Zhengzhou U, CHINA

Rewinding Fear: The Horror of Hypermediacy and the Disruption of Immersion in the FMV Game Immortality

Chloe Zhao, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

4407

When News and Mental Health Collide: Bridging Diverse Perspectives in Journalism Studies

Saturday

Journalism Studies

13:30–14:45

Chair

Matt Carlson, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

1.61
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Participants

Taking Mental Health Seriously: Journalism as an Embodied Practice
Karin Wahl-Jorgensen, Cardiff U, UNITED KINGDOM

Journalists and Mental Health: From Disconnection to Communities of Care
Diana Bossio, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Gendering Trauma: Exploring Primary Trauma Experienced by Female Journalists in Sub-Saharan Africa

Chikezie Uzuegbunam, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

News Audiences and Mental Health: Lessons from News Avoiders
Ruth Palmer, IE U, SPAIN

Discourses About News and Mental Health: Preserving Wellbeing by Discouraging News Use

Matt Carlson, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Journalism studies scholars are increasingly concerned with the relationship between news and mental health/well-being, yet scholarship in this area has been scattered across contexts and conceptual approaches. This panel consolidates research by bringing together several topics—emotionality and news, challenges for journalists, news and trauma, audience experiences, and discourses about news and mental health—with the goal of establishing a coherent research program to identify what we know and to propel future research.

4408

Language, Culture, Authenticity, and Relationships

Saturday
13:30–14:45

Language and Social Interaction

Chair

Guangsheng Huang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Participants

Rejections and Rejection Responses in Chinese and Korean Hip-Hop Competitions: The Moderating Role of Cultural Tightness

Mengyuan Tang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Mian Jia, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

That Daughter of Yours, Does She Know It? Giving and Resisting Advice About Language Maintenance in a Focus Group Interaction among Recent Immigrants

Winifred Sekyibea Abakah, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Natasha Shrikant, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

“He 99% Has a Diet”: Negotiating the Authenticity of Mukbang Videos through a Diet Culture Discourse

Corinne Finetti, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

Rahul Sambaraju, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

Soul to Soul. Touch, Attachment, and a Cat

Jürgen Streeck, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Secret Languages: The Mobilization of Multilingual Resources in Cross-Cultural Romantic Relationships among Polish-Chinese Couples

Anna Wen, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

4409

#FilteredOut - Visibility, Power, and the Politics of Inequality in the Global Influencer Economy

Saturday
13:30–14:45

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Jed Senthil K Jivaraju, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Discussant

Gaëlle Ouvrein, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Moderator

Lisa Garwood-Cross, U of Salford, UNITED KINGDOM

Organizer

Shin Kim, Tsinghua U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Participants

#FilteredOut - Visibility, Power, and the Politics of Inequality in the Global Influencer Economy

Shin Kim, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Gaelle Ouvrein, Utrecht U, BELGIUM

Jed Senthil K Jivaraju, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Lisa Garwood-Cross, U of Salford, UNITED KINGDOM

Tom Divon, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

This panel interrogates how the global influencer economy—often idealized as accessible and empowering—reproduces new hierarchies of visibility and value. Addressing algorithmic discrimination, gendered and racial capitalism, and geopolitical precarity, contributors reveal how branding norms and aesthetic hierarchies unevenly distribute voice and legitimacy. Spanning six countries, the panel rethinks digital influence as a site of both aspiration and exclusion, illuminating the ideological and cultural politics of popular media economies.

4410

Political Perception and Attitudes

Saturday

Political Communication

13:30–14:45

Chair

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Maria Grub, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

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Participants

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Campaigning for Democracy: The Association between Electoral Communication and Political Attitudes

Pedro Fierro, U Adolfo Ibanez, CHILE

Claudia Ramirez, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Andrés Scherman, U Adolfo Ibanez, CHILE

Sebastián Rivera, U Mayor, CHILE

The Limits of Nuance: How Social Media Undermine Attitudes toward Moderate Political Views

Brahim Zarouali, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

How Does Media “Leverage” Sociopolitical Attitudes? Cognitive Mobility from the Perspective of Stratum Identity Deviation (Data Bases on CGSS2021)

Hongrui Xiong, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Angry, Afraid, or Moved? How Visual Social Media Frames Shape Negative Emotions and Migration Attitudes

Simone Moser, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Diana Kostikova, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Ruta Kaskelviute, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Andreas Nanz, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY

Relationship between Donald Trump and Elon Musk: The Perception of the U.S. Audience

Hafiz Zain Itrat, Ohio U, USA

4411


MIAO-ral Media: Language Engagement, Chatbot Influence, and AI Bias

Saturday

Communication and Technology

13:30–14:45

Chair

 Auditorium

Kiran Kappeler, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

2 (CTICCI1,

Participants

Lev 2)

Moral Language Shapes Engagement with Algorithmic Communicators

Zening Duan, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Xingyu Zhou, U of Iowa, USA

- Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Sijia Yang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Flatter Me, Fool Me? How Chatbots Shape Evaluations of Emerging Technologies through Emotion Spillover Effect
 Yihe Huang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Are News Feeds Like Traffic Lights? Surveying Folk Theories of Algorithmic Technologies Beyond Social Media
 Bhavana Bheem, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
 Sophia Yonus, Carnegie Mellon U, USA
 Vinay Koshy, U of Washington, USA
 Motahhare Eslami, Carnegie Mellon U, USA
 Kristen Vaccaro, U of California, San Diego, USA
 Karrie Karahalios, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
 Silas Hsu, California Polytechnic State U, San Luis Obispo, USA
 Christian Sandvig, U of Michigan, USA
 Curating Perfection: How Engagement with AI-Generated Influencers Impact FoMO and AI Addiction
 Biying Wu-Ouyang, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Michael Chan, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Aleksandra Lazić, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Sofie Vranken, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Does AI Amplify or Mitigate Bias? A Comparative Analysis of AI-Generated and Human News
 Chengxin Lyu, Zhejiang U, CHINA

4420

Platform Politics

Saturday

13:30–14:45

🌐 2.41-2.43

(CTICC1,
 Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Rico Neumann, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Participants

Down the Rabbit Hole? How Cross-Platform Linking Funnels Users Into the Telegramosphere

Jakob Kristensen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Eva Mayerhöffer, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Rethinking Media Ownership in the Platform Age: How Social Media Ownership Shapes Platform Use and News Ecosystem

Longhan Wei, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Who Divides Us? Citizens' Perceptions of Digital Platforms, Journalists, and Politicians Across Eight Democracies

Waqas Ejaz, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Richard Fletcher, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Old but Gold? Exploring the Interplay of Media and Political Models on Two Social Media Platforms

Jingyuan Yu, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY

Emese Domahidi, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY

Bengt Johansson, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Platforms, Politics, and Logics: An in-depth Qualitative Study of Political Parties' Social Media Strategies

Hedvig Tønnesen, NTNU, NORWAY

4421

Rebuilding Trust in News: Varying Approaches

Saturday

13:30-14:45

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Tim Groot Kormelink, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Constructive Journalists' Trust-Building Strategies across Topics and Countries

Diego Garusi, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Birte Leonhardt, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

External News Efficacy: Introducing an Understudied Mediator in News Media Trust Choices

Augusto Valeriani, U di Bologna, ITALY

Diego Garusi, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Gaetano Scaduto, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Sergio Splendore, U degli Studi di Milano, ITALY

Alternative News Use Beyond (dis)trust: Linking Alternative News Orientation to Citizens' Struggles for Recognition

Eva Mayerhöffer, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Leif Pedersen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Frederik Henriksen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

When Media Deliver News on Chat: Messaging App Channels as Catalysts for Media Trust in Fragile Democracies

Lindita Camaj, U of Florida, USA

Dren Gërguri, U of Prishtina, KOSOVO

Erlis Çela, Western Balkans U, ALBANIA

4422

MIAU-dest Effects: Visual Cues, Synthetic News, Reporting Barriers, and Digital Polarization

Saturday

13:30-14:45

🌐 2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Vilja Levonius, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, FINLAND

Participants

Faces in the Feed: The Modest Effects of Visual Cues on News Trust and Affective Polarization

Xuejiao Lin, Nankai U, CHINA

Subhayan Mukerjee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Realistic, yet Synthetic: Can AI Literacy and Bandwagon Cues Combat Photorealistic Misinformation?

Eunchae Jang, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Hui Min Lee, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Sangwook Lee, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Yongnam Jung, Pennsylvania State U, USA

S. Shyam Sundar, Pennsylvania State U & Sungkyunkwan U, USA

Too Difficult to Report? User Experiences with DSA and Community Guideline Reporting on Social Media

Ursula Schmid, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Does Negativity Pay Off? The Impact of Political Party Attributes on the Use and Performance of Negative Campaigning in Digital Political Advertising

Hanna Paulke, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Simon Kruschinski, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Márton Bene, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, HUNGARY

Joerg Hassler, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Darren Lilleker, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

Daniel Jackson, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

Melanie Magin, Norwegian U of Science and Technology, NORWAY

Uta Russmann, U of Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Americans' Exposure to Partisan Content Across Multiple Platforms and Its Relationship to Affective Polarization

Elliot Panek, U of Alabama, USA

Cynthia Peacock, U of Alabama, USA

Christian Stephens, Iowa State U, USA

Robert Gill, U of Alabama, USA

4423

PARTNER PANEL: SACOMM - Communication and Inequalities in Context: A Southern African Perspective

Saturday
13:30–14:45
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(CTICC1,
Level 2)

Partner Panel

Chair

Siyasanga Tyali, U of South Africa, SOUTH AFRICA

Organizers

Sisanda Nkoala, U of the Western Cape, SOUTH AFRICA

Rebecca Pointer, Independent Scholar, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Waste and Luxury as Lenses for Inequality in African Contexts

Mehita Iqani, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Communication as a Tool for Decolonisation and the Redress of Historical Inequality

Thandeka Bukula, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Mvuzo Ponono, Human Sciences Research Council, SOUTH AFRICA

Communication and Inequalities in Context

Cindy Preller, Nelson Mandela U, SOUTH AFRICA

The Political Communication Machine: An Assemblage for Understanding Organizational Communication in Social Justice Organizations

Rebecca Pointer, Independent Scholar, SOUTH AFRICA

4424

Short Form Videos: Designing and Analyzing Persuasive Content

Saturday
13:30–14:45
2.65-2.66
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Health Communication

Moderator

Amber van der Wal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Self-Administered Media Prescriptions: Training Algorithms to Deliver Inspirational Content to Reduce Stress and Increase Goal Motivation

Robin Nabi, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Amber van der Wal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

The Attentional Mechanism of Short Videos' Persuasive Effects

Haoning Xue, U of Utah, USA

Jingwen Zhang, U of California, Davis, USA

Berit Oxley, Emory U, USA

Between Laughter and Fear: How Vietnamese TikTokers Leverage Humor and Shock in Health Storytelling for Virality

Nguyen Lien Nga Hoang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Using the Theory of Communicative Disenfranchisement to Illuminate the Nature and Consequences of Women's Experiences with Medical Gaslighting as Told through TikTok Narratives

Jay Pickern, Auburn U, USA

Victoria Ledford, Auburn U, USA

4430

How Publics Judge Fairness, Bias, and Global Problems in a Digital Age

Saturday

Global Communication and Social Change

13:30–14:45

Nerina
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Lev 1)

Chair

Lea Hellmueller, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Exploring the Relationship between News Consumption Choices and Public Issue Salience in Times of Covid-19 Pandemic among Kenyans

Jimmy Ochieng, Indiana U, USA

David Lomoywara, U of Iowa, USA

Trizah Ombewa, Indiana U, USA

Kioko Ileri, U of Houston, USA

Deliberation and Distrust: Cross-National Evidence That Thinking Styles Predict Perceptions of Media Bias

Mengxuan Cai, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Kokil Jaidka, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Saifuddin Ahmed, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Different Sources, Different Perceptions? Examining Perceived Institutional and Non-Institutional Misinformation in 48 Countries and Regions

Yuteng Zheng, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Francis L. F. Lee, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Michael Chan, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Theorizing Global Issue Ownership: Evidence from a 22-Country Survey

Qin Li, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Yiyan Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Jian Shi, Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, CHINA

Yan Wang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

4431

Saturday

13:30–14:45

Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Navigating Influence: Media Framing and Its Impact on Modern Journalism

Journalism Studies

Chair

Mark Boukes, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

The Paradox of Positivity: The Effects of Positive News Headlines in an Increasingly Negative World

Stephanie Edgerly, Northwestern U, USA

Emily Vraga, U of Minnesota, USA

Ruth Palmer, IE U, SPAIN

The Matthew Effect of Social Media Algorithms: News Avoidance and Polarisation of News Consumption

Rasmus Schmøkel, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Morten Skovsgaard, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Kim Andersen, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Publishers' Power: The Influence of Ownership on the Framing of Dutch Media Concentration (2003–2022)

Doris Bukman, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Olga Eisele, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Kathleen Beckers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Mark Boukes, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Ulrike Klinger, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Dialogical Narrative News as Bakhtinian “Novel”: Measuring Diversity, Tension, and Unfinalizability toward Cultural Stereotype Reduction

Dongjing Kang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Xiaoyu Xu, State U of New York at Cortland, USA

Ran Ju, Mount Royal U, CANADA

4440

CAT-egorizing Governance: Loneliness Policies, Facial Recognition Legitimacy, and Climate Mobilization

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

Communication and Technology

Chair

Caleb Carr, USA

Participants

Governing Loneliness through Communication Technologies: Responsibility and EU Policy Discourse

Nisa Kirbac Savery, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Sander De Ridder, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Building Digital Authoritarianism 2.0: Social Construction of Bounded Legitimacy of Facial Recognition Technology in China and the UK

Fen Lin, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yulu Ouyang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Gotta Join the Rat Race: College Students' Use of LinkedIn and Its Psychosocial Effects

Chloe Wong, Stanford U, USA

Sunny Liu, Stanford U, USA

Beyond Nutrition Labels: How Analogical Reasoning Shapes Synthetic Media Disclosure Design

Claire Leibowicz, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

The Governance Coupling: How State and Platform Power Shape Digital Climate Mobilization in the United States and China

Ziwei Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

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

Nick Zhang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Liang Lan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

4441

Between Repression and Backlash

Saturday
13:30–14:45
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Jonathan Ong, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Participants

Situating Activists within the Field: Exploring the Palestine Movement in Germany

Alice Beazer, Technical U of Munich, GERMANY

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Collective Civic Voices as Digital Activism: Organised Counter-Speech for Communicative Justice Online

Ahrabhi Kathirgamalingam, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

Anna Planitzer, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Parasitic Post-truths, Resistant Discourses, and the Production of Commons in the Black Lives Memorial Garden

Julie Feng, U of Washington, USA

Necrocapital Legal Violence: Punishment of Labor Movements in the Neoliberal South Korea

Heewon Kim, Arizona State U, USA

Media Practices of Contradicting by Far-Right Actors

Hanna-Sophie Ruess, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Susanne Kinnebrock, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Michael Johann, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Annett Heft, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

4442

HIGH-DENSITY: Power, Inequality, and Resistance in Intercultural Communication

Saturday
13:30–14:45
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Intercultural Communication

Chair

Saira Ali, Adelaide U, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Decolonial Communication Mobilization: The Historical Practices of the Afro-Asian Journalists' Association (1963–1974)

Bolin Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Li Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Chang He, Communication U of China, CHINA

How Value Differences Affect Collaboration between Chinese and Local Employees in Ethiopia

Yu Yuan, Cornell U, USA

Ding Fei, Cornell U, USA

Kai Liu, Beijing Jiaotong U, CHINA

Listening to Cariamanga: Migration Motivations and the Culture-Centered Approach

Benjamin Bates, Ohio U, USA

Cora Farra, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

Wode Maya and the Role of Content Creators in Indigenizing Tourism Advertising in Africa

Bismark Owusu-Yeboah, U Of Oregon, USA

Winfred Omuholo, U of Oregon, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Propaganda and Authoritarian Influences

Saturday
13:30–14:45
 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Andrea Carson, La Trobe U, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Does Soft Propaganda Work: Theatre Reform Movement and Female Empowerment in China

Yangdong Liu, Nanjing U, CHINA

Cheng-Jun Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Tradeoff under Computational Propaganda: Exploring Visibility of State and Non-State Media on a Chinese Algorithmic Platform

Wen Shi, Jinan U, CHINA

Jinhui Li, Jinan U, CHINA

Algorithmic Deceptions: An LLM-Assisted Analysis of Russian Propaganda Curation on Search Engines

Elizaveta Kuznetsova, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Mykola Makhortykh, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Manuel Tonneau, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Ilaria Vitulano, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Martha Stolze, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Maryna Sydorova, U of Bern, SWITZERLAND

Pro-Russian Media Leveraging the Anti-Gender Turn? Predictors for Believing Russian Anti-gender Propaganda in Germany

Martha Stolze, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Signaling Loyalty, Losing Support: Performative Propaganda Under Economic Openness

Haifeng Huang, The Ohio State U, USA

Xing Chen, Fudan U, CHINA

Propaganda and Functions of Ideology

Hannele Seeck, LUT U, FINLAND

Noora Nykänen, LUT U, FINLAND

Kari Suomalainen, LUT U, FINLAND

Recalibrating Propaganda: The Dual Logics of Authoritarian Legitimation in China's AI Governance

Yanran Gong, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 Zhi Lin, U of Texas at Austin, USA
 The Influence of Russian State-Controlled Narratives on Alternative Italian News Outlets
 Ilaria Vitulano, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
 Elizaveta Kuznetsova, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
 Authoritarian Consolidation and Democratic Resilience: Performance of Hong Kong News
 Media in Political Transition
 King-wa Fu, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Opposition to Authoritarianism as an Offensive Political Discourse: A Critical Discourse
 Analysis of Offensive Comments on China's September 3rd Military Parade on Reddit
 Xiran Peng, Communication U of China, CHINA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Between Dependence and Empowerment: Agency in HMC

Saturday
 13:30–14:45
 8.2
 (CTICC2,
 Lev 2)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Bree McEwan, U of Toronto Mississauga, CANADA

Participants

When AI Comes between Us: A Scoping Review of How AI Influences Human–Human Relationships

Weizi Liu, Texas Christian U, USA

Jie Zhuang, Texas Christian U, USA

Emotional Dependence on AI Chatbots: How Insecure Attachment, Loneliness, and Privacy Concern Shape Mediated Intimacy in China

Ruoxi He, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

“Daring to Act Only After Asking AI?” Dynamic Types of AI Dependency and the Quiet Erosion of Meta-Agency

Yichu Yang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Bolin Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Dongni Lin, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Qiuhe Jiang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

From Enacting to Entrusting Machine Agency: Toward a Grounded Theory of Agentic Dependence in AI-Assisted Knowledge Work

Qingyang Tang, Fudan U, CHINA

Liming Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

User Empowerment through Machine Affordances in AI-Powered Mental Health Chatbots

Zijun Wang, Nanjing Normal U, CHINA

Hua Jiang, Syracuse U, USA

Be on Our Side Since We Are Undermanned: Strategic Acceptance of Virtual Humans as Comrades

Joo-Wha Hong, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Ignacio Cruz, Northwestern U, USA

Donggyu Kim, U of Southern California, USA

Ho-Chun Herbert Chang, Dartmouth College, USA

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

This session examines dependence in human–machine communication as a communicative process in which agency is delegated, negotiated, and sometimes reclaimed. Across surveys, interviews, experiments, and reviews, the papers analyze how reliance on AI emerges in everyday life, knowledge work, and mental health contexts, shaping autonomy, judgment, and self-regulation. While some contributions document problematic forms of overreliance and agency outsourcing, others identify affordances and interactional mechanisms that mitigate dependence and support human agency.

Saturday

13:30–14:45

8.3

(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**Children, Adolescents, and Media****Chair**

Jane Shawcroft, The Ohio State U, USA

Participants

Social Support Deficits and Compulsive Internet Use: The Mediating Role of Internet Use Motives from a Media Compensation Perspective

Xinyan Xu, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Fangfang Gao, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Yan Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA

“I Feel Like My Brain Is Fried”: Exploring Children’s Perspectives of Their (Problematic) Device Use

Cara Swit, U of Canterbury, NEW ZEALAND

Christopher Kelly, U of Canterbury, NEW ZEALAND

Sarah Crossen, U of Canterbury, NEW ZEALAND

Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA

Jennifer van Gerwen, U of Canterbury, NEW ZEALAND

“I’ve Let Screens Take Over”: Maternal Guilt About Media and Relations to Children’s Problematic Media Use

Lara Maximiano Almeida, Brigham Young U, USA

Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA

Talise Hirschi, Brigham Young U, USA

Megan Gale, Utah State U, USA

Blake Jones, Brigham Young U, USA

Megan Van Alfen, Brigham Young U, USA

Cambria Siddoway, Brigham Young U, USA

Chenae Christensen-Duerden, Brigham Young U, USA

Jane Shawcroft, U of California, Davis, USA

Hailey Holmgren, Brigham Young U, USA

Chris Porter, Brigham Young U, USA

Ashley Fraser, Brigham Young U, USA

Peter Reschke, Brigham Young U, USA

McCall Booth, Georgetown U, USA

Cara Swit, U of Canterbury, NEW ZEALAND

Margaret Kerr, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Rachel Barr, Georgetown U, USA

Heather Kirkorian, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Jenny Radesky, U of Michigan, USA

Rebecca Densley, Brigham Young U, USA

Co-Development Of Problematic Smartphone Use: A Developmental and Family Systems Perspective over Six Years

Yoojin Chung, Ewha Womans U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Jane Shawcroft, The Ohio State U, USA

Hiding Behind the Screen: Social Withdrawal, Problematic Media Use, and Socioemotional Problems During Childhood

Jannah Sheffield, Brigham Young U, USA

Larry Nelson, Brigham Young U, USA

Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA

Mallory Millett, Brigham Young U, USA

AnnMarie Sandridge, Brigham Young U, USA

Briella Smith, Brigham Young U, USA

Phia James, Brigham Young U, USA

Who Is the Most Vulnerable? A Profile Analysis on Gambling-Like Gaming and Intention to Gamble among Adolescents Using Longitudinal Risk Trajectories

Eva Grosemans, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Lowie Bradt, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Bieke Zaman, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Rozane De Cock, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

The Double-Edged Buffer: Family Functioning's Role in the Correlation between Adolescents' Smartphone Addiction and COVID-19 Phobia

Yuqiu Chen, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Xiaoqiu Yin, Xiamen U, CHINA

Haijian Zhao, Chengdu Normal U, CHINA

Hao Zhang, Chengdu Normal U, CHINA

Lin Cai, Sichuan Institute of Industrial Technology, CHINA

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Risks vs. Inequalities in Comparative Perspective: The Challenges of Comparative Analysis of Public Communication in a World of Many Turbulences

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

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Svetlana Bodrunova, St. Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Participants

Introduction to the Round Table: Standards of Risk Journalism: The New Dimensions of Risk and Humanism in Reporting on Global Issues

Svetlana Bodrunova, St. Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

From Macro-level Comparison of Nation States to Analysis of Meso-Level Processes

Cherian George, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

All Journalists Are Equal, but Some Are More Equal Than Others: Examining Risks Inequalities in the Newsrooms

Jairo Lugo-Ocando, U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Are the “Peripheral Actors” Truly Peripheral in African Journalism?

Bruce Mutsvairo, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

AI Disparities and New Embeddedness of Structural Biases as a Central New Dimension in Comparative Media Studies

Maria Laura Ruiu, American U in Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Invisibles: AI Infrastructures, Platform Agreements, and the Marginalized Media

Mathias Felipe de-Lima-Santos, Federal U of São Paulo, BRAZIL

This round table argues that, in today's turbulent times, many commonly-used concepts in media studies do not fully capture the context in which comparisons are made. In particular, “risk” and “inequality” both need to be re-addressed and, moreover, intertwined for comparative research. We show that at least three dimensions of risk/inequality inter-relations—political, professional, and technological—demand a review of the rapidly growing multi-dimensional risks for reporters, their professional standards, and performance opportunities and threats.

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InfoSys: Affect, Identity, and Social Dynamics in Online Communication

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

Information Systems

Chair

Yoo Ji Suh, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Participants

Role Incongruity and Information Accuracy in AI-Mediated Communication: An Integrated Approach to Cognitive Judgments

Jiwon Kim, U of Georgia, USA

Glenna Read, U of Georgia, USA

From Silence to Support: How Bystander Interventions Shape the Experience of Anti-LGBTQIA+ Online Hostility

Melanie Saumer, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Unpacking the (In)Effectiveness of AI Moderation: Differentiating Rhetorical Profanity and Offensive Stereotyping in Online Discussion

Youjin Kim, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
 Soo Yun Shin, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Deepfaking the Divide: Humor, Perceived Realism, and the Affective Polarization Effects of Positive Political Deepfakes
 Christopher Dobmeier, Western Michigan U, USA
 Jiyoung Lee, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Lost in Identities: A Computational Approach to Refine Identities in Online Communities
 Yidi Zhang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
 Fear of Isolation Explicated: A Refined Test of the Spiral of Silence Theory
 Daeun Jeong, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Borae Jin, Jungbu U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Sungeun Chung, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Not All Moral Emotions Are Alike: Divergent Mediation of Anger and Disgust on Online Engagement
 Yoo Ji Suh, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Macau K. F. Mak, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Sijia Yang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Michael Wagner, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Sadie Dempsey, U at Buffalo, USA
 Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Neural and Physiological Mechanisms of Media Processing

Saturday

13:30–14:45



Westin
 Ballroom
 West
 (Westin, Old
 Harbour
 Level)

Communication Science, and Biology

Chair

Colin Hesse, Oregon State U, USA

Participants

Predicting Video Engagement Metrics from Audience Brain Responses: An EEG-Based Intersubject Correlation Analysis

Juncheng Wu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Huihong Lin, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Ziyuan Luo, Communication U of China, CHINA

Xiangyu Guo, Communication U of China, CHINA

Believing Is Seeing: Neural Dynamics of Confirmation Bias in Health Communication

Elena Artemenko, HSE U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Mikhail Yatsenko, HSE U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Sofia Popova, HSE U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Ivan Brak, RUDN U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Maksim Likhanov, Centre de Recherche en Psychologie et Neuroscience, FRANCE

Social vs. Self: Neural Responses to Normative Appeal Anti-Vaping Messages and the Third-Person Effect among Young Adult Vapers

Tianlai Ye, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Emily Norton, U of Georgia, USA

Yidi Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Qiyao Peng, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Lawrence Sweet, U of Georgia, USA

Jiaying Liu, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Reward Activity During Social Inclusion Is Associated with Negative Attitudes toward Marijuana Use

Diego Romeo, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Jessica Mäki, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Soyeong Cho, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Binbin Wang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Mengyu Li, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Feifei Zhao, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Maddy O'Neill, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA


Xiaohui Cao, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Eva Telzer, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
 Emily Falk, U of Pennsylvania, USA
 Megan Moreno, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Ellen Selkie, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Christopher Cascio, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Arousal Dynamics in Boredom-Driven Smartphone Use: Continuous Insights from
 Psychophysiology, Ecological Momentary Assessment, and Screenomics
 Paulien Decorte, Maastricht U, NETHERLANDS
 Eline Camerman, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
 Heidi Vandebosch, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
 Konrad Rudnicki, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
 Karolien Poels, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
 Watching Videos Together Means Processing Less Even during Silent Viewing Moments
 Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA
 Yuqian Ni, U of Georgia, USA
 Haptic Feedback as a Modality of Message Processing: A Scoping Review
 Alex Lover, Michigan State U, USA
 Yan Wang, Michigan State U, USA
 Jacob Fisher, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
 An Electroencephalography (EEG) and Eye-Tracking Cognitive Study of the Media
 Broadcasting Forms Influence on News Credibility
 Shunyang Yao, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Queer Identities, Resistance, and Advocacy

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

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Jimmie Manning, U of Nevada, Reno, USA

Participants

Mutual Mediation and Identity Support in LGBTQ Families: A Longitudinal Examination of
 Media-Based Socialization

Xiaotong Zhang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

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

Y. Anthony Chen, Stanford U, USA

Representing Global South Queers' Identities in the Era of Artificial Intelligence: A
 Comparative Research in Brazil, Russia, India, and South Africa

Di Wu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Digital Resistance and Queer Visibility: A Secondary Data Analysis of How the Queer
 Community in Ghana Is Communicating Resistance against the Anti-LGBTQ+ Bill through
 Social Media

Richard Mawuli Gaikpa, New Mexico State U, USA

#ContradictoryConservatism: Black Women, Purity, and Religious Authority in the Age of
 Digital Religion

Taylor Smith, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Affective Orientations: Family Communication, Resilience, and Queer World-Making in
 Transgender Youth Advocacy

Erica Ciszek, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Algorithmic Asylum and Kinship Cage: A Study on the Digital-Physical Hybrid Survival
 Strategies of Transgender Women in China

Daifan Song, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), CHINA

4462

Connection and Affection in Diverse Relationships: Strangership, Situationships, Long-Distance Relationships, and Beyond

Saturday
 13:30–14:45

Interpersonal Communication

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

**Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)**

Chair

Tim Cole, DePaul U, USA

Participants

Affectionate Communication in Romantic Relationships: Are Relative Levels or Absolute Levels More Consequential?

Kory Floyd, Washington State U, USA

Lisa Dahlgren, Sam Houston State U, USA

Colin Hesse, Oregon State U, USA

Pulling in Labeling and Burdening: A Qualitative Study on Relational Turbulence in Situationship

Xiaoda Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Shengzhe Yang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Yichen Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

From Reserved to Versatile: Flirting Profiles and Their Links to Attachment and Competence

Tim Cole, DePaul U, USA

More Than Communicative Engagement: Exploring Sexting Practices in Chinese Gay Couples' Long-Distance Relationships

Shengzhe Yang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Sihao Yang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Navigating Online-to-Offline Strangerships: Event-Based Sociability Through Xiaohongshu in Urban China

Zhenhua Cai, Fudan U, CHINA

Zixiao Wang, Beijing U of Posts and Telecommunications, CHINA

4463

Caring for Athletes, Audiences, and Communities: Applying the Ethic of Care to Sports Communication

Saturday

13:30–14:45

Sport Communication

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Global Communication and Social Change

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Organizer

Tammy Rae Matthews, St. Bonaventure U, USA

Participants

Reimagining Sports Communication through a Transnational Ethic of Care

Tammy Rae Matthews, St. Bonaventure U, USA

Cultivating Inclusion in Africa through the Ethic of Care

Anthony Brown, U of South Africa, SOUTH AFRICA

The Ethic of Care and Gender in Sports Journalism

Gayle Jansen Brisbane, California State U, Fullerton, USA

Bridging Care and Communication in European Sport Narratives

Maria Cerga, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

The Ethic of Care in Athlete–Journalist Relationships

Vincent Peña, DePaul U, USA

**de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

An ethic of care offers theoretical and practical frameworks for global sports communication, enabling scholars to examine how media practices impact athletes, audiences, and broader communities. It emphasizes the urgency and necessity of relationality, attentiveness, and responsibility. It promotes situated practices of empathy and accountability. The panelists will discuss how adopting an ethic of care might reshape sports communication pedagogy and practice, with implications for educators, researchers, and practitioners.

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Saturday
13:30–14:45
Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)

Reproductive Politics, Health, and Feminist Publics

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Melissa Santillana, Texas Tech U, USA

Participants

From Private Pain to Public Discussion: Exploring Chinese Women's Narratives of Birth Trauma on Social Media

Jialing Wu, Central China Normal U, CHINA

Guohui Liu, Central China Normal U, CHINA

Recoding Menstruation: Online Debates on China's Menstrual Pad Mutual-Aid Box Movement

Kexin Zhou, Jinan U, CHINA

Xinyu Xu, Jinan U, CHINA

Sacred Speech and Silent Revolt: A Feminist Critical Discourse Analysis of Moongirls

Rebecca Larko Obu, U of Iowa, USA

Protection as Control: The Gendered Assemblage of Reproductive Governance in China

Jiahui Feng, Macau U of Science and Technology, MACAO

Framing Life and Death: Media Coverage of Maternal Mortality in States with Restrictive Abortion Laws

Jaime Loke, Texas Christian U, USA

Tania Rosas-Moreno, Loyola U, USA

This panel covers bodily autonomy and mediated health discourse.

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

From Hallucination to Deepfake: Risk Assessment and Governance

Communication Law and Policy

Chair

Michael Davis, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Accuracy Paradox: Addressing Epistemic, Manipulative, and Societal Risks of Hallucination in AI Governance

Zihao Li, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Weiwei Yi, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Jiahong Chen, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Deepfakes at the Media–Law Boundary: A Comparative Thematic Analysis of News Discourse (2017–2025)

Yidan Huang, Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, HONG KONG

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

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

Trade-Offs in Deploying Legal AI: Insights from a Public Opinion Study to Guide AI Risk Management

Kimón Kieslich, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Sophie Morosoli, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Natali Helberger, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Nicholas Diakopoulos, Northwestern U, USA

From Reactive Fixes to Systemic Design: A Delphi Study on Governing AI-Generated Disinformation in China

Shuyang Jin, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Peiying Wu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

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Saturday

Saturday Interactive Poster Session

Sponsored Sessions

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

This session features posters from Communication History, Computational Methods, Environmental Communication, Ethnicity & Race in Communication, Global Communication and Social Change, Health Communication, Interdivisional, Intergroup Communication, Mass Communication, Organizational Communication, Science Communication, and Visual Communication Studies.

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Communication History Poster Session

Saturday

Communication History

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

1. An Integrated Meta-Analysis and Text-Mining Comparison of Research on Media Effects Theories, 2006–2025: Agenda-Setting, Cultivation, Uses and Gratifications, and Third-Person Effect
Dandan Wu, Sungkyunkwan U, CHINA
Sanghee Kweon, Sungkyunkwan U, CHINA

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Computational Methods Poster Session

Saturday

Computational Methods

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

2. Inhibitors and Enablers in the Wild: Quantitative Text Analysis of Mental Health Mobile App User Reviews
Donald Harris, U at Albany, USA
Archana Krishnan, U at Albany, USA
3. Measuring the Development of Parasocial Engagement: A Longitudinal Computational Analysis
Felix Dietrich, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
4. A Scoping Review of Agent-Based Models Simulating Social Media Phenomena
Aytalina Kulichkina, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Daisuke Nakamura, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Taehee Kim, U of Konstanz, GERMANY
Jula Luehring, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
David Garcia, U of Konstanz, GERMANY
Dongyoung Sohn, Hanyang U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
Annie Waldherr, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

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Environmental Communication Poster Session

Saturday

Environmental Communication

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

5. Visibilizing Environmental Communication at the Margins: A Bibliometric Analysis of Latin American Scholarship
Julia Belden, Michigan State U, USA
Bruno Takahashi, Michigan State U, USA
Iasmim Amiden dos Santos, Michigan State U, USA
6. Co-Designing Conservation: Visual Communication, Livelihoods and Shared Stewardship in the American West
Kayla Clark, U of Wyoming, USA
Molly Walters, U of Wyoming, USA

7. Exploring Mental Models of Public Engagement in Fusion Energy: Results from Interviews across Government, Business, Academic, and Non-profit Stakeholders
Sara Ostad Rahimi, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
Jacklyn Alsbro, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
Kaiping Chen, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

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Ethnicity and Race in Communication Poster Session

Saturday
13:30–14:45

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Participant

8. Empowerment or Erasure? The Algorithmic Gaze and Digital Orientalism on RedNote
Cecilia Yang, Fudan U, CHINA

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Global Communication and Social Change Poster Session

Saturday
13:30–14:45

Global Communication and Social Change

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Participants

9. Financial Inclusion? FinTech Imaginaries in EU and Chinese Think Tanks
Qiqi Zheng, Monash U, AUSTRALIA
10. Mapping Media Discourses on Hydrogen Technology: Topic, Sentiment, and Actor Dynamics in Germany and the MENA Region
Majid Ali, TU Dresden, GERMANY
11. Stable Position and Locked Relation: A Longitudinal Network Analysis of Global Media Flow on X (2022–2024)
Mingliang Xu, Fudan U, CHINA
Xiao Zhang, Fudan U, CHINA
Jiayi Dong, Fudan U, CHINA
Qiuyi Chen, Fudan U, CHINA
Shengnan Liu, Fudan U, CHINA

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Health Communication Poster Session

Saturday
13:30–14:45

Health Communication

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Participants

12. Emotion Regulation Through Information: Development and Validation of a Multi-Dimensional Scale
Wei Peng, Washington State U, USA
Sultana Ismet Jerin, Washington State U, USA
Kathryn Robinson-Tay, Washington State U, USA
13. Why Can't We Stop Comparing? How Perceived Involution Links Online Upward Social Comparison and Mental Health
Duo Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Yiwei Wu, Communication U of China, CHINA
14. Effect of Regulatory Ad-Approval Statement on Consumers' Brand Trust and Pain Medicine Preferences: The Moderating Role of Citizens' Trust in the FDA
Senyo Ofori-Parku, U of Oregon, USA
Paul Koomson, Marist U, USA
Kwaku Botwe, U of Ghana, GHANA
15. Enacted Communication Action Contexts in Public Libraries: Promoting Communicative Social Capital and Health Literacy in Under-Resourced

Communities

Sachiko Terui, U of Georgia, USA

Joy Goldsmith, U of Memphis, USA

Lydia Gettings, Memphis Union Mission, USA

16. Structural Fragility in Digital Public Health Campaigns: A Longitudinal Network Analysis of U.S. E-Cigarette Prevention (2014–2023)

Miao Feng, NORC at the U of Chicago, USA


Zizi Papacharissi, U of Illinois Chicago, USA

Chandler Carter, NORC at the U of Chicago, USA

Mateusz Borowiecki, NORC at the U of Chicago, USA

Ganna Kostygina, NORC at the U of Chicago, USA

Sherry Emery, NORC at the U of Chicago, USA

17.  Bridging the Equity Gap: A Longitudinal Study on HBM-Based Segmentation and AI-Personalized Intervention

Qinxuan Yin, U of Macau, MACAO

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Interdivisional Poster Session

Saturday

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Interdivisional

Participants

18. Digital Labeling and Identity Formation: Self-Categorization, Belonging, and Behavior in MBTI-Based Communities on Chinese Digital Platforms

Chu Chu, Fudan U, CHINA

Jie Yao, Fudan U, CHINA

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Intergroup Communication Poster Session

Saturday

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Intergroup Communication

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Mass Communication Poster Session

Saturday

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Mass Communication

Participants

19. Revisiting the Communication Mediation Model in the Age of Social Media: Longitudinal Evidence from Climate Misinformation Responses in China

Liang Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Xiaoming Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Lunrui Fu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

20. Toward a Music Repertoire Perspective: Patterns and Peer Effects in Everyday Listening

Robin Leuppert, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

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

Sophie Bruns, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

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

21. Post Hoc Illusion: How the Knew-It-All-Along Effect Undermines Trust

Drew Margolin, Cornell U, USA

Mariken van der Velden, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

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Saturday
13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Organizational Communication Poster Session

Organizational Communication

Participants

22. The Importance of Message Factor Precursors in the Integrated Behavioral Model: Examining How Language Intensity Shapes Peer Mentorship Participation
Troy Elias, U of Oregon, USA
Autumn Shafer, U of Oregon, USA
Ellen Peters, U of Oregon, USA
Brittany Shoots-Reinhard, The Ohio State U, USA
Bismark Owusu-Yeboah, U Of Oregon, USA
23. Beyond the Script: Understanding the Improvisational Staged Performance through the Lens of Stand-Up Comedy
Maren Vakilzadeh, U of Kassel, GERMANY
Peter Eberl, U of Kassel, GERMANY

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Saturday
13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Science Communication Poster Session

Science Communication

Participants

24. Academics' Social Media Engagement Predicts Policy Stringency and Mobility Dynamics during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Joshua Philip Suarez, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN
Nikka Sales, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN
Adrian Rauchfleisch, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN
25. The Functions and Impacts of Informal Information Sources in Public Engagement with Climate Change: Findings and Implications from a Climate-Vulnerable Region
Bao Duong, Academy of Journalism and Communication, VIET NAM
An Nguyen, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

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Saturday
13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Visual Communication Studies Poster Session

Visual Communication Studies

Participants

26. The Power of Self-Made Protest Signs: Visual Semiotics and Power Relations during National Crises
Lior Ayali, Tel Aviv U, ISRAEL
Keren Ketko-Ayali, College of Oranim Israel, ISRAEL
27. Invasion of the Magic Sparkles: Unpacking AI's Visual Signature
Christian Pentzold, Leipzig U, GERMANY
Cornelia Brantner, Karlstad U, SWEDEN
Tom Divon, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

4495

Saturday
13:30–14:45

BLUE SKY: Black and... Building a Framework for Black Diaspora Relations and Research

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Andrea Baldwin, U of Utah, USA

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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Nicole Bush, Independent Scholar, USA
Cleophas Muneri, U of New Mexico, USA
Meshell Sturgis, U of New Mexico, USA

This is a session for those whose research engages Black subjectivity from various angles and subdisciplines. Questions around how to best present a pan-African united front for socio-political advancement, along with a drive for better representation and scholarship, necessitates the development of shared approaches for ethically relating across the variety and vicissitudes of Blackness. Participants will map out a variety of ethical considerations for building relationships across power, privilege, and difference within the Black diaspora.

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Afternoon Snack

Saturday

14:30–15:00

Westin
Ballroom
Foyer
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Sponsored Sessions

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4501

(HYBRID) The 2026 Annual Steve Jones Internet Lecture: Governing for Humans: “Reclaiming a People-Centred Vision for AI and the Internet” with Vincent Obia

Saturday

15:00–16:15

 CTICC
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Sponsored Sessions

Moderator

Steve Jones, U of Illinois Chicago, USA

Participant

Vincent Obia, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

In whose vision of technology are we living? Available evidence suggests that we are living in a vision conjured by Big Tech conglomerates, a vision enabled by the prevailing regulatory architecture. From Section 230 of the US Communications Decency Act to AI policies in Africa and across the world, governance instruments have propped up a vision for technology that makes it possible for a few Big Tech executives to wield unprecedented power and shape the digital ecosystem in their interests. Underpinning this vision is the belief that all human data is available for extraction at scale, the march toward superintelligence cannot be questioned, and unchecked AI expansion is ideal and should be left unregulated, even if it destroys our environment and intensifies exploitative labour and structural inequalities. This vision underscores how our social realities are being constituted in service of the mould created by Big Tech executives. But crucially, it also reveals the ways in which governance can be used to propel a different vision of technology that works for humans. This is what I attempt in my talk, for which I draw from my research into platform governance and AI policy across Africa to highlight regulatory

imaginaries conceived by stakeholders with whom I have engaged in my tour of the continent. My reflection highlights how these imaginaries intersect with governance principles in other parts of the world to shape norms and policies that challenge Big Tech's hegemonic vision and reinstate agency for people, movements, and communities. I apply notions of sovereignty, decoloniality, and participation to define a vision of technology and AI based on the collective and the pluriversal, even more so for global majority countries that are at risk of having their digital futures decided upon by corporate actions and governance frameworks in rich nations. These form the foundation of my argument on the need for governance mechanisms defined by a people-centred vision to reshape the evolution of new media technologies.

4502

(HYBRID) Inequalities in Communication Research: Power Imbalance in Knowledge Production beyond the Global North/Global South Distinction

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

Theme

Chair

Magdalena Saldana, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Participants

Re-centering The Margins: How to Own Your Voice as a Female Migrant Scholar in International Academia

Rana Arafat, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Conducting Research for Resistance: Communication Scholars in War Zones

Aysha Agbarya, Open U, ISRAEL

Communication and Inequality: A Transnational Asian and Asian American Queer Critique of Academic Elitism and Anti-Interdisciplinarity

Shinsuke Eguchi, Wake Forest U, USA

Climbing a Shrinking Ivory Tower: Knowledge as Resistance to Academic Privilege

Dylan McLemore, Oklahoma State U, USA

#CommunicationResearchSoUnequal: Caring Collaboration and Inclusion Awareness to Move Forward

Magdalena Saldana, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

This roundtable reflects on disparities in opportunities, resources, and capacities among researchers and institutions while conducting research in communication. Bringing together junior and senior scholars from Asian, African, Middle Eastern, American, and Latin American backgrounds, this roundtable discusses four factors affecting knowledge production: gender, race/ethnicity, geographical location (including war zones), and financial constraints. Panelists also suggest strategies to mitigate academic inequalities, such as strengthening mentorship, fostering equitable collaborations, and supporting diverse theoretical approaches.

4503

Parenting Under Pressure: Motherhood and Mental Health

Saturday
15:00–16:15
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Health Communication

Moderator

Marloes de Brabandere, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Participants

Parents under Pressure: A Longitudinal Latent Profile Analysis of Maternal Well-Being and Media Use across the Early Parenting Years

Hailey Holmgren, Brigham Young U, USA

Rebecca Densley, Brigham Young U, USA

Chris Porter, Brigham Young U, USA

Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA

Taylor Harker, Brigham Young U, USA

Megan Gale, Utah State U, USA

Blake Jones, Brigham Young U, USA

McCall Booth, Georgetown U, USA
 Laura Stockdale, Brigham Young U, USA
 Allison Weston, Brigham Young U, USA
 Cambria Siddoway, Brigham Young U, USA
 Talise Hirschi, Brigham Young U, USA
 Rachel Munk, Brigham Young U, USA
 #ProgressNotPerfection: The Differential Impact of Idealized versus Realistic Fitfluencer Posts on Postpartum Mothers' Psychological Well-Being and Advertising Susceptibility
 Ines Spielvogel, Medical U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Marloes de Brabandere, Ghent U, BELGIUM
 Emma Beuckels, Ghent U, BELGIUM
 Books, Babies, Borders: A Qualitative Study of Communication, Culture, and Postpartum Depression among International Graduate Student Mothers in the US
 Adwoa Baffour, Louisiana State U, USA
 Julia Narh, Louisiana State U, USA
 Hadassah Amoako, Louisiana State U, USA
 Moumita Roy, Louisiana State U, USA
 Gurwinder Kaur, Louisiana State U, USA
 Asha Winfield, Louisiana State U, USA
 "They Called Me Mahaukaciya" (Madwoman): Co-Constructing Cultural Narratives of Maternal Mental Health with Ghanaian Zango Women
 Balkisa Sissy, George Mason U, USA
 Shaunak Sastry, U of Cincinnati, USA

4504

Intervention Research: Community Health and Health Promotion

Saturday

Health Communication

15:00–16:15

Moderator

1.42

Holley Wilkin, Georgia State U, USA

(CTICC1,

Participants

Lev 1)

Communication Infrastructure and Food Consumption in a Lower-Income, Predominantly African American Community with a Changing Food Environment

Holley Wilkin, Georgia State U, USA

Mor Yachin, Georgia State U, USA

Akansha Sirohi, Georgia State U, USA

"Support, Don't Blame": Participatory Co-Design of Type 2 Diabetes Anti-Stigma Campaign Handbook

Zhaozhang Sun, U of Birmingham, UNITED KINGDOM

Gëzim Alpion, U of Birmingham, UNITED KINGDOM

Kamini Shah, Diabetes UK, UNITED KINGDOM

Sheila Greenfield, U of Birmingham, UNITED KINGDOM

Hannah Greer, Diabetes UK, UNITED KINGDOM

Marco Bardus, U of Birmingham, UNITED KINGDOM

Social Inequalities, Power Imbalances, and the Quest for Materialism: Female University Students in Intergenerational Relationships in South Africa

Ntsenselelo Delvah Nukeri, U of Limpopo, SOUTH AFRICA

Toks Oyedemi, U of Limpopo, SOUTH AFRICA

Who Can Bridge the Gap? Exploring the Role of Community Health Advisors as Public Health Communicators of Hereditary Cancer Risk Assessment among Black Populations

Crystal Lumpkins, U of Utah, USA

April Law, U of Utah, USA

Olamide Ogundare, U of Oklahoma, USA

Tanzia Kahn, U of Utah, USA

Patient Delay in Seeking Care for Breast Symptoms in Bangladesh: Qualitative Evidence

Tahera Akter, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Md Nurus Safa, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

4505

Science Communication Misinformation, Online Harassment, and How to Counter It

Saturday
15:00–16:15
1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Science Communication

Chair

Niels Mede, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Pandemic Preparedness and Embedded Falsehoods: How Misinformation amid Truth Influences Perception of Vaccines

Melanie Leidecker-Sandmann, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, GERMANY

Helen Fischer, Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

Vincent Bruder, U of Köln, GERMANY

Jürgen Buder, Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien, Tübingen, GERMANY

Stop Pushing Junk Science! User Corrections to Misinformation in Science Are Common and Sophisticated

Tuomas Heikkilä, U of Helsinki, FINLAND

Pro-Social Behavior in the Context of Online Harassment of Scientists and Science Communicators: Designing and Implementing a Social Media Intervention in a Transdisciplinary Cocreation Process

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

Bernhard Goodwin, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Magdalena Obermaier, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Defending or Debunking Science? Examining Public Attention Patterns across Communication Strategies

Shupei Yuan, Northern Illinois U, USA

4506

Theory and Method

Saturday
15:00–16:15
1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Fabio Giglietto, U degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo, ITALY

Participants

Theorizing Communication Effects in an Era of Preference-Based Information Ecologies

Isabelle Freiling, U of Utah, USA

Jakob Ohme, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Isabel Villanueva, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Dietram Scheufele, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Explicating and Theorizing Politicization: Towards a Multi-Dimensional Concept

Yibin Fan, U of Washington, USA

Advances in Measuring Media Repertoires: Modeling Decisions' Effects on Repertoire Structure and Interpretation

Sean Pauley, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Stephanie Edgerly, Northwestern U, USA

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

Naomi Mine, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Ellie Yang, Illinois State U, USA

Yuanliang “Leo” Shan, Idaho State U, USA

Namjin Lee, College of Charleston, USA

Arguing without Animosity? Theorizing and Exploring the Concept of Discursive Integration

Viviana Warnken, Heinrich Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Informational Enclosure Theory: A Dual-Dimensional Framework for Understanding Digital Information Isolation

Mohammad Al Masum Molla, U of Oklahoma, USA

Glenn Leshner, U of Oklahoma, USA

Saturday

15:00–16:15

1.61
(CTICCI,
Lev 1)**Instructional and Developmental Communication****Participants**

Integration of Digital Technologies (DTs) in Rural Schools in the Post-Pandemic Era: A Participatory Action Research Experience

Edgardo Carniglia, U Nacional de Río Cuarto, ARGENTINA

Cintia Tamargo, San José Higher Institute of Teacher Training, ARGENTINA

Amir Coleff, U Nacional de Río Cuarto, ARGENTINA

Bianca Rinaudo, U Nacional de Río Cuarto, ARGENTINA

A Digital Pacifier? Technology and the Risk of Pedagogical Illusion in Rural Schools in Chile

Isabel Pavez, U de Los Andes, CHILE

Beatriz Feijoo, U Villanueva, SPAIN

Ángela Novoa-Echaurren, U de los Andes, CHILE

Magdalena Saldana, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Rooted in Reflection, Growing through Engagement: Critical Communication Pedagogy in Short-Term Global Service-Learning

Mark Congdon, Sacred Heart U, USA

Anne Johnson, Sacred Heart U, USA

Fostering Cultural Humility, Global Perspective, and Intercultural Communication Competence through Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)

Sachiyo Shearman, East Carolina U, USA

Reiko Nebashi, Meiji U, JAPAN

The ISIT-KSU Cultural Café: Teaching Intercultural Communication through a Collaborative Online Classroom Project

Ikram Toumi, Kent State U, USA

Joelle Cohen, Paris-Panthéon-Assas U, FRANCE

Saturday

15:00–16:15

1.62
(CTICCI,
Lev 1)**Human-Machine Communication****Chair**

Katrin Etzrodt, TU Dresden, GERMANY

Participants

Stupid AI Around? Folk Theorization of Users' Everyday AI Complaints

Longxuan Zhao, Tongji U, CHINA

Cong LIN, Tsinghua U, CHINA

How Does AI Failure Affect Usage Intention? An Analysis Based on Failure Types

Yining Xia, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Hongzhong Zhang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Siyang Zhang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jiamin Bu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Run Lin, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Credible Critics? Interpersonal Impressions of a Social Robot versus a Human in the Context of Negative Performance Evaluation

Chad Edwards, Western Michigan U, USA

Autumn Edwards, Western Michigan U, USA

Patric Spence, U of Central Florida, USA

Varun Rijhwani, Indian Institute of Management Indore, INDIA

Hamza Mostafa, U of Kansas, USA

More Thinking, More Trusting: The Roles of Message Elaboration and Task-Relevant Machine Heuristic in Human Assimilation to Misleading AI Recommendations

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

Pengda Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yanfei Wu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yifan Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Luyan Huang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

This session examines how users interpret, evaluate, and respond to negative encounters with AI systems. Across folk discourse and experimental studies, the papers show that AI failure does not simply erode trust but is reframed through heuristics, expectations, authority, and cognitive processing. Together, the contributions reveal why disappointment, critique, and correction may paradoxically sustain reliance on AI communicators.

4509

Mobile Inequalities among Marginalized Communities

Saturday
15:00–16:15
1.63
(CTICCI,
Lev 1)

Mobile Communication

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Floor Fiers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Algorithmic Ambivalence: LGBTQ+ Social Media and Mental Health among Chinese Gay Men

Lazar Dragić, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

KJ Kaixin Deng, U of Technology Sydney, CHINA

Off-Label Mobile Practices: Temporal Capital in Lebanon's Telecommunication Sector

Chafic Najem, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Concealed Disparity and Algorithmic Black Boxes: Mobile Use among Chinese Silver Hair Demographic

Chen Guo, Zhengzhou U, CHINA

Desideria Murti, U Atama Jaya, INDONESIA

Erwei Ma, Chongqing U, CHINA

Lin Zhang, Shanghai U, CHINA

Digital Inequality in the Usage of Potentially Harmful Applications an Alternative Theoretical Avenue Based on Non-Inclusionary Advantages

Jiyuan Qi, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

WeiMing Ye, Peking U, CHINA

Wenjia Zhang, Tongji U, CHINA

Strategic Ordinarity and Calibrated Authenticity: How LGBTQ+ Couples Navigate Algorithmic Visibility on TikTok

Jonalou Labor, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

Christian Jaycee Samonte, That Global View, PHILIPPINES

4510

Platformed Places: Ruins, Live Houses, and Heritage Online

Saturday
15:00–16:15
1.64
(CTICCI,
Lev 1)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Hannah Blundon, Mount Saint Vincent U, CANADA

Participants

Beyond Ruin Porn: Platform Recontextualisation of Urban Ruins in China

Qiqi Zheng, Monash U, AUSTRALIA

The Transformation of Diversity in the Streaming Era: Netflix's Impact on Korean Drama Diversity

Woochul Kim, Simon Fraser U, CANADA

The Platformization of Live House: Reshaping the Resistance of Subculture in China

Yulin Hao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Xintao Jiang, U of Warwick, UNITED KINGDOM

Examining Cultural Space Production in China's Large-Scale Live-Action Tourism Attractions

Nanxi Yin, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Branding the Self, Curating the City: Zhuliren Entrepreneurship in China's New Cultural Economy

Xinyue Xu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Aaron Ng, Singapore U of Technology and Design, SINGAPORE

4511

MIAU-steerable AI: Trust, Adoption, Dependency, and Behavioral Regulation in Generative Tech Ecosystems

Saturday

15:00–16:15

🌐 Auditorium
2 (CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Brigitte Naderer, Medical U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Trust and Adoption in AI-Driven Misinformation Intervention: Comparing AI Intervention Strategies across Psychological Dispositions

Tsai-Wei Ling, Michigan State U, USA

Wei Peng, Michigan State U, USA

Jingbo Meng, The Ohio State U, USA

Jiahui Liu, Michigan State U, USA

When Perceived Usefulness Does Not Matter: Image, Ease, and the Cultural Paradoxes in Generative AI Adoption in the United States and Hong Kong

Ruilin Zheng, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xinzhi Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Techno-Behavioral Regulation Scale: Examining Impulsivity and Compulsivity as Digital Communication Antecedents

Renee Mitson, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Nikki McClaran, U of Oregon, USA

Chelsea Moss, Samford U, USA

Social Media Exit and Platform Loyalty: Generational Differences in Platform Abandonment

Yee Man Margaret Ng, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Ewa Maslowska, Institute of Communications Research, USA

Measuring Generative AI Dependency: Scale Development and Validation among College Students

Lisi Mai, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Eiman Yassin, U of Tokyo, JAPAN

Joo-Young Jung, International Christian U, JAPAN

4520

Democratic Implications of the Global Rise of Political Influencers

Saturday

15:00–16:15

🌐 2.41-2.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chairs

Fatima Gaw, Northwestern U, USA

Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA

Discussant

Herman Wasserman, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Theorizing Political Influencers: A Scoping Review of Concepts, Theories, and Roles

Leiyuan Tian, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Fan Liang, Duke Kunshan U, CHINA

Social Media Influencers as Proximal Mass Opinion Leaders

Darian Harff, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Desiree Schmuck, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Political Influencers in the Middle East

Tom Divon, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Influencer Media Logic in Politics: Political Influencers in North America, Asia, and

Beyond

Fatima Gaw, Northwestern U, USA

This panel problematizes the democratic implications of the global rise of political influencers as novel actors in political communication. Scholars across North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East present theoretical and empirical work that situates political influencers as key media actors in electoral campaigns, propaganda operations, and social movements. The panel seeks to address critical questions about the political influencers and their communicative functions in democratic consolidation and backsliding across diverse political contexts.

4521

Invisible Engines: Algorithms, Platforms, and Everyday Governance

Saturday

15:00–16:15

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICCI1,

Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Ben Pettis, U of Richmond, USA

Participants

Resisting by Being Invisible: Theorising Infrapolitical Algorithmic Actions on Douyin

Hui Lin, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Ignacio Siles, U de Costa Rica, COSTA RICA

Algorithmic Imaginaries: Definition and Critical Questions

Andreas Schellewald, Goldsmiths, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Ellenrose Firth, Sapienza U of Rome, ITALY

Hui Lin, Kings College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Mapping Research on Child Data Tracking Technologies in Everyday Family Life

Bjørn Nansen, U of Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

Helena Sandberg, Lund U, SWEDEN

Standardizing and Optimizing Education: Constructing the Neoliberal User in Learning Management Systems

Ben Pettis, U of Richmond, USA

“Defending My Political Views with Keyboard Politics”: Political Knowledge, Emotion, and Civic Participation on the Chinese Platform Zhihu

Manxin Xu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Fangyu Qing, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

4522

Critical Perspectives from the South: Digital Sovereignty and the Politics of Platforms

Saturday

15:00–16:15

🌐 2.61-2.63

(CTICCI1,

Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Discussants

Afonso Albuquerque, U Federal Fluminense, BRAZIL

Marco Bastos, U College Dublin, IRELAND

Thales Lelo, U Federal de Minas Gerais, BRAZIL

Jonathan Ong, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Marcelo Santos, Diego Portales U, CHILE

Otávio Vinhas, National Institute of Science and Technology in Informational Disputes and Sovereignties (INCT-DSI), BRAZIL

Moderator

Raquel Recuero, U Federal de Pelotas, BRAZIL

Participants

Digital Sovereignty and Platform Imperialism: Lessons from Brazil’s Fight against Disinformation

Raquel Recuero, U Federal de Pelotas, BRAZIL

Afonso Albuquerque, U Federal Fluminense, BRAZIL

The Voice of the Big Tech Leaders

Marcelo Santos, Diego Portales U, CHILE

Civil Society Visions for Tech Justice from the South

Jonathan Ong, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
Free Speech and Digital Sovereignty after Zuckerberg: From Fact-Checking to Community Notes

Otavio Vinhas, National Institute of Science and Technology in Informational Disputes and Sovereignities (INCT-DSI), BRAZIL

Marco Bastos, U College Dublin, IRELAND

Thales Lelo, U Federal de Minas Gerais, BRAZIL

This panel brings together scholars from different countries with perspectives on Latin America to examine how digital sovereignty is negotiated across national and regional contexts. The papers address tensions between governments and platforms, exploring the rhetoric of tech leaders, fact-checking politics, and the lack of coordinated regional strategies to reduce digital dependency. Collectively, they reveal how platforms function as new forms of digital imperialism, shaping governance, public discourse, and economic power in the Global South.

4523

**PARTNER PANEL: PCA - Emotions, Trust, and Cultural Fragmentation:
Rethinking Media and Politics in Transforming Democracies in Central and Eastern
Europe and Beyond**

Saturday

15:00–16:15

2.64

(CTICC1,
Level 2)

Partner Panel

Chair

Damian Guzek, U of Silesia in Katowice, POLAND

Discussant

Anders Olof Larsson, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Participants

From Likes to Rage: Emotional Dynamics of Party Campaigning on Facebook in the 2019 and 2024 European Elections

Ulrike Klinger, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Karolina Koc-Michalska, Audencia Business School, FRANCE

Trust in Media and Platforms in Times of Political Transformation, Emotional Influences, and Populist Orientations

Damian Guzek, U of Silesia in Katowice, POLAND

Karolina Koc-Michalska, Audencia Business School, FRANCE

Max-Valentin Robert, Audencia Business School, FRANCE

Daniel Weissmann, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Katherine Dommett, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

James Weinberg, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Elizabeth Dubois, U of Ottawa, CANADA

Professional Ideology, Journalism Education, and Role Perceptions: Insights from Poland and Kenya

Dagmara Gluszek-Szafraniec, U of Silesia in Katowice, POLAND

Patrycja Szostok, U of Silesia in Katowice, POLAND

Monika Tosik, U of Lodz, POLAND

Wilson Ugangu, Multimedia U of Kenya, KENYA

Media, Erosion of Referential Community, and Social Divisions

Malgorzata Lisowska-Magdziarz, Jagiellonian U, POLAND

This session, sponsored by the Polish Communication Association, explores the emotional, ideological, and epistemic transformations shaping democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. It examines dynamics in party communication, trust in institutions, media and platforms, racial bias in AI systems, evolving journalism cultures, and the erosion of shared referential communities. It offers a space to discuss how emotions, technology, and social fragmentation redefine communication, power, and identity in digitally mediated societies undergoing political change.

Saturday
15:00–16:15
2.65-2.66
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Organizational Communication

Chair

Jana Costas, European U Viadrina, GERMANY

Participants

Being Seen in Obedience: A Study of Response Behaviors in WeChat Workgroups from the Perspective of Concertive Control

Ye Ma, Sichuan U, CHINA

Concertive Control as a Mechanism for Negotiating Collective Communication Design in Online Communities

Jennifer Gibbs, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Nitzan Navick, Rutgers U, USA

Qing Huang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Margot Plunkett, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

The Productive Tension of Dis/Order: A Communicative Perspective to the Performativity of Resistance

Monica Nadegger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Nicolas Bencherki, TÉLUQ Montréal, CANADA

Consuelo Vásquez, U du Québec à Montréal, CANADA

Vernacular Crisis Communication on Social Media: A Study of Online Mutual Aid in Times of Housing Crisis

Mathieu Chaput, TÉLUQ Montréal, CANADA

Sarah Naciri, U du Québec à Montréal, CANADA

Nicolas Bencherki, TÉLUQ Montréal, CANADA

Replaying the Past: Linking as a Constitutive Practice of Social Remembering in Platformed Organizing

Kaisa Lindholm, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Salla-Maaria Laaksonen, U of Helsinki, FINLAND

François Lambotte, UCLouvain, BELGIUM

Jukka Huhtamäki, U of Tampere, FINLAND

Erjon Skenderi, U of Helsinki, FINLAND

Saturday
15:00–16:15
Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Global Communication and Social Change

Discussant

Iginio Gagliardone, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Accelerating U.S. Retreat from the Global and Accentuating the Regional in Global Alignments

Karin Wilkins, U of Miami, USA

China-Saudi Infrastructure and the Politics of Smart Cities and Esports

Joe Khalil, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Importing and Exporting Techno-Authoritarianism: Türkiye between China, Russia and the US in a Multipolar World Order

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

Russo-Chinese Narrative Alignment in International Broadcasting: The Case of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Ilya Yablokov, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Aybuke Atalay, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

Dani Madrid-Morales, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

This panel investigates the reconfiguration of global communication power through the intersecting lenses of geopolitics, political economy, and infrastructural studies. As U.S. dominance wanes, new alliances among Global South actors are reshaping media, technology, and governance. Panelists examine how smart-city initiatives, esports projects,

digital infrastructure, and state-led media redistribute communicative authority. Employing diverse methodological approaches, the panel reveals the asymmetries within emerging South–South collaborations, highlighting how infrastructural entanglements, economic interdependencies and state-driven systems generate new forms of influence—and inequality—in a fragmenting world order.

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Decolonization and Journalistic Practices

Saturday
15:00–16:15
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Michael Serwornoo, U of Maryland Eastern Shore, USA

Participants

Retention of Colonial-Era Regulatory Laws: How Journalists in Bangladesh, Nigeria and Pakistan Navigate Professional Autonomy Amid Colonial-Era Laws

Ershad Komal Khan, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Muhammad Ali, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Joseph Ikerodah, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Indigenous Languages in Investigative Journalism in the Networked Age: The Media Ecosystem of South Africa

Kealeboga Aiseng, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

The Truth Behind the Headlines: Neocolonial Discourse in Contemporary News Coverage of Former Colonies

Henry Stevens, Independent Scholar, CANADA

Marc Jungblut, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

A Decolonial Peace Journalism Framework for Reporting Suffering from War and Conflict Zones

Ayesha Jehangir, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Beyond Frames: The Hidden Toll of Being a Global South Producer Making Documentaries for the West

Saad Zuberi, Louisiana State U, USA

4540

KOT-rolled Cyber Violence: Bystander Interventions, Perpetrator Rewards, and Gendered Hate Responses

Saturday
15:00–16:15
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Aleksandra Zheleva, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Participants

Loneliness Turns Disapproval into Reward: Dynamics of Digital Hate Perpetration, Online Feedback, and Life Satisfaction

Stephanie Buehrer, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

A Web of Hate: Gendered Responses to Hate Speech Online

Katharina Heger, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Hilde Coffé, U of Bath, UNITED KINGDOM

Catherine Bolzendahl, Oregon State U, USA

Pretty Privilege? Effects of Perpetrators' Attractiveness and Hate Type on User Responses Against Misogynist Digital Hate

Rinat Meerson, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Laughing at Harm, Looking Away from Hate? Understanding the Role of Content and Normative Cues in Shaping Users' Bystander Intervention against Anti-African Hate Speech on Chinese Social Media

Jinghan Ma, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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Saturday
15:00–16:15
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Media Narratives of Climate Change and the Land

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Journalism Studies

Chairs

Lynn Clark, U of Denver, USA
Adrienne Russell, U of Washington, USA

Discussant

Winston Mano, U of Westminster, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

The Narratives of the Acequias: A Case Study of How Climate Activists Reframed Water Rights as Struggles of Latino/a and Indigenous Identity in the U.S. Southwest

Lynn Clark, U of Denver, USA

Imagining Nature: Grassroots Iberian Activism and Environmental Narratives on Social Media

Elisenda Ardevol, U Oberta de Catalunya, SPAIN

Yadis Vanessa Vanegas Toala, U Politécnica Salesiana, ECUADOR

Where's The Justice in the Just Transition? An Ecolinguistic Perspective on the Co-Optation and Dilution of Radical Concepts into Normative Discourses

Julia Laurie, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Billionaire Fantasies and Techno-Solutionist Media Narratives

Adrienne Russell, U of Washington, USA

This panel brings together researchers from Europe, North and South America, and Africa to consider how activists of all sorts construct and leverage media narratives of the climate crisis. We aim to convene a conversation about the intersection of climate crisis and media power, with a focus on how narratives about land, nature, and environmental justice are shaped, contested, and mobilized across diverse contexts.

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Saturday
15:00–16:15
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

HIGH-DENSITY: Voice, Visibility, and Silence: Intercultural Communication in Media Narratives

Intercultural Communication

Chair

Amanda Alencar, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Translating Absence: Cross-Lingual Journalism and the Silencing of Witnesses in the Independent's Coverage of Maryam Abu Daqqa's Death

Mahmoud Alhirthani, Hamad Bin Khalifa U, QATAR

Seeing and Knowing Everyday Life: Tracing the Intercultural Cognitive Dynamics of Foreign Travelers' "#ChinaTravel" Narratives on YouTube

Yan Jiang, Central South U, CHINA

Yalong Xiao, Central South U, CHINA

Jie Feng, Central South U, CHINA

Jian Zhang, Central South U, CHINA

Blue Eyed Kaibutsu: Hafu Identity, Monstrosity, and Race in Netflix's Blue Eye Samurai

Keisuke Kimura, Miami U, USA

Nicholas Clark, U of Texas at Permian Basin, USA

Unpacking Emotional Labor and Differential Adaptation in Neoliberal Context: A Longitudinal Study of "Immigrant" Women Faculty's Experiences in U.S. Academia

Yea-Wen Chen, San Diego State U, USA

Brandi Lawless, U of San Francisco, USA

Shifting Educational Expectations in a Tibetan Family: A Case Study of Declining Religious Authority

Yixia Gao, Communication U of China, CHINA

4543

HIGH-DENSITY: Gender and Politics

Saturday

15:00–16:15

 **8.1**

**(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**

Political Communication

Chair

Kate Kenski, U of Arizona, USA

Participants

Persistence of the Political Gender Gap: A Communicative and Elaborative Perspective

Freddie Jennings, U of Arkansas Fayetteville, USA

Celebrity Gossip, Not #MeToo, Fuels Higher Volumes of Gender Justice Discussion

Xiaoyun Huang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Gendered Convergence in Political Communication: How News Media Narratives Align with Women Candidates' Campaign Messages

Aliya Andrich, TU Ilmenau, GERMANY

Martina Santia, Montclair State U, USA

Nichole Bauer, Louisiana State U, USA

A Mirror of Reality? Visual Representations of Female Politicians in the EU across Search Engines and Generative AI

Dongdong Zhu, U of California, Davis, USA

Predictors of Online Misogyny and the Backlash to Women's Empowerment: Evidence from Four European Countries

Phelia Weiss, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Rinat Meerson, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

"By Blood, Sweat, and Tears": Exploring Economically Marginalized Black Women's Political Information Seeking Habit

Chelsea Peterson-Salahuddin, U of Michigan, USA

Targeted Hostility towards Women in the (Political) Media

Michael Heseltine, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Twitter Conversations: Gendered Issue Publics among Women

Caley Hewitt, Louisiana State U, USA

Ayla Oden, Louisiana State U, USA

Nichole Bauer, Louisiana State U, USA

When Movement Polarizes: The Contingent Effect of the Chinese #MeToo Movement on Feminist Attitudes

Shuning Lu, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

Haixin Mu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

"I Never Use Hashtags": Gendered Affordances on Political Participation on Facebook, X, and Instagram

Karen Gheza, U Diego Portales, CHILE

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HIGH-DENSITY: Being in Conflict with Machines: Adaptation, Repair, and Relational Change

Saturday

15:00–16:15

 **8.2**

**(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Daniel Pietschmann, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Participants

When Humans Adapt to Machines: Investigating Users' Conflict Management

Accommodative Strategy in Human-AI Triad Groups

Jeff Jianfeng Lan, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Jingyao Lu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Tolerating an Offensive Social Bot? How Users Creatively Respond to AI Communicative

- Failures Personally and Collectively
 He Pan, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Tianyi Yang, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
 Jindong Leo-Liu, Education U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
- Can AI Apologize Effectively? Contextual Limits of Trust Repair and Blame Attribution with Generative Conversational Agents
 Xinyi Luo, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
- Building and Repairing Trust in Chatbots: The Interplay between Social Role and Real-time Performance
 Wenbin Ma, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Xiaoyu Ye, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
- Bilateral Autonomous Calibration: Repairing Automation through Human-Machine Co-Adjustment
 Zongyi Zhang, Soochow U, CHINA
 Lin Gao, Soochow U, CHINA
- Managing Conflicts Associated with Human-AI Collaborative Relationship: A Grounded Theory of Human-AI Relational Savvy as Long-term Resolution Strategy
 Liming Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Qingyang Tang, Fudan U, CHINA
- Users' Prompting Strategies and ChatGPT's Contextual Adaptation Shape Conversational Information-Seeking Experiences
 Haoning Xue, U of Utah, USA
 Yoo Jung Oh, Michigan State U, USA
 Xinyi Zhou, Boise State U, USA
 Xinyu Zhang, Michigan State U, USA
 Berit Oxley, Emory U, USA

This session examines how humans and machines navigate conflict, failure, and disruption across short-term communication and long-term relationships. Drawing on experiments, interviews, ethnography, and mixed methods, the papers show how users adapt communicative strategies, reinterpret failures, repair trust, and cultivate relational resilience with machines. Together, the contributions conceptualize conflict not as breakdown but as a generative force shaping HMC over time.

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HIGH-DENSITY: Innovations in Multimodal Data Analysis

Saturday
 15:00–16:15
 8.3
 (CTICC2,
 Lev 2)

Computational Methods

Chair

Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Seeing the Surreal: Mapping Surrealism in Photorealistic AI-Generated Images Using Large Language Models

Xinyi Liu, Northwestern U, USA

Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA

Qiyao Peng, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Sijia Qian, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA

Cuihua Shen, U of California, Davis, USA

Making Sense of Images: A Systematic Literature Review on Approaches to Clustering Visual Media Data for Communication Science

Nadezhda Ozornina, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Anna Zeller, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Podcasting Intimacy: A Computational Analysis of Textual and Acoustic Dimensions of Affective Expression

Zhuofan Fu, Boston U, USA

Chris Chao Su, Boston U, USA

Audio as Data: Computational Audio Analysis in Communication Research

Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA

Haohang Xin, Northwestern U, USA

Annie Chu, Northwestern U, USA

Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA

Cuihua Shen, U of California, Davis, USA

Is Emotion Contagious Across Modalities? Empirical Evidence from Multi-Modal Time-Series Analyses of Danmaku-Enabled Videos

Yiyan Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Min Ge, Northeastern U, USA

Zhuoyu Wang, Fudan U, CHINA

Qianyi Ye, Renmin U of China, CHINA

MAVIC - A Multimodal, Agnostic and Scalable Video Protocol for Interpretable Feature Compositions for the Analysis of Online Video Diets

David Wegmann, Aarhus U, DENMARK

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HIGH-DENSITY: From Skincare to Selfhood: Appearance, Health, and Well-Being in Digital Youth Cultures

Saturday

15:00–16:15

Watsonia

(CTICC2,

Lev 3)

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

Fashina Alade, Michigan State U, USA

Participants

Looking Good, Fitting in: Co-Trajectories of Appearance- and Friendship-Related Identity Distress and Positive Online Self-Presentation in Adolescence

Gaëlle Vanhoffelen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Lara Schreurs, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

“Can My Child Be a Model?” and Platformized Childhood: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Moral Panic over Child Modeling on Social Media

Zizhong Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Tianping He, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Adolescent and Adult Evaluations of Online Health Resources: A Thematic Analysis of Digital Ethnographic Field Notes

Isabel Garlough-Shah, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Marina Jenkins, Johns Hopkins U, USA

Avery Salerno, U of Cincinnati, USA

Angela Calvin, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Megan Moreno, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Glow Mode on: Examining the Links between Adolescents Girls’ Skincare Social Media Activities and Appearance Concerns

Jennifer Stevens Aubrey, U of Arizona, USA

Jiaqi Zeng, U of Arizona, USA

Kausumi Saha, U of Arizona, USA

Erica Scharrer, U Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Tianyi Yang, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

“It Feels Like That’s the Standard”: Arab Adolescents in Israel Lived Experience of Social Comparison and Body Image in the Age of Instagram Models

Nissim Katz, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, ISRAEL

Peer Appearance Conversations Amplify the Impact of Social Media on Adolescents’ Appearance Pressure and Disordered Eating: A Moderated Mediation Model

Piper Liping Liu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yuqiong Zhou, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yumiao Lin, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Saturday
15:00–16:15
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Information Systems**Chair**

Daniel Angus, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Examining Effect Sizes in Communication Research when Outcomes Are Measured at Self-Report, Physiological, Behavioral Levels

Byeong-Hyeon Lee, U at Buffalo, USA

Kyle Heneveld, U at Buffalo, USA

Lindsay Hahn, U at Buffalo, USA

Thomas Feeley, U at Buffalo, USA

Melanie Green, U at Buffalo, USA

Context for Good: Capturing Online Search Query Context by Adopting a Digital Practices Model

Kateryna Kasianenko, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Kath Albury, Swinburne U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Daniel Angus, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Shuoqi Sun, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Shir Weinbrand, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Oleg Zendel, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Ashwin Nagappa, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Profiling Digital Hate: Evaluating the Perspective API for Social Science Research

Thomas Kirchmair, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

AI-Driven Interdisciplinary Integration and Innovation: Evidence from Communication Studies in the Web of Science

Lihan Yan, Nanjing U, CHINA

Yaotian Zhang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Xue-Fei Yan, Nanjing U, CHINA

Minyang Chen, Nanjing U, CHINA

Jingjing An, Nanjing U, CHINA

Cheng-Jun Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Algorithmic Stratification in Social Media Narrative Framing: An Agent-Based Testing of Sex and Educational Disparities in Career Information Access

Yingying Ni, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Yi Mou, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Yuyun Zhang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Developing the Narrativization Scale: Measuring the Degree to Which People Interpret Their Lived Experiences as Stories

Jonathan Cohen, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Shani Or, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Liran Peretz, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Linoy Reter, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Roni Saini, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Linn Shapira, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Engagement with Narrational Complexity in Film: Development and Validation of the Complex Narrative Engagement Scale

Gaia Yonah, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Cynthia Cabanas, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Katalin Balint, VU Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Mariken van der Velden, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Elly Konijn, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

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Saturday
15:00–16:15
🌐 Westin
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

HIGH DENSITY: Computational and High-Throughput Approaches

Communication Science, and Biology

Chair

Ralf Schmaelzle, Michigan State U, USA

Participants

Mental Health and Media Selection: A Drift Diffusion Modeling Study

Valerie Klein, U of California, Davis, USA

Jason Gong, Texas A&M U, USA

Allison Eden, Michigan State U, USA

Richard Huskey, U of California, Davis, USA

Skip or Stay? Modelling Audience Engagement and Evaluation of AI-Generated Entertainment Short Video

Xiaoxiao Wang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Jeroen Lemmens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Beyond the Laboratory: Introducing High-Throughput Communication Science

Rachael Kee, U of California, Davis, USA

Richard Huskey, U of California, Davis, USA

Advancing the Use of Latent Transition Analysis (LTA) in Communication Scholarship: An Application to Map Shifts in Privacy Protection Motivation

Minghui Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Yidi Zhang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Laurent Wang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Testing the Effects of Internally vs. Externally Motivated Multitasking under Different Combinations of Media Devices: An Experiment in the Context of Online Learning

Chiyou Tong, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

The Relationship between Adolescent Well-Being and Self-Focused Posting on TikTok and Instagram Moderated by Neural Sensitivity to Peer Feedback

Soyeong Cho, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Mengyu Li, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Diego Romeo, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Jessica Mäki, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Xiaohui Cao, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Feifei Zhao, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Binbin Wang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Maddy O’Neill, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Emily Falk, U of Pennsylvania, USA

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

Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Megan Moreno, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Ellen Selkie, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Christopher Cascio, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

What Turns People On(line)? Exploring Online Pornography Preferences through Webtracking and Survey Data

Maximilian von Andrian-Werburg, Julius-Maximilians-U Würzburg, GERMANY

Johannes Breuer, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

Pascal Siegers, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

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Saturday
15:00–16:15
🌐 Westin
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

Absence and Presence: In(Visibility) across Cultures

Visual Communication Studies

Chair

Kuansong Victor Zhuang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

The Seen and Unseen: Negotiated Visibility and Gendered Visual Labour among Women Politicians in West Bengal, India

Rituparna Banerjee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Absence as Counter-Visual Claim: Rethinking Political Representation through Audiovisual Disruption

Mario Alvarez Fuentes, U de La Frontera, CHILE

Lone Sorensen, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Invisible “Seeing”: The Digital “Selfie” Experiences of People with Visual Impairments in China

Fanying Peng, Sichuan U, CHINA

Faceless Portraits: Understanding Motivations for Not Showing Faces in Digital Self-Presentation

Hongyang Zhou, Cornell U, USA

Ariela Ponti, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA

Diana Bravo, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA

Tzu Ching Lai, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Hsuen-Chi Chiu, Purdue U, USA

Chia Hsin Lee, Indiana U Indianapolis, USA

Chien Wen Yuan, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN

Donghee Wohn, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA

4562

Saturday
15:00–16:15
Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

News on Social Media: Reporters’ and Users’ Perspectives

Journalism Studies

Chair

Phoebe Maares, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

Participants

A Constant State of Flux: The Space and Function of Social Media Journalism in the Digital Newsroom

Jonathan Hendrickx, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Aske Kammer, Roskilde U, DENMARK

“Because You All Took Such an Intense Interest”: The Role of Reddit in Shaping U.S. Military Journalism and Discourse

Daniel Johnson, U of Tübingen, USA

Privacy Concern vs. Public Interest: How Do Audiences Perceive Surveillance News on Social Media Platforms

Yutan Shi, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Pengxiang Li, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Pandemic News Posting and User Engagement: Exploring Content Characteristics of News Media Articles Triggering the Posting and User Engagement on Facebook during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Simon Kruschinski, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Marcus Maurer, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Carsten Reinemann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Being Journalists on Social Media: Contrasting Professionals’ Self-Perceptions to Role Expectations among Adolescents

Vasco Avides Moreira, U NOVA de Lisboa, PORTUGAL

Darian Harff, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

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Saturday
15:00–16:15
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(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Crisis Communication and Public Sensemaking in Environmental Disasters

Environmental Communication

Chair

Shitemi Khamadi, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Participants

Temporal Distance and Sentiment Analysis across X and Reddit: A Cross-Platform Study of Public Reactions to Hurricane Ian

James Ndone, Coastal Carolina U, USA

Nathan Carpenter, U of Florida, USA
Crisis Attention and Civility on Wikipedia: Evidence from Southeast Asia's Haze
Linsen Yang, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
The Social Media Ecology of Heatwaves: Analysing Local Government Messaging in
Western Sydney
Luigi Di Martino, U of Western Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Sacred Fires and Moral Worlds: Islamic Digital Sermons and Transnational Climate
Meaning-Making from the Global South
Mushfique Wadud, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

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Meaningful Media: Hedonic and Eudaimonic Media Experiences

Saturday
15:00–16:15
**Edward &
Schappen**
**(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)**

Mass Communication

Chair

Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

Participants

How Are You Feeling? A Longitudinal Experiment Considering Affect of Hedonic and Eudaimonic Media Experiences over Time

Annie Dooley, The Ohio State U, USA

Nicholas Matthews, The Ohio State U, USA

Teresa Lynch, The Ohio State U, USA

What Is a Eudaimonic or Meaningful Entertainment Experience? Using the Wisdom of the Expert Crowd to Clarify an Elusive Concept

Daniel Possler, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Enny Das, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Development and Validation of the Self-Reflection Scale in Meaningful Media Consumption

Rui Gu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Hye Kyung Kim, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

The Paradox of Hedonic Content: Comforting Media for Meaning Maintenance

Janaki Riji Nair, Syracuse U, USA

Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

Daniel Possler, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Enjoying the Pleasure: Hedonic Capacity as a Key Predictor of Enjoying Media Entertainment

Fangqing Lu, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Lara Wolfers, U of Basel, SWITZERLAND

Annabell Halfmann, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Susanne Baumgartner, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

4571

Livestreaming, Platform Visibility, Femininity, and Gendered Intimacy

Saturday
15:00–16:15
**Victoria &
Alfred**
**(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

Feminist Scholarship

Communication History

Chair

Eunbi Lee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Participants

Transition of Identity: Livestreaming Practices of Rural Chinese Women and the Intersectional Power Relations

Yini Wang, Hunan U, CHINA

Yumeng Chen, Hunan U, CHINA

A Visible Home: "Livestreaming Together" Practices of Southeast Asian Wives on Chinese Platforms

Yiran Liu, Peking U, CHINA

Fanru Sha, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Yixin Weng, Peking U, CHINA

Ruoyu Zhou, Peking U, CHINA
The Rise of the Tuanbo (Group Livestreaming) Industry: Gendered Labor and the Paradox of “Downward Freedom”

Haiyi Chen, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Performing Love with an AI Boyfriend: Gender and Power in Human-AI Romance
Chenyong Weng, Texas A&M U, USA

Lu Tang, Texas A&M U, USA
The Intimate Consequences of Making a Platform Livelihood: The “Triple Migration” of Street Streamers and Affective Politics of Precarity in China

Meng-Yun He, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

This session covers platformed performance, affect, and domesticity.

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BLUE SKY: Building a Global Urban Communication Agenda: Advancing the Role of Communication in Addressing Urban Problems

Saturday
15:00–16:15
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Lev 1)

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Matthew Bui, U of Michigan, USA
Myria Georgiou, London School of Economics and Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Germaine Halegoua, U of Michigan, USA
Jeffrey Lane, Rutgers U, USA
Matthew Matsaganis, Rutgers U, USA
Erika Polson, U of Denver, USA

By 2050, the United Nations predicts two-thirds of the world’s population will live in cities. This Blue Sky workshop convenes colleagues from across ICA whose work engages communication to address urban problems, building scholarly connections that may or may not be yet forged. By elaborating on urban communication as a field bridging critique and action, this workshop seeks to clarify and expand the role of communication in creating solutions and bringing resources to global urban issues.

4601

(HYBRID) 76th Annual Presidential Address, Fellows’ Induction, and Awards Ceremony

Saturday
16:30–17:45
 **CTICC**
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Sponsored Sessions

Chair


Thomas Hanitzsch, LMU Munich, GERMANY

Participant

Ingrid Bachmann, Pontificia U Catolica de Chile, CHILE
Karin Wahl-Jorgensen, Cardiff U, UNITED KINGDOM
Eszter Hargittai, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
Isabel Molina, U of Illinois Urbana Champaign, USA

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ICA Journals’ Reception

Saturday
17:45–18:45
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old

Sponsored Sessions

Please join ICA for a reception celebrating the work of editorial boards, reviewers, and authors published in ICA’s journals and affiliate journals. Each journal will contribute a poster showcasing their work from the past year and award commendations, if applicable.

Harbour
Level)

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Annenberg East/West Reception

Saturday

19:00–21:00



**Westin
Ballroom
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Old Harbour
Level)**

Satellite Events

Open to all.

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Nanyang Technological U Reception

Saturday

20:00–22:00



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Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Satellite Events

Invitation only.

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The 4th Annual ICA Black Scholars' Noirée

Saturday

21:00–
23:00



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Sponsored Sessions

Chair

Tina M. Harris, Louisiana State U, USA

Organizer

Laura Sawyer, International Communication Association, USA

As stated by the Noirée's originator, Deen Freelon, in Paris, "Anyone who would feel comfortable in a room full of overeducated Black people is welcome." This year's event is co-hosted by Dr. Meghan Sanders, Dr. Tina Harris, and Laura Sawyer. Light canapés/desserts and an open bar will be provided by ICA. Guests welcome; bring your friends! This event is FREE, but you must register to attend so we have the proper amount/number of catering/beverages.

Please follow the link to register:

<https://www.icahdq.org/events/register.aspx?id=2022735&itemid=0656a2e3-7c42-4e6b-aba8-ce11673dd299> by 25 May.

AI Politics

General Call for Proposals

A New Interdisciplinary Book Series

To be published by: Intellect and University of Chicago Press

Edited by Andrew Hoskins (University of Edinburgh) and Ben O'Loughlin (Royal Holloway, University of London)

We invite proposals for a new interdisciplinary book series, AI Politics, which will interrogate and shape debate on the social, political, and epistemological transformations wrought by artificial intelligence. This series provides a critical platform for researchers engaging with the emergent realities of AI — not speculative futures, but the immediate and ongoing contests over knowledge, data, information, power, identity, privacy, memory, economy, war, and resistance in the digital era. The series is animated by an urgent need for epistemic authority in an environment dominated by accelerated technological change and discursive volatility.

AI Politics welcomes contributions that address key thematic areas including (but not limited to):

AI and democratic trust * Generative AI and memory * Surveillance and data justice * AI in warfare and security ecologies * AI and activist politics.

We are particularly interested in scholarship that disrupts dominant narratives and reimagines how AI might be governed, contested, or transformed.

The series is open to a range of formats:

- Short form and Agenda-setting texts (30,000 and 60,000 words) that respond to critical events and policy shifts or reorient scholarly and public discourse;
- Full-length monographs (50,000+ words) presenting comprehensive research and theoretical contributions;
- Textbooks that redefine or re-map fields of study for students and instructors in the AI era.

Submission

To submit a proposal or express interest, please contact the series editors with a brief abstract (300–500 words), author biography, and indicative table of contents. Full proposal guidelines can be provided upon request.

AI Politics is not just a series—it is a critical intervention in how we come to understand and live with AI. Join us in shaping this essential conversation.



More info
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We extend our congratulations to our President-Elect on the successful planning of this year's conference. The dedication, clear vision, and effort you brought to the process were truly admirable — and the results spoke for themselves. We are so grateful for your leadership. Here's to a historic ICA26!





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