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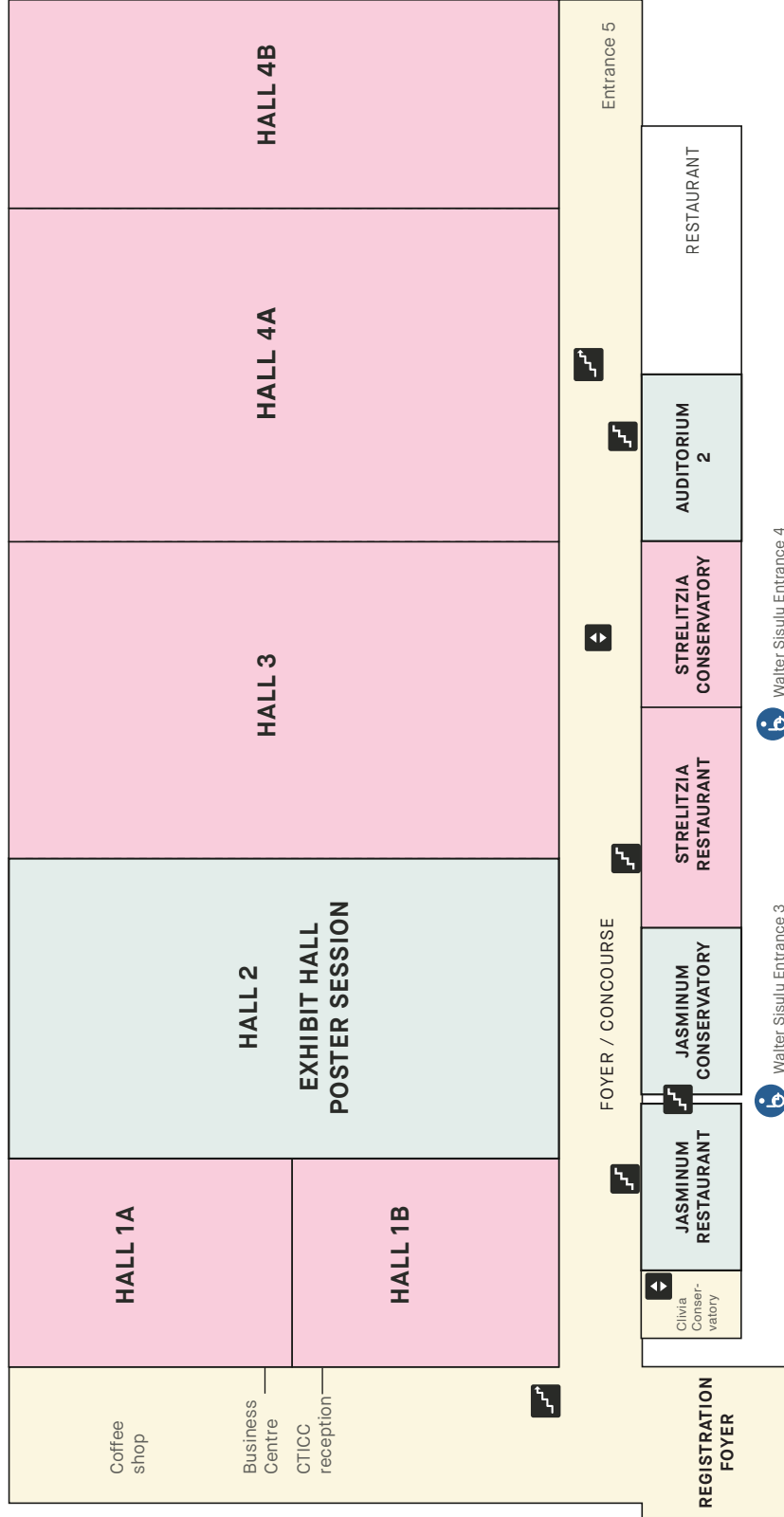
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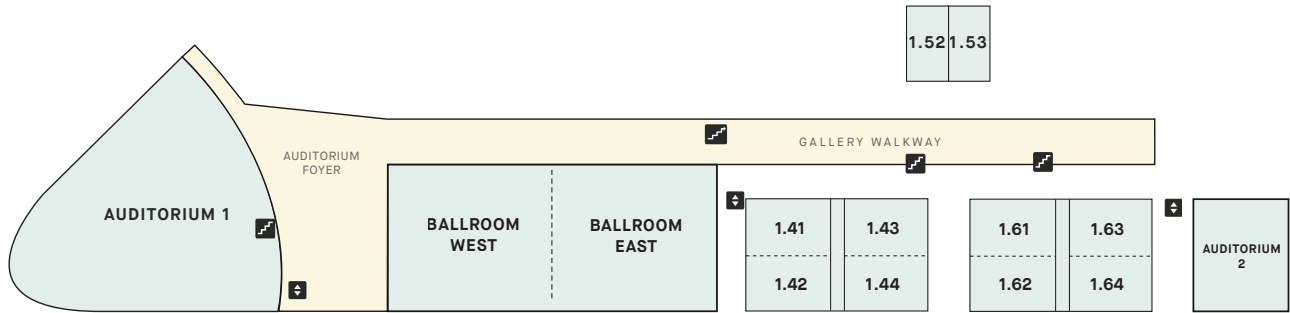
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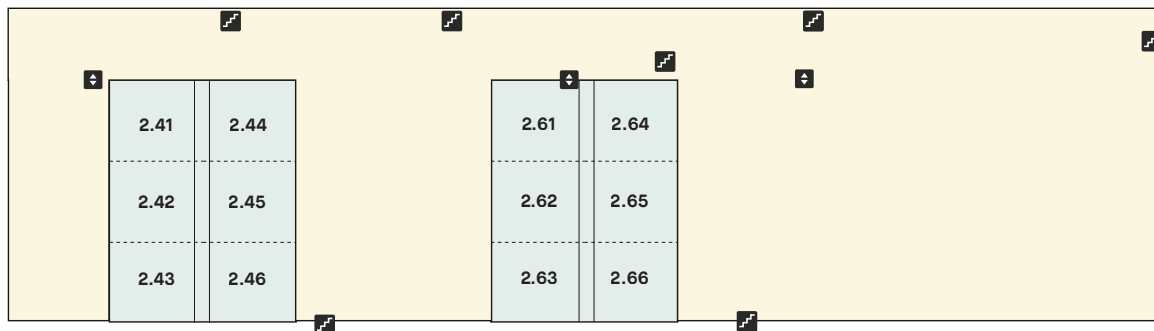


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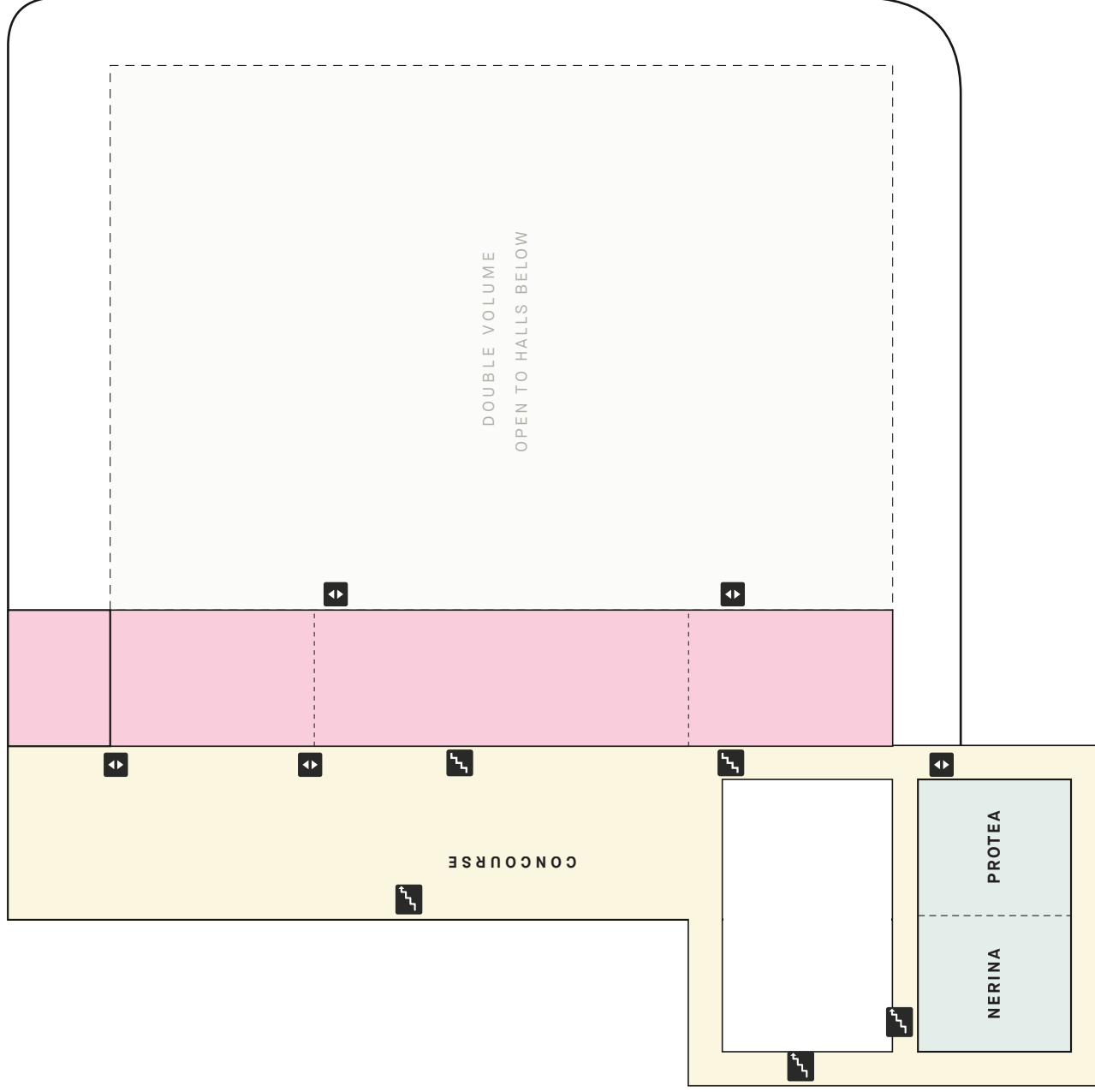
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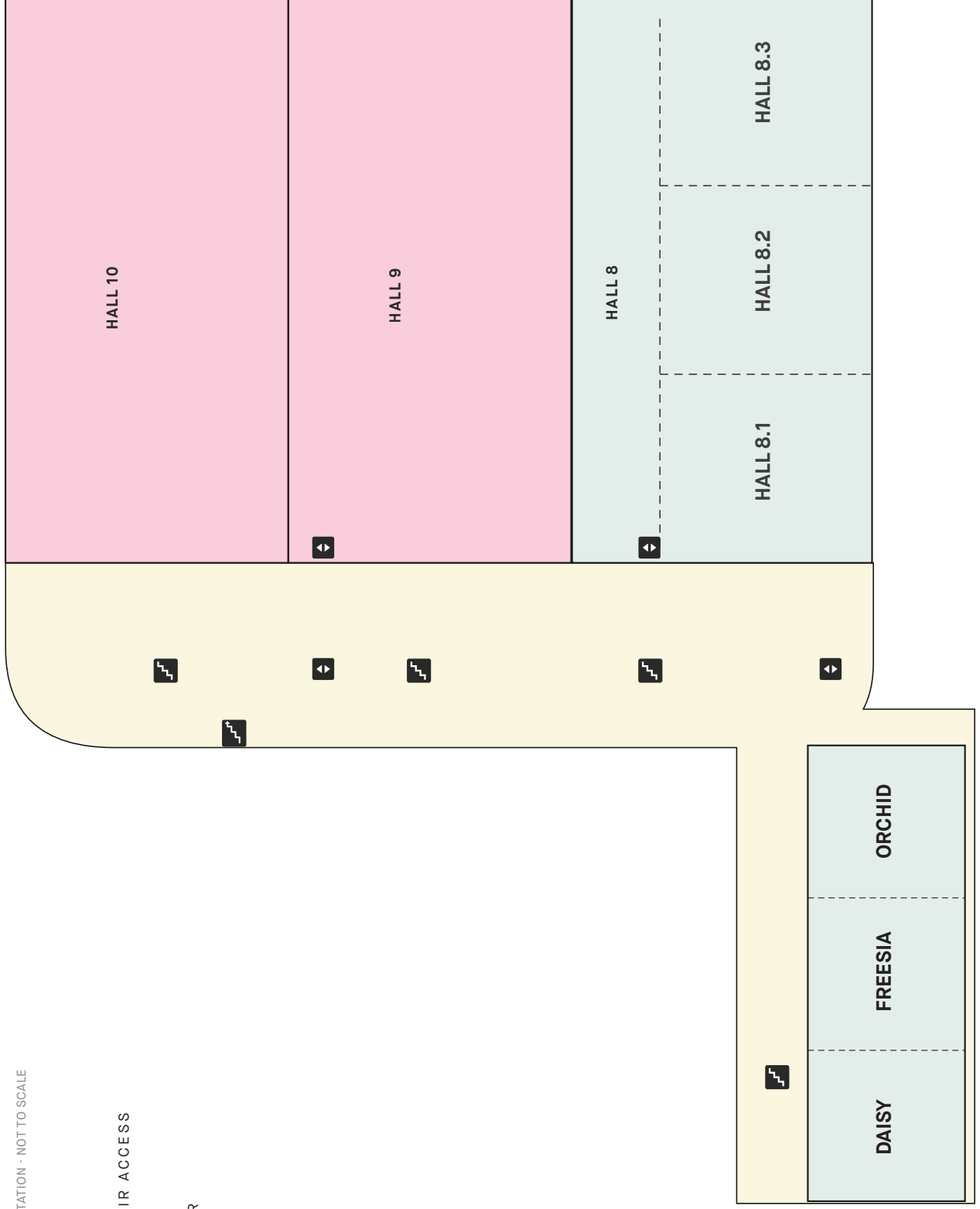
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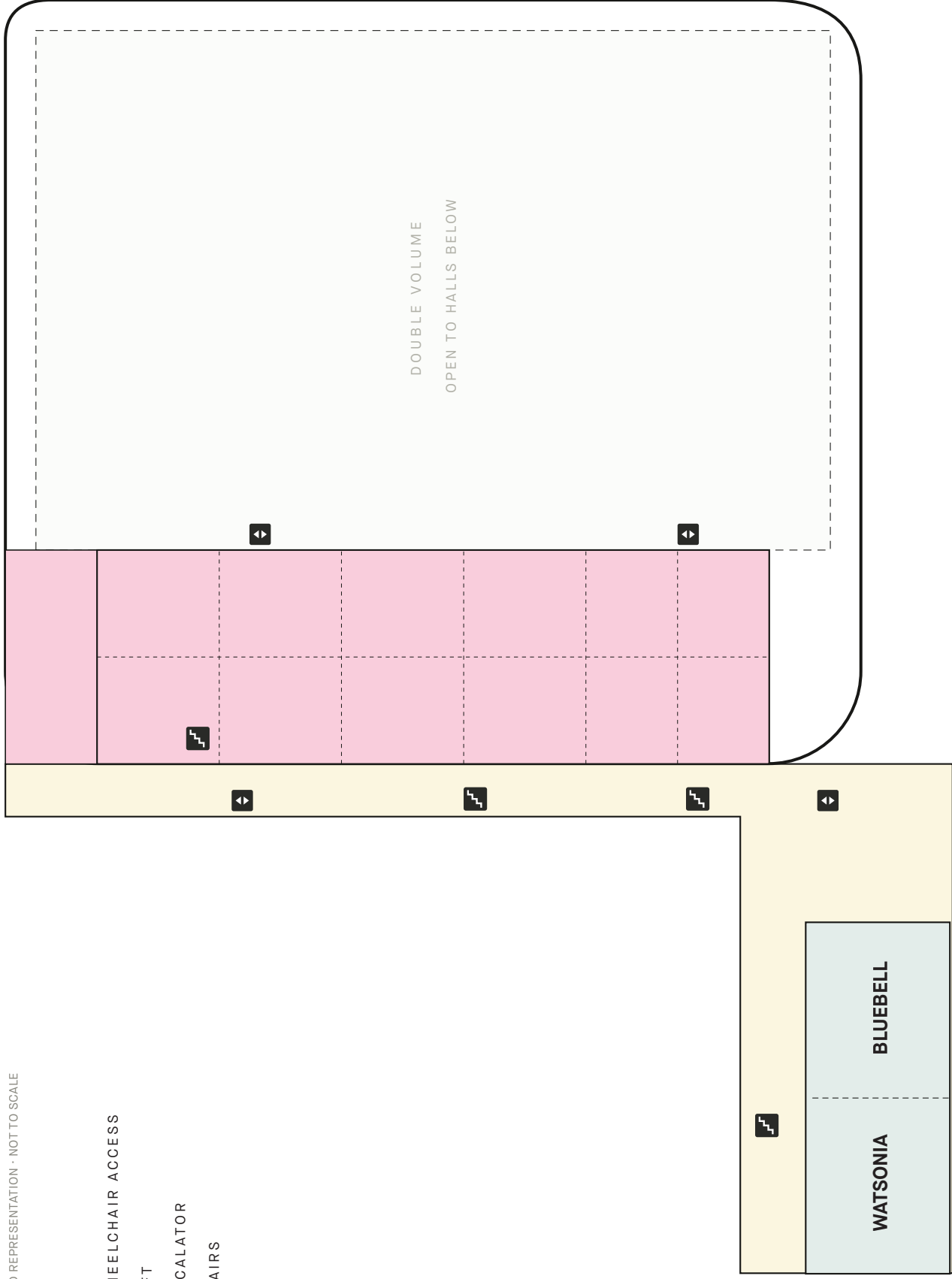
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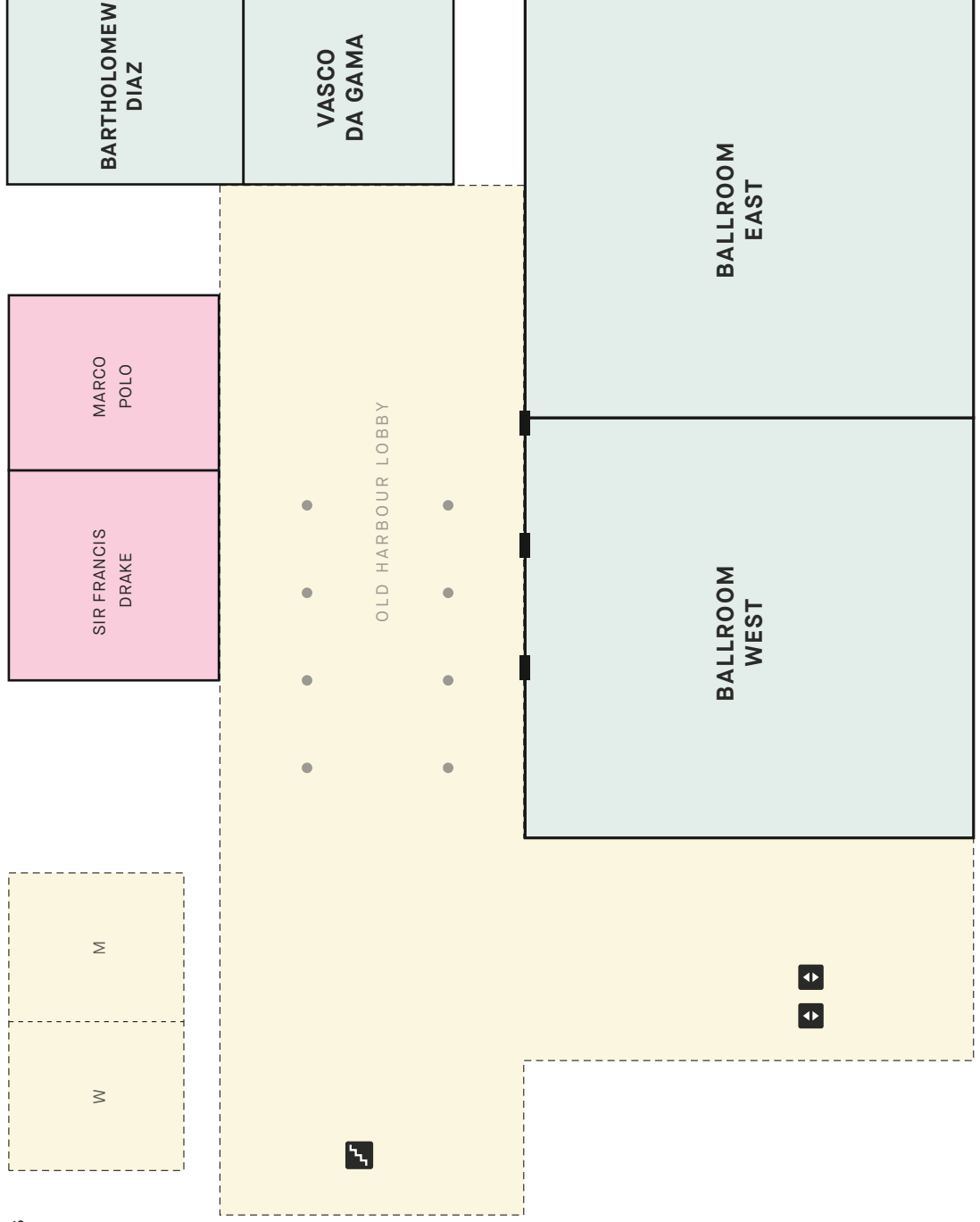
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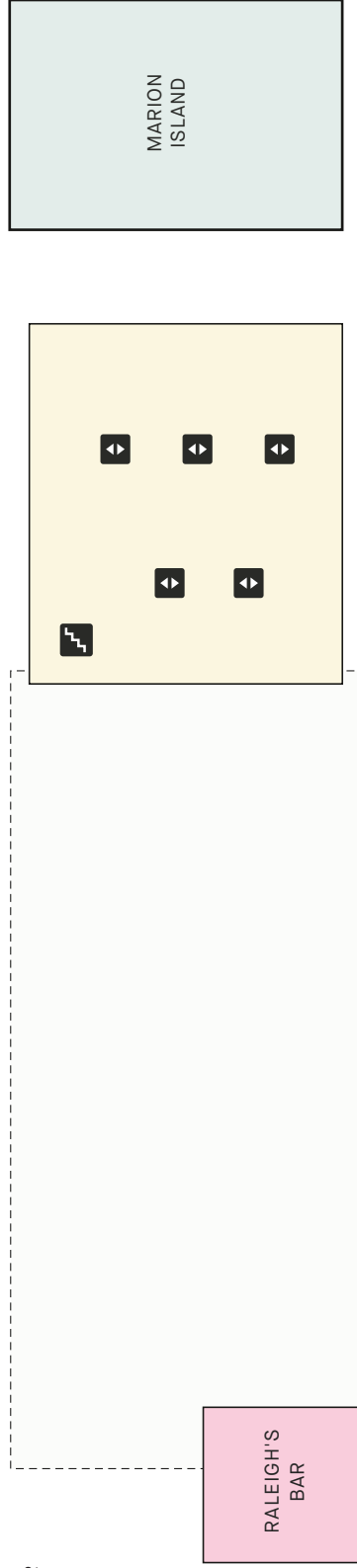
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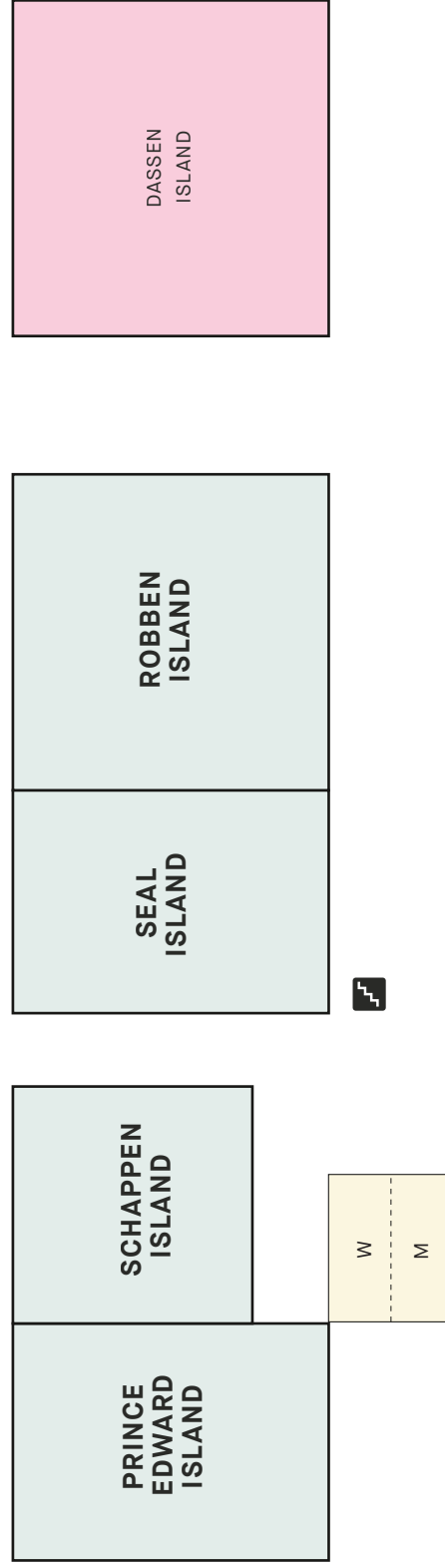
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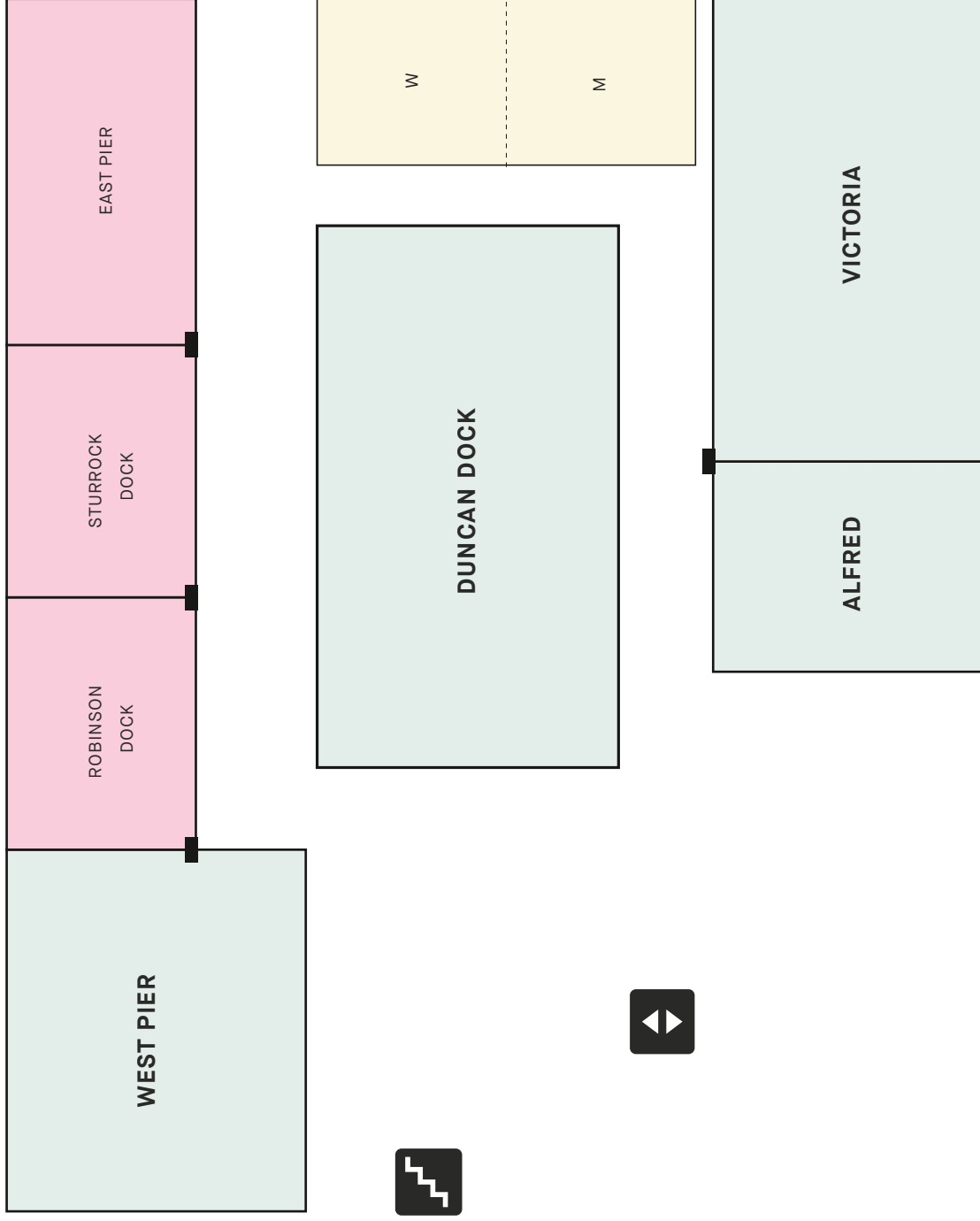
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Welcome to the 76th Annual ICA Conference from ICA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laura Sawyer
Executive Director
ICA Headquarters, Washington DC

Welcome from the Conference Planner

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enjoy ICA26!

Ingrid Bachmann
Pontificia U Católica de Chile
President-Elect

Welcome from the Local Host Committee

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

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

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

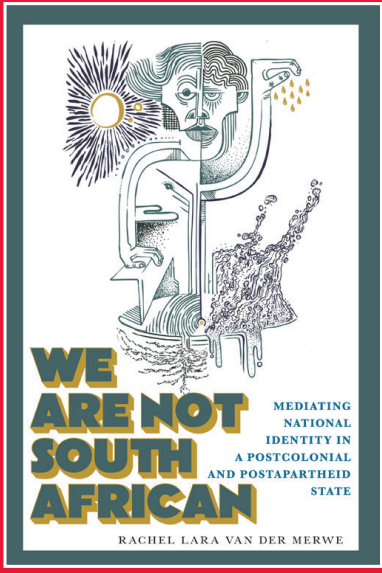
You will have noticed already that this is a complex city, with contested histories and heartbreaking inequalities. You have arrived in a society still marked by the long aftermath of colonialism and apartheid, but also a harbour city which has been globally connected for centuries. These global connections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

We wish you a rewarding, enjoyable and enriching conference.

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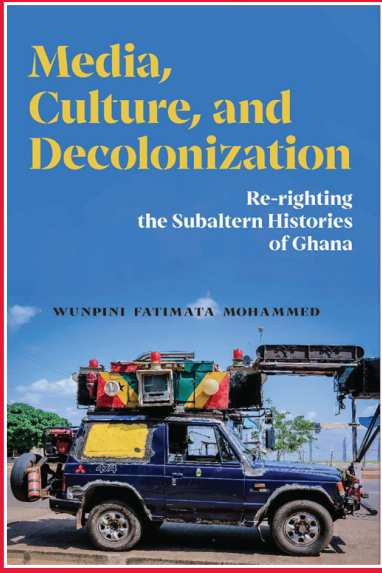
Herman Wasserman, on behalf of the ICA 2026 Host Committee.

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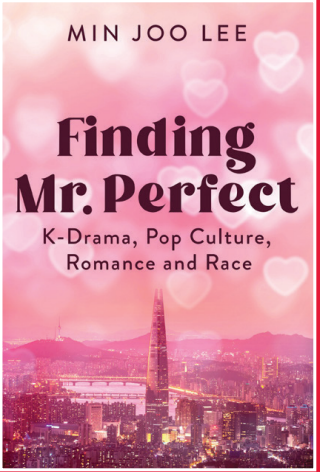
What does it mean to be South African, if the idea of “South Africa” is a European invention that continues to channel colonial values into our world? This book imagines a planet without nations, exploring why and how we could form sociopolitical communities imagined through decolonial commitments to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

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

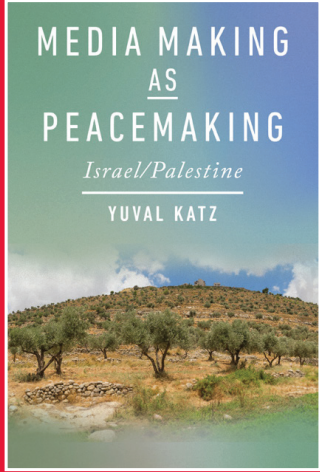


This book examines media by highlighting how African languages, cultures and traditions can shift how we think of knowledge. By focusing on Ghana, the book demonstrates the potential that African language media hold as tools of cultural and epistemological decolonization.

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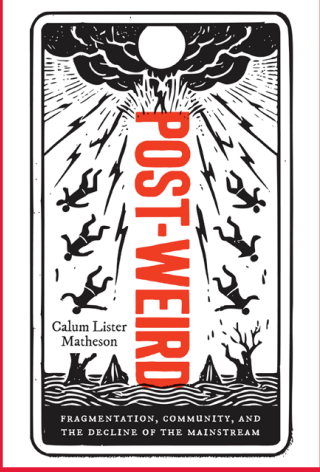
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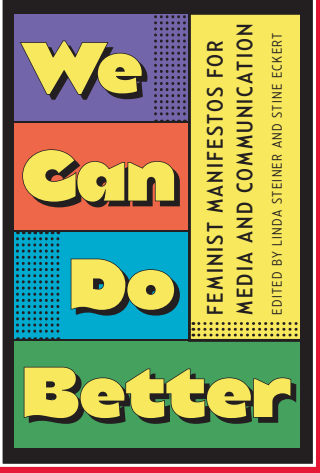
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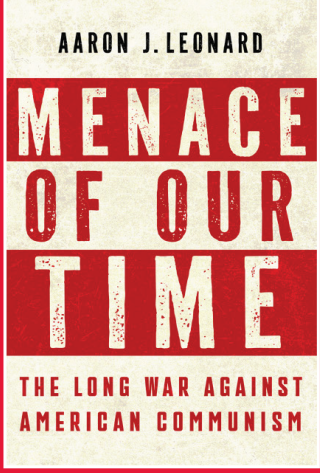
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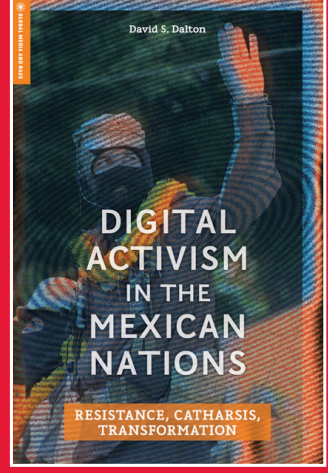
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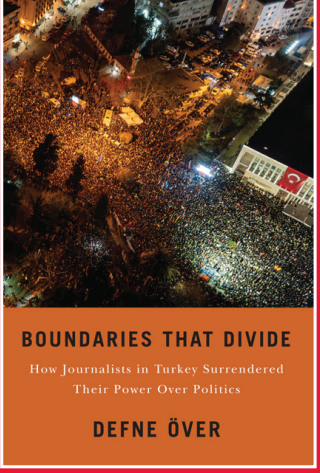
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General Information

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 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.

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8.2 (CTICC2, Lev 2)

8.3 (CTICC2, Lev 2)

Auditorium 1 (CTICC1, Lev 1)

Auditorium 2 (CTICC1, Lev 2)

CTICC Ballroom East (CTICC1, Lev 1)

CTICC Ballroom West (CTICC1, Lev 1)

Westin Ballroom East (Westin, Old Harbour Level)

Westin Ballroom West (Westin, Old Harbour Level)

HEARING ACCOMMODATIONS

Captioning/Transcription Services

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

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

Presentations

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

CHILD/PARENT/CAREGIVER ACCOMMODATIONS

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

Room Guidelines:

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

CTICC Nursing Room

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

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

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

ICAKids: Childcare

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

ICAKids' Picnic

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

ICAKids Family Play Zone

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

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

LGBTQIA+ ATTENDEES

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

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

Gender-Neutral Restrooms

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

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

Safety for LGBTQIA+ Attendees at the Conference

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

BLACK CAUCUS ATTENDEES

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

RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Religious observance/multi-faith room

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

Please note the following when using the room:

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

misplaced belongings.

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

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

Religious Schedule Conflicts

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

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS (alpha order)

Alcohol Culture

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

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

Allergies

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

Exercise Facilities and Pool

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

Fragrance-Free Environment

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

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

Medical Needs: Hospital & Urgent Care

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

Mental Health/Suicide Hotline

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

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

TRAVEL SAFETY

As with any destination, it is important to:

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

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

Harassment

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

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

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

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

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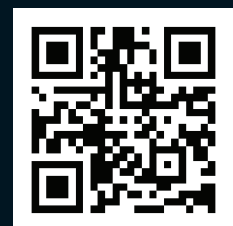
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CTICC Ballroom East (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 (HYBRID) Feeling Through	09:00–10:15 (HYBRID) REACH Showcase:	10:30–11:45 (HYBRID) HIGH-DENSITY:	10:30–11:45 (HYBRID) Parasocial, Digital,	12:00–13:15 (HYBRID) Disrupting Power,	13:30–14:45 (HYBRID) SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL	15:00–16:15 (HYBRID) Cities, Media, and	18:00–20:00 Political Communication Division Reception						
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1.41 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Intergroup Processes and Social	10:30–11:45 Censorship and Self-Censorship	10:30–11:45 Censorship and Self-Censorship	12:00–13:15 Influencers and Politics	13:30–14:45 Fact-Checking and Politics	15:00–16:15 Instructional and Developmental	16:30–17:45 Instructional and Developmental							
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1.43 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Navigating Delicate Health	10:30–11:45 Media, Poverty, Exclusion	10:30–11:45 Media, Poverty, Exclusion	12:00–13:15 Global Queer Texts	13:30–14:45 Queer(ing) Motherhood in East and	15:00–16:15 Platforms and Queer Desire	16:30–17:45 Generative Overload: Cognitive							
1.44 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Science in the News	10:30–11:45 Communicating by Scientists and Science	10:30–11:45 Communicating by Scientists and Science	12:00–13:15 Language, Politics, Power, and	13:30–14:45 The Intersection of Science	15:00–16:15 Diversity Work and Media	16:30–17:45 News Coverage in China: State							
1.61 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Theorizing Through Production	10:30–11:45 Collective Identity, Cultural	10:30–11:45 Collective Identity, Cultural	12:00–13:15 Nerfing Toxicity: Measuring,	13:30–14:45 Understanding and Addressing	15:00–16:15 The Mechanical Doctor: Co-	16:30–17:45 Diversity Work and Media							
1.62 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Verification and Fact-Checking	10:30–11:45 In-Betweenness In Media and	10:30–11:45 In-Betweenness In Media and	12:00–13:15 Global South, Nation Branding,	13:30–14:45 Surveillance, Privacy, and Mobile	15:00–16:15 Diversity in Newsrooms and	16:30–17:45 News Coverage in China: State							
1.63 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Misogyny, Antifeminism, and	10:30–11:45 Bodies, Beauty, and Postfeminist	10:30–11:45 Bodies, Beauty, and Postfeminist	12:00–13:15 Feminist Media Interventions,	13:30–14:45 Circuits of Collective Feelings:	15:00–16:15 HIGH-DENSITY: Doing	16:30–17:45 Media, Civility, and Political							
1.64 (CTICC1, Lev 1)			09:00–10:15 Mobile Media and Well-Being	10:30–11:45 MEOW-ney In AI: Exposure	10:30–11:45 MEOW-ney In AI: Exposure	12:00–13:15 Mobile Disconnection Practices	13:30–14:45 Digital Sovereignty and Global	15:00–16:15 Disempowered Voices and Online Hate:	16:30–17:45 Media, Civility, and Political							
Auditorium 2 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00–10:15 CAT-ching Quality Feeds:	10:30–11:45 GATO-verned Gig Economies:	10:30–11:45 GATO-verned Gig Economies:	12:00–13:15 CAT-chy Connections: Livestream	13:30–14:45 Algorithm and Politics	15:00–16:15 KOT-nnected Concerns: Digital	16:30–17:45 PARTNER PANEL: IAMCR -							

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2.41-2.43 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Confronting Institutions, Creating	10:00-11:45 Challenging Authoritarianism	11:00-12:00 12:00-13:15 BILLI-eving Stigma: FOMO,	13:00-14:45 Tame the Goliath: Governing	15:00-16:15 Public Service Media in	16:30-17:45 The Tension Between Local and	18:00-20:00 U of Sydney Reception								
2.44-2.46 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 MIAU-Iti-User Metaverses: Divergent	10:30-11:45 Practising Decolonisation in Global	12:00-13:15 Reflections on the Past and Future of	13:30-14:45 The Digital Contour of Materiality:	15:00-16:15 Environmental Activism and Its	16:30-17:45 AI and Emerging Technologies:									
2.61-2.63 (CTICC1, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Platform Power and Anti-Power:	10:30-11:45 Affect, Parody, and Play: Life	12:00-13:15 Negotiating Credibility, Performance,	13:30-14:45 The Digital Contour of Materiality:	15:00-16:15 Fandom World-making Across Time,	16:30-17:45 Power and Perspective: Representatio									
2.64 (CTICC1, Level 2)			09:00-10:15 PARTNER PANEL: MEA - Media	10:30-11:45 Social Support: Community,	12:00-13:15 HIGH-DENSITY: The	13:30-14:45 PARTNER PANEL: AMCAP -	15:00-16:15 Power and Inequality in Music:										
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Nerina (CTICC2, Lev 1)			09:00-10:15 Inequalities in Newsrooms and Across	10:30-11:45 Journalism in the Digital Era:	12:00-13:15 Journalism in Flux: Changing	13:30-14:45 CAT Top Student Papers	15:00-16:15 CAT Top Papers	16:30-17:45 CAT Business Meeting									
Protea (CTICC2, Lev 1)			09:00-10:15 In Class With Talent and Tenacity:	10:30-11:45 Killing Journalism: AI,	12:00-13:15 Top Student Papers in Public	13:30-14:45 Large Language Models,	15:00-16:15 Top Papers in Public Relations	16:30-17:45 Public Relations Business	18:00-20:00 Public Relations Reception								
Daisy (CTICC2, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Environmental Justice, Inequality,	10:30-11:45 Global Perspectives on	12:00-13:15 Reaching Diverse Publics in	13:30-14:45 Platformed Borders: Apps,	15:00-16:15 Witnessing War: A View from Inside—	16:30-17:45 Trust in the News and Transparency									
Freesia (CTICC2, Lev 2)			09:00-10:15 Politicized Misinformation in the Digital	10:30-11:45 Repetition Matters?! Theories,	12:00-13:15 Investigating Changes in News	13:30-14:45 Inequalities Seen and Unseen:	15:00-16:15 Social Influencers: For Good and	16:30-17:45 HIGH-DENSITY: Shaping									
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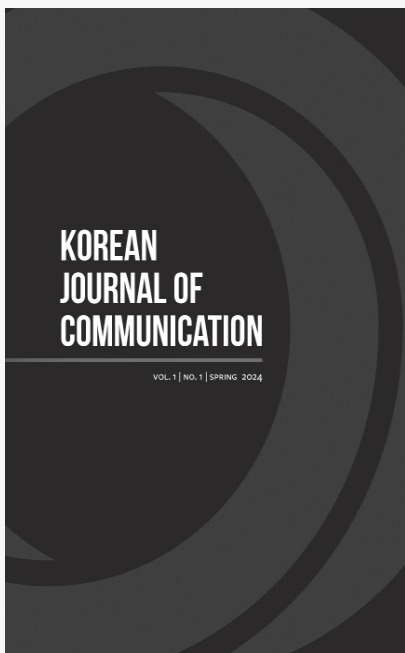
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Sunday, 7 June 2026

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Sunday
7:30–8:45
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

BLUE SKY: Research and Creative Expression: New Guidelines for Multimodal Research in Communication

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Lisa Henderson, U of Western Ontario, CANADA

Sandra Ristovska, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

This Blue Sky session reports from an international working group developing guidelines for multi-modal research in Communication. By multi-modality, we mean creating and disseminating research in a range of forms beyond books, journal articles, and other verbal/print materials; for example, audio-visual media, performance, games, immersive installation, or music, often in combination with writing. The session welcomes contributions to our draft guidelines (available in advance and summarized at the session) from new and practiced multi-modal scholars.

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

Friends of Bill W. Meeting

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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.

5082

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

ICA Past Presidents' Breakfast

Sponsored Sessions

Chair

Thomas Hanitzsch, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Organizers

Christopher Rochette, International Communication Association, USA

Laura Sawyer, International Communication Association, USA

Invitation only; for ICA past presidents only. Please check your email for your invitation in May; contact Christopher Rochette (crochette@icahdq.org) with any questions.

5090

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

Registration and Badge Pickup Hours

Sponsored Sessions

5064

Sunday
8:30–9:00

Morning Snack

Sponsored Sessions

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

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

5091

Morning Snack

Sunday
8:30–9:00

Sponsored Sessions

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

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Exhibit Hall Open

Sunday
8:30–15:00

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**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

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ICA Kids Family Play Zone

Sunday
8:30–16:30

Sponsored Sessions

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

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

5101

(HYBRID) Feeling through Screens: Affective Dimensions of Digital Interaction

Sunday
9:00–10:15

Interdivisional

 **CTICC**

Chair

Christine Huang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

**Ballroom
East**

Participants

Perceiving Stories and Seeing Selves: Older Adults' Cognitive and Emotional Engagement with AI-Mediated Narratives

(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Amy Lu, Northeastern U, USA
Eesha Gangal, Northeastern U, USA
Susanne Jaeggi, Northeastern U, USA
Aaron Seitz, Northeastern U, USA
WhatsApp: An Infrastructure and a Spectacle of Hope in Digital Political Mobilization
Silas Udenze, U of Toronto, SPAIN
Antoni Roig Telo, U Oberta de Catalunya, SPAIN
Not Only for Moral Reasons but Also for Group Support: How Technical Features Shape
Bystanders' Intervention in Cyberbullying
Yuanyuan Zhang, Fudan U, CHINA
Jingjing Yi, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Unpacking Persuasive Pathways in Interactive Health Communication during Outbreaks:
Cognitive and Affective Mechanisms of Interactivity and Threat Appeals
Jiaqi (Agnes) Bao, U of South Dakota, USA
Jessica Myrick, Good Pug Media, USA
Not Just Letting It Out: Privacy Risks, Online Engagement and Collective Anonymity in
Social Media Disclosures of Relationship Breakdowns
Yanfei Lin, U of Oregon, USA

5102

(HYBRID) REACH Showcase: Highlighting ICA's Regional Chapters, Hubs, and the Future of Global Scholarship

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

Sponsored Sessions

Chair

Noshir Contractor, Northwestern U, USA

Organizer

Christopher Rochette, International Communication Association, USA

Participants

Mohan Dutta, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND
Aliaa ElShabassy, Cairo U, EGYPT
Shiv Ganesh, U of Texas at Austin, USA
Ekaete George, U of Port Harcourt, NIGERIA
Kai Kuang, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Agnes Lucy Lando, Daystar U, KENYA
Desmond Okocha, Bingham U, NIGERIA
Nia Sarinastiti, Atma Jaya U, INDONESIA
Kulveen Trehan, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha U, INDIA
Di Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA
Mengxiao Zhu, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

This showcase session celebrates and examines ICA's expanding global footprint through its Regional Chapters and Regional Hubs initiatives. The session brings together leaders from across these programs to report on accomplishments, share lessons learned, and chart a path forward for ICA's global engagement. The session will feature brief presentations from the leadership of ICA's six Regional Chapters—in China, France, India, Indonesia, Kenya, and Nigeria—reporting on their activities over the course of ICA's three-year pilot project. Representatives from the ten Regional Hubs operating concurrent with the 2026 ICA Annual Conference in Cape Town will also share highlights from their programming and participation. Beyond individual reports, the session will showcase collaborative initiatives that have emerged among Regional Chapters to address pressing global issues, including the Ferment Road Initiative and cross-regional explorations of AI in communication research and teaching. Panelists will reflect candidly on the challenges and opportunities they have encountered in leading these regional endeavors and will invite audience participation in generating new ideas to advance ICA's mission of expanding global and regional scholarship. In addition to Regional Chapter and Hub leaders, the session will include representatives from ICA's Global Representation & Engagement Committee and the Regional Endeavors, Affiliate Conferences, and Hubs (REACH) Committee, providing an institutional perspective on the future of these programs.

5103**Intergroup Processes and Social Media**

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

Intergroup Communication**Chair**

Matteo Rinaldi, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Silent Viewing as Active Bias Confirmation: How Non-Participation Shapes Opinion

Ecologies in Short Video Comment Sections

Xuelian Li, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Shitong Chen, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Disabled Stand-Up on Instagram: A Content Analysis of Reels by Comedians Who Identify as Disabled

Martina Santia, Montclair State U, USA

Charisse Corsbie-Massay, Syracuse U, USA

Emmanuel-Sathya Gray, U of Cincinnati, USA

Nia Mason, Xavier U, USA

Luvell Anderson, U of Illinois, USA

“There Are No Feminists When World War 3 Starts”: A Discourse Analysis of Symbolic Violence on Manfluencers’ YouTube Short Content

Matteo Rinaldi, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Julia Kneer, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Online Group Contact Quality and Status Differences as Moderators of Out-group Bias: A Dual-Path Test of Intergroup Threat Theory and Social Identity Theory among Chinese Soccer Fans

Qingyuan Zhao, Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Zhongshi Guo, Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Xiaying Xu, Beijing Normal U–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Does Online Hate Elicit Social Approval? Two Pre-Registered Experiments on the Social Approval Hypothesis of Online Hate

Zhuoran Yang, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Jinguang Zhang, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

5104**Political Polarisation and Soft Power: Transnational Trends in Theory and Practice**

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

Public Diplomacy**Visual Communication Studies****Chair**

Saira Ali, Adelaide U, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Fractured Power and Broken Brands: Political Polarisation and Soft Power

Claudia Labarca, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Political Polarisation and the Crisis of Public Diplomacy in Pakistan

Farhat Asif, Riphah International U, PAKISTAN

Political Polarisation and Hegemonic Masculinity: Gendering Soft Power Debates

Sameera Durrani, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Saira Ali, Adelaide U, AUSTRALIA

Political Polarization and Moral Leadership: The US Undermines Its Own Soft Power

Steven Pike, Syracuse U, USA

The End of Soft Power as We Know It? Political Polarisation, Protest, and Populism

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

This panel examines how political polarisation undermines the credibility and coherence that sustain a country’s soft power. Through cases from the United States, United Kingdom, Chile, and Pakistan, it explores how instability and ideological division weaken national image and reputational legitimacy. Combining scholarly and practitioner perspectives, the panel reframes soft power as conditional legitimacy shaped by political

fragmentation, showing how states attempt to preserve influence while navigating conflict, incoherence, and declining trust in national narratives.

5105

Navigating Delicate Health Situations: Teaching, Learning, Vaccines, Sex, Mental Health, and Care

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

Language and Social Interaction

Chair

Sandra Mensah, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Participants

Care 4 Sexuality: A Learning Environment for Improving Sexual Health Communication in Cancer Care

Petra Sneijder, U of Applied Sciences Utrecht, NETHERLANDS

Annette Klarenbeek, U of Applied Sciences Utrecht, NETHERLANDS

Ironising Mental Health Online

Jessica Robles, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

Bingjuan Xiong, U of Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

Opportunities for Empathy in Childbirth Interactions

Dorothy Calley, Biola U, USA

Jessica Robles, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

From Questioning to Teaching: Epistemic Authority and the Interactional Management of Vaccine Hesitancy

Wan Wei, Pennsylvania State U, Abington, USA

5106

Science in the News

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

Science Communication

Chair

Lili Rademan, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Communicating Social Sciences: Promises and Pitfalls of Using Analogies/Metaphors in Social Science Research

Ozan Kuru, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Siyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Stories of Science: A Content Analysis of Narratives and Narrativity in News About Genomic Research

Markus Schug, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Helena Bilandzic, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Susanne Kinnebrock, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Theresa Engstler, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

How Climate Science Undergoes Institutionalization in the Global Governance

Communication System: A Topic Model Network Analysis of UNFCCC News

Aocheng Zhou, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Ke Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zepei Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Shu Yang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Yuxi He, Communication U of China, CHINA

Yongkang Hou, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Junqing Xu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

“Now This Deserves Your Tax Money!” A Thematic Analysis on the Valorization of Scientific Research in U Press Releases

Miguel Vissers, U of Antwerpen, BELGIUM

In Sickness and in Heat: A Content Analysis of German Media Coverage of Chronic Diseases and Climate-Related Weather Events

Franca Singh, U of Münster, GERMANY

Julia Metag, U of Münster, GERMANY

5107**Theorizing Through Production for Justice and Repair: Why Multimodal Scholarship Matters in Communication****Sunday**
9:00–10:15
1.61
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Philosophy, Theory and Critique****Chair**

Sandra Ristovska, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Discussant

Lisa Henderson, U of Western Ontario, CANADA

Participants

Digital Khoisan: Preserving Indigenous Cultural Heritage

Michael Lechuga, U of New Mexico, USA

Reparative Research: Can Multimodal Praxis Address Structural Harms?

Aymar Escoffery, Northwestern U, USA

Multi-Hyphenate as a Strategy of Autonomy and Resistance: An Autoethnographic

Account of Working in the South African Television Industry

Sibusisiwe Manqele, U of KwaZulu-Natal, SOUTH AFRICA

Reflecting on Public Engagement in Communication and Media Studies

Khadijah Costley White, Rutgers U, USA

Multimodality in the Service of Justice and Human Rights

Sandra Ristovska, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

This panel examines how theorizing through production can generate new research insights in communication, expanding the discipline's ability to contribute to social justice and reparative practices beyond the academy. Using multimodal scholarship as an umbrella term for wide-ranging research practices that leverage expressive modes of knowledge production and arts-based methodologies, each of the panelists discusses and showcases examples of a range of projects in which they have been involved to extend the epistemological, ethical, and political stakes that are part of being a communication scholar in the world today.

5108**Verification and Fact-Checking Practices among Journalists and Publics****Sunday**
9:00–10:15
1.62
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**Journalism Studies****Chair**

Catherine Luther, U of Tennessee, USA

Participants

What Is Data? A Conceptual and Empirical Inquiry of the Facets of Data in News Organizations

Juliane Lischka, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Anne Mollen, U of Münster, GERMANY

Lisa Kristensen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Jessica Kunert, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Agustin Ferrari Braun, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Torbjörn Rolandsson, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Nadja Schaetz, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Aske Kammer, Roskilde U, DENMARK

From Reactive Skepticism to Proactive Verification: News Literacy in Ukraine

C. Kuular, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Catherine Luther, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Gariy Shteynberg, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Benjamin Horne, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Joshua Borycz, Vanderbilt U, USA

R. Bentley, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

News Accuracy Reconsidered: A Systematic Review of Definitions, Measurement Practices, and Directions for Future Work

Cato Depauw, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM
Disbelief Trumps Discomfort? The Dynamics of Personal Social Network Activation for
Information Verification in the Polarized Environment
Shuning Lu, U of Maryland, College Park, USA
Yan Qu, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

5109

Misogyny, Antifeminism, and Gendered Backlash Online

Sunday
9:00–10:15
1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Megan Cardwell, Villanova U, USA

Participants

When a Midlife Woman Departs Home: Unpacking Young Men’s Discourses on Female
Autonomy and the Negotiation of Gendered Norms in Contemporary China

Wan Huang, East China U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Wenxue Zou, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Sini Qin, East China U of Science and Technology, CHINA

‘Han-nyeo’ (han-nv) As a Substitute Meal (Daican): A Conceptual History from South
Korea to China

Qi Zheng, Shantou U, CHINA

Lin Xu, Minnan Normal U, CHINA

Digital Preemptive Activism: (Re)Configuring Boys Helping Boys to Inoculate and
Forestall Digital Anti-Feminist Mobilizations

Hao Cao, Wuhan U, CHINA

Yujie Zhong, Temple U, USA

Carnavalesque Misogyny: Exploring an Emerging Misogynistic Buzzword “Xiao Xiannv”
in a Chinese Male-Dominated Digital Platform

Sihao Yang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Sheng Zou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Shengzhe Yang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

This session covers networked inequality, counter-discourses, and ideological debates.

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Mobile Media and Well-Being

Sunday
9:00–10:15
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Mobile Communication

Chair

David de Segovia Vicente, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Participants

Everyone, Everywhere, All at Once? Within- and Between-Person Effects of Digital Stress
Experiences

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Bored Scrolling: Describing and Predicting Boredom-Driven Smartphone Use

Paulien Decorte, Maastricht U, NETHERLANDS

Heidi Vandebosch, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

Karolien Poels, U of Antwerp, BELGIUM

From Busy to Empty: How Perpetual Online Exacerbates Time Poverty and Erodes
Meaning in Life

Fang Yu, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Jingyuan Tian, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Kexin Wang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Meiyan Zhan, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Measuring Digital Media Use and Well-Being: A Digital Media Use Variability Model

Yuning Liu, Harvard U, USA

Yichen Wang, Cornell U, USA

Lucia Magis-Weinberg, U of Washington, USA

Nathaniel Osgood, U of Saskatchewan, CANADA
Laura Marciano, Indiana U, USA
Comparing Self-Perceptions of Smartphone “Addictions” and “Habits”
Razieh Pourafshari, The Ohio State U, USA
Joseph Bayer, The Ohio State U, USA

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

CAT-ching Quality Feeds: Instagram Engagement, GenAI Transparency, and Investor Biases

Communication and Technology

Chair

Aurelia Ayisi, U of Ghana, GHANA

Participants

User-Centric Definitions of Quality Content and Engagement on Instagram

Anja Stevic, Stanford U, USA

Yi-Chia Wang, Stanford U, USA

Sunny Liu, Stanford U, USA

Jeff Hancock, Stanford U, USA

Beyond Screen Time: A Configural Approach to Digital Well-Being

Ceciley Zhang, California State U, Fullerton, USA

Ronald Rice, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Chengyu Fang, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Efficiency Tool or Manipulation Machine? The Use, Transparency, and Communication Strategies of Visual Generative AI on Social Media in the 2025 German Federal Election

Simon Kruschinski, GESIS, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Fabio Votta, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Decoding the Modern Investor: A Latent Profile Analysis of Biases, Literacy, and Risk Attitudes

Nathan Chase, Fairfield U, USA

Evan Melara, U of Connecticut, USA

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

John Christensen, U of Connecticut, USA

AI Disclosure: Investigating Non-Disclosure of GenAI on Social Media in Africa

Efemena Agoreyo, St Charles College, USA

Theorose Dzineku, Kent State U, USA

Moses Okocha, U of Georgia, USA

Zakaria Issah, U of West Virginia, USA

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

Confronting Institutions, Creating Community

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Peter Jensen, U of South Florida, USA

Participants

Activism and Aesthetics: Defacement and Re-Curation as Practice of Black Liberation

John Brooks, The Ohio State U, USA

We Protect Us: Community Defense as Refusal of Necropolitics

Peter Jensen, U of South Florida, USA

An Autoethnography of “Why I Study Deliberative Democracy”: Decolonial

Vernacularizing Democracy against the Neoepistemicides

Xiaodong Yan, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

From Institutional Disconnection to Account Reclamation: Sociotechnical Sabotage as Method

Muirra McCammon, Tulane U, USA

“This Is a Housing and Planning Emergency”: The Housing Movement in Southwark,

London through the Lens of Knowledge Production
Maggie Sardino, Cornell U, USA

5121

MIAU-Iti-User Metaverses: Divergent Immersions, Privacy, Identity, and Cultural Dynamics in Social VR

Sunday

9:00–10:15

🌐 2.44-2.46

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Panayiota Tsatsou, Birmingham City U, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

When Immersion Diverges: Asymmetrical Access and Collaboration in Social Virtual Reality

Joomi Lee, U of Arkansas, USA

R. Garret Harger, U of Oklahoma, USA

Josué Porras-Fernandez, U of Maryland, USA

Aryabrata Basu, U of Arkansas at Little Rock, USA

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

Navigating Privacy in Embodied Social Interactions: Cultural Differences in Social Virtual Reality

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

Yu-Hao Lee, U of Florida, USA

Christine Cook, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Beyond the Proteus Effect: A Qualitative Exploration of Gender Identity and Anonymity among Women in a Virtual Gym

Yuki Minamii, Ritsumeikan U & Kyushu U, JAPAN

Zhengyan Li, U of Miami, USA

Chen (Crystal) Chen, U of Miami, USA

Shared Awe, Greater Awe in Virtual Reality (VR) Together: How Multi-Users and Viewing Direction Influence Prosocial and Self-Improvement through Social Presence and Awe

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

Frank Yang, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Yu-Hao Lee, U of Florida, USA

The Simulation Practice of Digital Citizenship: A Critical Ethnographic Study of China's VR Location-Based Entertainment Project

Kaining Chen, Wuhan U, CHINA

Wenhui Guo, Wuhan U, CHINA

Tianru Guan, Wuhan U, CHINA

5122

Platform Power and Anti-Power: From Digital Participation to Audience Formation

Sunday

9:00–10:15

2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Andy Lihua Chen, Beijing Normal–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Participants

Algorithmic Social Imagination and Gendered Perception in Japan: A Mixed-Method Examination on Gendered Association between Japanese Youth and TikTok Algorithm

Anthony Cheung, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Boris Pun, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Anthony Fung, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Ambivalent Humor, Vernacular Agency: The Diskarte Continuum and Qualitative Theorizing from the Global South

Jose Cris Sotto, Centro Escolar U, PHILIPPINES

Karl Patrick Mendoza, Polytechnic U of the Philippines, PHILIPPINES

Through Dislike: Authenticity, Labor, and Ethical Judgment in Pop Star Anti-Fandom

Andy Lihua Chen, Beijing Normal–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Between Empowerment and Illusion: Examining Dating Show Audiences' Online Engagement in China

Xingyue Dai, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yanfei Wu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Feminist Movie Screening Groups as Cinematic Counterpublic: Defiant Reception in China

Celine Liao, U of Washington, USA

5123

PARTNER PANEL: MEA - Media Ecology as a Context for Examining and Reducing Inequalities

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

Partner Panel

Chair

Thom Gencarelli, Manhattan U, USA

Participants

Activating the Remix: The Prompt as Creative Spark in the Age of AI

Eva Berger, College of Management Academic Studies, ISRAEL

Chalk and Talk: Exploring a Thermostatic Approach to Education in the Age of AI

Peggy Cassidy, Adelphi U, USA

Neil Postman Was Wrong, Once: Amusing Ourselves to Death and Both/and Thinking

Thom Gencarelli, Manhattan U, USA

Media Ecology and the New Digital Aristocracy

Pedro Gil González, U Panamericana, MEXICO

Ricardo Meneses Trujillo, U Panamericana, MEXICO

Attention vs. Content: Postman's Dichotomy and Our Contemporary Digital Dilemma

Lance Strate, Fordham U, USA

The Paradox of Progress: How Linguistic Evolution Deepens Communicative Inequalities

Laura Trujillo-Liñán, U Panamericana, MEXICO

This panel presents a series of papers that call upon the conceptual framework of media ecology to address the nature of, and issues in, inequality, in the hopes that we might offer assistance in thinking about and reducing inequalities among our fellow humans across the planet.

5124

Where Are We Now? Vaccine Advocacy and Hesitancy in the Post-COVID Era

Sunday
9:00–10:15
2.65-2.66
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Health Communication

Moderator

Rajiv Rimal, Johns Hopkins U, USA

Participants

Trust and Facilitate: Findings from a Mixed-Methods Study in Varanasi, India to Promote Vaccination

Rajiv Rimal, Johns Hopkins U, USA

Amelia Jamison, Johns Hopkins U, USA

Daniel Barnett, Johns Hopkins U, USA

Paola Pascual-Ferra, Loyola U, USA

Saraniya Tharmarajah, Johns Hopkins U, USA

Rohini Ganjoo, George Washington U, USA

Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic: How Has the Vaccine Debate Changed from the Pre-Pandemic to the Post-Pandemic Era? A Comparison of the Prevalence, Hyperlink Use, and Social Network Structure

Jikai Sun, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Zhongxing Zhang, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Aswini Padhi, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, INDIA

Jaideep Srivastava, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Emily Vraga, U of Minnesota–Twin Cities, USA

Fear and/or Follow: An Experimental Study of Parental Vaccine Hesitancy
Amna Al Abri, U of Technology and Applied Sciences, OMAN
Abdullah Alriyami, College of Banking and Financial Studies, OMAN
Blending Story and Facts: How Narratives Can Enhance Vaccine Messages and Foster Advocacy
Tara Ferkel, U of Arkansas, Fayetteville, USA
Freddie Jennings, U of Arkansas, Fayetteville, USA

5130

Inequalities in Newsrooms and across Audiences

Sunday
9:00–10:15
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(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Journalism Studies**Chair**

Linda White, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

Participants

From Access to Experience: Exploring Social Inequalities in Digital News Use through Trace Interviews

Constanza Gajardo, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Antonis Kalogeropoulos, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Patricia Rossini, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Camila Mont'Alverne, U of Strathclyde, UNITED KINGDOM

Tom Nicholls, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Speaking While Black: Audience Bias and the Policing of Black Speech in Journalism

Ananda Collins, Syracuse U, USA

Constructing the Journalistic Self: Habitus, Subjectivation and the Politics of Inequality

Vashan Brown, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED

KINGDOM

Class Bias: Social Inequalities in UK Journalism and Its Effects on Journalists' Work and Career

Imke Henkel, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Neil Thurman, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Sina Thäsler-Kordonouri, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Social Inequalities in Ghanaian Journalism and a Resort to Self-Censorship: Centering Voices from the Global South

Benjamin Tetteh, Ohio U, USA

Srividya Ramasubramanian, Syracuse U, USA

5131

In Class with Talent and Tenacity: Shaping the Talent Economy of the Media Personality

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

Media Industry Studies**Chair**

Mardi Delpont, Central U of Technology, Free State, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Teaching Creative Resilience through Practice-Led Podcasting

Kim Fox, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

Identifying Characteristics of Successful Hyperlocal Radio

Tony DeMars, Lamar U, USA

Shaping and Showcasing Talent through Mentoring and Coaching in Media Education

Mardi Delpont, Central U of Technology, Free State, SOUTH AFRICA

From Campus to Console: Navigating the Talent Divide in Radio Broadcasting

Tim Zunckel, Tuned Media, SOUTH AFRICA

The inequalities in the media ecosystem, coupled with a growing demand for skills, charisma, and authenticity, necessitate a transformation of the talent economy for media practitioners. Drawing from an important international perspective, this panel unpacks the individual talents that universities must nurture and develop. These include storytelling,

creativity, empathy, tenacity and ethical reasoning. The panel offers valuable insights on how to instill these qualities as vital attributes in the classroom and indispensable assets in the workplace.

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Environmental Justice, Inequality, and Media Representation

Sunday
9:00–10:15
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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Environmental Communication

Chair

Monique Santoso, Stanford U, USA

Participants

The Ocean Demanding Multispecies Justice: A Critical Reading of Pro-Discharge Narratives on the Fukushima Wastewater Release

Su Young Choi, Sogang U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Communication Inequalities as Environmental Injustice in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in Gem Constituency

Anne Eboi, Daystar U, KENYA

Framing Climate Justice in Chinese Mainstream Media: Mapping the Visibility and Silences of Justice Dimensions in People's Daily (2016–2024)

Mingjun Zhao, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Kangyu Qian, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Kai Kuang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Governing Digital Thirst: Communicating Inequality in AI Infrastructure's Water Footprint

Samantha Bradshaw, American U, USA

Monzima Haque, American U, USA

Global Inequalities in the News: How Climate Migration is Framed across Global North and Global South Countries

Djamila Heß, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Lukas Hoffmann, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Irina Lock, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

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Politicized Misinformation in the Digital Media Landscape

Sunday
9:00–10:15
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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)


Mass Communication

Political Communication

Chair

Larissa Leonhard, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

 Both AI-Generated and Human Influencers Can Correct Misinformation: Investigating the Effectiveness of Corrections for Polarized and Non-Polarized Issues

Christian von Sikorski, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Pascal Merz, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Raffael Heiss, Management Center Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Michaela Bassler, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Clara Buyny, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Svenja Hildebrand, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Christoph Streller, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Evelyn Wicki, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Corrections Are More Effective for Visual Misinformation Compared to Textual Misinformation

Siyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Cross-Platform Agenda-Setting of Misinformation: Evidence from Four Cases on Twitter/X and Weibo

Qiuyi Chen, Fudan U, CHINA

Mingliang Xu, Fudan U, CHINA

Emotions That Mislead: How Anxiety and Enthusiasm Drive Online Disinformation Sharing and Democratic Distrust

Simone Moser, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Diana Kostikova, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Misinformation Susceptibility and Inoculation: Differential Effects of Fact- and Technique-
Based Messages on Resisting Fossil Fuel Climate Disinformation
Michelle Amazeen, Boston U, USA
Arunima Krishna, Boston U, USA
Christopher Wells, Boston U, USA

5142

**Chair's Panel: Whose Public Relations? African Perspectives, Decolonial Futures,
and Global Dialogue**

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

Public Relations

Chair


Anna Oksiutycz-Munyawiri, U of Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA

Participant

Albert Anani-Bossman, U of Media, Arts and Communication, GHANA
Luke Capizzo, Michigan State U, USA
Sylvester Chauke, U of Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA
Agnes Lucy Lando, Daystar U, KENYA
Roberto Mabada, U of Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA
Teresa Mastin, Michigan State U, USA
James Ndone, Coastal Carolina U, USA
Teresia Nzau, Messiah U, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Human-Machine Collaboration and Social Reconfiguration

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

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Chad Edwards, Western Michigan U, USA

Participants

Assembled, Resonance: Exploring the Relationship between Players and Avatars from the
Object-Oriented Ontology Perspective

Ziyi Wong, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA
Shuo Li, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA
Yushengzi Hong, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA
Ting Zhou, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Self-AI Representations: On the Unique Consequences of Inclusion of AI in Self on
Acceptance and Collaborative Intention with AI

Xiuxiu Xu, Fudan U, CHINA

From Self-Efficacy to System Evaluation: Examining How Chatbot Emotional Expression
Influences Satisfaction in Human–AI Collaborative Decision-Making

Jianhong Wu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
Hanni Liao, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
Erdong Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
Wanhui Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

When the Machine Becomes a Muse: How Human–AI Collaboration in Painting Enhances
Creative Performance

Junyi Guo, Arizona State U, USA
Yi Xu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Chenyang Yang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Min Hua, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

The Role of Agentic Mindsets in Human-AI Collaborative Creativity

Sarah Wu, Stanford U, USA
Yuewen Yang, Stanford U, USA
Angela Lee, Stanford U, USA
Jeffrey Hancock, Stanford U, USA

Assembling the Collaboration Network: A Study of Human-AI Co-Creation Models for AIGC Narrative Films Production in China

Qi Xu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zeyu Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zhe Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Entitativity of Future Social Groups: Comparison of All-Human and Human-Robot Groups

Anna Abrams, RWTH Aachen U, GERMANY

Inga Nießen, RWTH Aachen U, GERMANY

This session examines how human-machine collaboration reshapes agency, identity, creativity, and social organization. The papers span relational and ontological perspectives as well as empirical studies of identity integration, emotional influence, and creative collaboration with machines, and address how agentic mindsets shape collective creativity and organizational production, as well as the limits of machine impact in group contexts.

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Sunday

9:00–10:15

 8.2

(CTICC2,

Lev 2)


HIGH-DENSITY: Incivility

Political Communication

Chair

Corinna Oschatz, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

 Have Some F*ing Respect! The Interplay between Incivility and Civic Respect in Political Discussion

Emily Sydnor, Syracuse U, USA

When Elections End, Does Incivility? Examining Online Incivility Perceptions across Four National Elections

Eliza Mitova, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Laia Castro, U of Barcelona, SPAIN

Michael Amsler, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Kim Syed Ali, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Yuan Zhang, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Frank Esser, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Democratic Values and Perceptions of Political Incivility in Three European Countries

Sara Bentivegna, U of Rome, ITALY

Rossella Rega, U of Siena, ITALY

Uncivil by Definition? A Systematic Literature Review of Incivility Conceptualizations and Effects Research

Anna-Maria Linstaedt, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Dennis Friess, U of Düsseldorf, GERMANY

Marc Ziegele, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Belief in Instrumental Extremism and Social Media Incivility: The Mediating Role of Political Discussion with Strong and Weak Ties, and Cross-Cutting Discussion

Manuel Goyanes, U Carlos III de Madrid, SPAIN

Beatriz Jordá, U Carlos III de Madrid, SPAIN

Jeffrey Oktavianus, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

(In) Civility in a Transnational Context: Reconceptualization and Detection at Scale

Emilie Truelsen, Hertie School, GERMANY

Profiling Sensitivity to Online Incivility

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

Jon Benedik Bunquin, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

Clarissa David, Ateneo de Manila U, PHILIPPINES

Maria Jeries Osorio, U of the Philippines, PHILIPPINES

Name-Calling In the 21st Century: A Typology of Slurs in an Era of Growing Incivility

Chun Hong Tse, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Laila Abbas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA


JD Duncan, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Xinwei Chen, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Jiwon Kang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Hyerin Kwon, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Linqi Lu, U of North Dakota, USA
 Chelsey Sarante, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Yanshu Sybil Wang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Cate Tarr, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Hannah Tuckett, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Haohang Xin, Northwestern U, USA
 Kelly Wright, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Douglas Mcleod, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Revealing Hatred under Humor: Multimodel Analysis of Hateful Political Memes on
 Reddit
 Miner Ye, U of California, Davis, USA
 Wonjeong Jo, U of California, Davis, USA
 Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Persuasion, Trust, and Social Interaction

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

Communication Science, and Biology

Chair

Kory Floyd, Washington State U, USA

Participants

Beyond the Post: Effects of Contextual Visual Vividness on Attention and Recall of Visual
 Misinformation on Social Media

Zexin Ma, U of Connecticut, USA

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

Jiyoun Suk, U of Connecticut, USA

When Anti-Tobacco Messages Backfire: Stress and Reactance among Smokers Facing
 Multiple Stigmas

Mary Andrews, Stony Brook U, USA

Social Media, Trust, and the Adoption of AI-Assisted Diagnosis: A Multigroup Analysis of
 Healthcare Professionals

Lingwen Lei, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Who Tends to Trust AI Technology? A Network Approach Mapping Personality Traits, AI
 Anxiety, and AI Trust

Luxi Zhang, U of Macau, MACAO

Sha Qiu, U of Macau, MACAO

Xinshu Zhao, U of Macau, MACAO

A VR-Based Decoupling Paradigm for Studying the Impact of Nonverbal Behaviors during
 Public Speaking

Ben Bartling, Michigan State U, USA

Ralf Schmaelzle, Michigan State U, USA

Sue Lim, Purdue U, USA

Gary Bente, Michigan State U, USA

Participation of Gender Minorities Is Overestimated in Groups

Kelsey Neuenswander, U of Toronto, CANADA

Kerri Johnson, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Integrating Nature-Based Solutions Into Community Resilience Development for Slope
 Land Regions: A Case Study of Siji and Nanshan Villages in Taiwan

Anita Kueichun Liu, National Taiwan U, TAIWAN

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Youth and Politics

Sunday
 9:00–10:15

Political Communication

Chair

Priyanka Dasgupta, Higher Colleges of Technology, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Participants

The Political Mindset of Youth in the Digital Age: A Systematic Review on the Role of Digital Media and Media Literacy

Hannah Decker, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Lea Frentzel-Beyme, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

When Do Young People Learn About Politics From Social Media? A Mobile Intensive Longitudinal Linkage Analysis (MILLA)

Margot Lissens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Peter Van Aelst, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Desiree Schmuck, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Valuing Accuracy in a Disinformation-Rich Environment: Experimental Evidence from Indian Youth

Sumitra Badrinathan, American U, INDIA

Do Vote Advice Applications Affect the Party Vote of Young People? Unpacking the Underlying Mechanisms

Laura Jacobs, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Joke Matthieu, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Stefaan Walgrave, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Free Speech on Campus? The Impact of Political Congruence and Fear of Sanctions on Perceptions of Freedom of Speech and Willingness to Speak Out among German University Students

Luna Laufer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Franziska Selzer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Julia Stockwald, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Annika Schleithoff, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Nathalie Neuendorf, U of Augsburg, GERMANY

Anna-Luisa Sacher, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Carsten Reinemann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

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Pushing the Boundaries of CCO Research

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

Organizational Communication

Chair

Stina Brøgger, U of Twente, NETHERLANDS

Discussant

Lars Christensen, Copenhagen Business School, DENMARK

Participants

The Constitutive Force of Rhetoric in Organizational Communication

Chantal Benoit-Barne, U de Montréal, CANADA

Mathieu Chaput, TÉLUQ Montréal, CANADA

François Cooren, U de Montréal, CANADA

Simon Mallette-Brochu, U de Montréal, CANADA

Boris Brummans, U de Montréal, CANADA

Materializing and Cultivating an Ecology of Organizational Well-Being: Insights from a Participatory Action Research Project

Luis Gonzalez, U de Montréal, CANADA

François Cooren, U de Montréal, CANADA

Organizing by Orders Versus Rulings About Diversity: An Extended Analysis of (Four) Flow Concepts of Communicative Constitution

Joel Iverson, U of Montana, USA

Karen Myers, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Robert McPhee, Arizona State U, USA

Responsibility as the Communicative Possession of Agency

Nicolas Bencherki, TÉLUQ Montréal, CANADA

François Cooren, U de Montréal, CANADA

Pascale Caidor, U de Montréal, CANADA

CAM Research Escalator Session
Children, Adolescents, and Media**Chair**

Ine Beyens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Discussants

Fashina Alade, Michigan State U, USA

Meryl Alper, Northeastern U, USA

Jennifer Aubrey, U of Arizona, USA

James Bonus, The Ohio State U, USA

Anne-Linda Camerini, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Drew Cingel, U of California, Davis, USA

Nancy Jennings, U of Cincinnati, USA

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

KINGDOM

Giovanna Mascheroni, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY

AnneMarie McClain, Boston U, USA

Tijana Milosevic, U of Belgrade, SERBIA

Jochen Peter, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jessica Taylor Piotrowski, ASCoR, NETHERLANDS

Erica Scharrer, U Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Jane Shawcroft, The Ohio State U, USA

Amber van der Wal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Lara Wolfers, U of Basel, SWITZERLAND

Participants

How Media Can Be Meaningful for Adolescents with ADHD: A Cross-Cultural Qualitative Study

Biqing Chi, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Rebecca de Leeuw, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Martine Hoogman, Radboud U Medical Center, NETHERLANDS

Marieke Fransen, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants: Exploring the Factors Shaping Adolescents' Use of Artificial Intelligence across Technological Generations

Shu Yang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Differences in the Impact of Social Media Attention on SDG Knowledge Acquisition among Urban and Rural Youth: A Multigroup Comparison of Extended Cognitive Mediation Model

Ye Cheng, Anhui U, CHINA

Disney on a Pedestal: Negotiating Evolving Parental Perceptions of Disney

Filipus Wicaksono, U of Surrey, UNITED KINGDOM

The Spectacular Construction of an "Ideal Childhood": MCNs-Driven Digital Practices of Parent-Child Bloggers and Children's Labor Negotiation

Yanyu Chen, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Self-Diagnosis of Mental Illness in Adolescence: A Cross-Sectional Study on Predictors and Protective Factors in the Context of Algorithmically Curated Social Media Content

Hannah Bauer, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Sophie Mayen, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Kathrin Karsay, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Anne-Linda Camerini, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Ruth Wendt, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Rewriting the Academic Script: Media Representation and Anticipated College Belonging among Latino Adolescents

Joel Sandoval Valdez, U of California, Davis, USA

Jeanette Ruiz, U of California, Davis, USA

Sensationalist Media Coverage and Parental Screen Guilt: Effects of Science Communication on Restrictive Media Practices

David Barnstone, Stanford U, USA


Do Smart Tools Make Smart Students? Public Perception of AI's Role in Boosting K–12 Literacy

Vivian Kretzschmar, Louisiana State U, USA

Kristina Shustova, Louisiana State U, USA
 “For Your Safety”: Children’s Smartwatches and the Politics of Intimate Surveillance in Chinese Urban Families
 Shuoxuan Kuang, East China Normal U, CHINA
 Emotional Compensation and Digital Circles: Mechanisms of Social Media Use and Social Effects among Rural Left-Behind Children
 Jifei Shen, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Conceptualizing Agency: Sustaining AI-Literate Behavior of Adolescents
 Franciska Nowak, U of Erfurt, GERMANY
 Digital Child Labor: Children’s “Exposed Labor” in Family Vlogs and the Dilemma of Data Rights
 Yu Hu, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Lingqi Meng, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Yutong Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Yitian Wu, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Youth Digital Resilience in Social Media Use: Mapping the Conceptual Boundaries
 Morenike Alugo, Rutgers U, USA
 Elizabeth Baik, Rutgers U, USA
 Yoona Kang, Rutgers U, USA
 Do Children See AI as a Peer? Age Differences in Perceived Social Presence in AI Agents
 Qinyue Yu, Boston U, USA
 Jiamin Chen, Boston U, CHINA
 The Construction of Student Identity in Digital Spaces: Exploring Arab High School Students Experiences on TikTok
 Yousra Elkhshab, U of Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

5161

Social Media and Substance Use

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

Health Communication

Moderator

Sofie Vranken, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Cheers or Caution? Social Media Influencers’ Perspectives on Promoting Alcohol and Alcohol-Free Alternatives

Sofie Vranken, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Eva van Reijmersdal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Aude Meers, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Hanneke Hendriks, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS

Substance Use Communication across Public and Public Online Health Communities: Comparing Reddit and the Dark Web Forum Dread

Zhicong Chen, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Jingyi Pu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

The Void of Everyday Conversation: Detecting Critical Information Need in Online Communities About Opioid Use for Pain Management

Ellie Yang, Illinois State U, USA

Kylee Kohlhoff, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Lexi Marshall, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Xing Fang, Illinois State U, USA

Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Randy Brown, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Ryan Westergaard, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

The Right to Know in Crisis: Wikipedia’s Documentation of the Opioid Epidemic

Rona Aviram, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Omer Benjakob, Learning Planet Institute, FRANCE

Tal Rauchwerger, Bar Ilan U, ISRAEL

5162

GATO-ways to Digital Work: AI Publics, Youth Employment, and Inequality Signals

Sunday

9:00–10:15

**Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)**

Communication and Technology

Chair

Marco Bastos, U College Dublin, IRELAND

Participants

Algorithmic Publics and Social Media Influencer Authenticity: A Global Negotiation of AI in Content Creation

Shudipta Sharma, Texas A&M International U, USA

Arnab Biswas, Bowling Green State U, USA

Jisha Jacob, Bowling Green State U, USA

Man Luo, Bowling Green State U, USA

Going Online for Work: Global Evidence of ICT Access and Its Impact on Youth Employment by Gender (1991–2022)

Jeremy Ko, ETH Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Boris Pun, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Chuangjian Xin, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Algorithmic Inequality Meets EPPM: How Short-Video Recommendation Signals Amplify Emotional Framing and Mobilize Policy Support About Stubble Burning on Douyin

Zhuxin Yao, Johns Hopkins U, USA

Testing the Theory of Normative Social Behavior in Online Intolerance: The Role of Platform Affordances

Giao Nguyen, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

An Investigation of Generative AI Risk Through Third-Person Perception and Expectancy-Value Lens

Wei Wang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Meng Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Weihua Yu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Zhuo Guo, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

5163

Global Communication and Social Change Research Escalator

Sunday

9:00–10:15

**de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Dani Madrid-Morales, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Discussants

Wenhong Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State U, USA

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

Melissa Tully, U of Iowa, USA

Sahana Udupa, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Chikezie Uzuegbunam, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

The Missing Communicator: Employee Voice and Communication Inequalities in Global AI Governance

Veronika Bak, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Chantal Ho, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Infrastructure, Voice, Inequality: The Communicative Politics of Community Health Work in Rural India

Sohinee Bera, Cornell U, USA

The Architecture of Flow: Communication Processes and the Search for Meaning in Co-Living Spaces

Yunhao Xiao, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

From Cultural Diplomacy to Digital Co-Creation: A Data-Mining Analysis of Public Participation in Cross-Cultural Museum Exhibitions on Social Media

Ziwei Ouyang, Deakin U, AUSTRALIA
Reconstructing Mediated Sense of Place: Digital Nomads and Rural Revitalization in China
Xinyi Yang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

5170

Digital Trace Research from Collection to Analysis

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

Computational Methods

Chair

Felicia Loecherbach, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Computers Matter: The Relevance of Computer Log-Data for Understanding Associations between Digital Media Use and Well-Being

Kyle Van Gaeveren, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Stephen Murphy, Ghent U, BELGIUM

David de Segovia Vicente, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Mariëk Vanden Abeele, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Who Donates Digital Trace Data, and Does It Matter? Representational and Inferential Bias Across Personality, Beliefs, and Skills

Ernesto de León, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Linda Bomm, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Fabio Votta, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Claes Vreese, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Digital Zombies: Reconstructing Deleted Telegram Messages via Snowball Bootstrap Imputation

Kilian Buehling, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

Attention and Engagement Are Weakly Coupled: Evidence from a Simulated Social Media Experiment

Jiyoun Suk, U of Connecticut, USA

Wei Zhong, Stony Brook U, USA

Yini Zhang, U at Buffalo, USA

Meredith Pruden, Kennesaw State U, USA

Yunkang Yang, Texas A&M U, USA

Chenchen Mao, Lehigh U, USA

Dominic DiFranzo, Lehigh U, USA

Turning Rights Into Research: Lessons from a Video-Based Data Donation

Felicia Loecherbach, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Ine Beyens, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Teun Siebers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Amber van der Wal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

5171

At the Family Table and Beyond: Food, Memorable Messages, and Identity Negotiation

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

Interpersonal Communication

Chair

Chantel Haughton, Purdue U, USA

Participants

“Making Home” through Food: An Autoethnography of Family Food Communication Practices in Southwest China

Junrui Chen, Fudan U, CHINA

“You Can’t Be Depressed When You Live in the United States Where Everything Is Easy”: Exploring Themes and Perceptions of Mental Health Memorable Messages Received by Hispanic/Latine Young Adults in Their Families

Sofia Deatherage, U of Missouri, USA
 Haley Horstman, U of Missouri, USA
 Coping through Chaos: Exploring Families' Identity Negotiation amid the Pandemic, Protests, and Political Unrest
 Chantel Haughton, Purdue U, USA
 Alexis Denham, Purdue U, USA
 Claire Eggerman, Purdue U, USA
 Haley Sawyer, Purdue U, USA
 Tamara Afifi, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
 Do Family Communication Patterns Predict the Drive to Marry? Testing a Sequential Mediation Model in Chinese Context
 Gang Wang, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Zongyi Huo, Tsinghua U, CHINA
 Intergenerational Translations of the Intrauterine Device: Body Politics of Female Contraception in Contemporary China
 Zikun Liu, Wuhan U, CHINA
 Ying Meng, Wuhan U, CHINA
 Simeng Chen, Wuhan U, CHINA

5195

BLUE SKY: Rethinking Teaching in the AI Era: From Concepts to Classroom

Sunday
 9:00–10:15
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Blue Sky Workshops

Organizers

Emily Chen, U of California, Santa Cruz, USA
 Mahnaz Roshanaei, Stanford U, USA
 Magy Seif El-Nasr, U of California, Santa Cruz, USA
 Nagwan Zahry, U of Tennessee at Chattanooga, USA

This interactive, hands-on session is designed for educators seeking to effectively integrate artificial intelligence (AI) into their teaching practice. It will bridge the gap between theory and practical classroom application, providing participants with both conceptual understanding and examples of integrating AI to enhance student learning. Through collaborative activities and hands-on experience with the Playlab system, educators will explore how AI can enhance not replace the human elements of effective teaching and increase student engagement.

5201

(HYBRID) HIGH-DENSITY: Power, Activism, and Overcoming Inequalities in Global Communication Fields

Sunday
 10:30–11:45
 **CTICC**
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Theme

Chairs

Nils Förster, Paris Lodron U Salzburg, AUSTRIA
 Mhairi Rundell, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Participants

#ConferenceSoWEIRD: Power, Inequality, and Postcolonial Perspectives at ICA Annual Conferences, 2005 to 2024

Marisa Smith, Michigan State U, USA
 Travis Dixon, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
 Déjà Rollins, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
 Trina Wright-Dixon, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Unequal Englishes in the Nigerian Public Sphere

Ibukun Filani, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

“Laughing” Resistance in YouTube Comments: Stand-Up Comedy and Counterpublics in India

Keya Saxena, South Alabama U, USA

Stand-Up with Disability: How Disabled Comedians Disrupt Ableist Discourse through Comedy Shared on Instagram

Emmanuel-Sathya Gray, National Coalition of Independent Scholars, USA
 Martina Santia, Montclair State U, USA
 Nia Mason, Xavier U of Louisiana, USA
 Luvell Anderson, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
 Charisse Corsbie-Massay, Syracuse U, USA
 The Communication Resource Curse: Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities
 Hanyuan Jiang, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED
 KINGDOM
 Yi Man, Zhejiang U, CHINA

This panel examines how power asymmetries are produced, contested, and reworked across global communication fields. Bringing together research on academic knowledge production, linguistic hierarchies, humor, disability representation, and communication infrastructures, the papers highlight inequalities rooted in colonial legacies, language dominance, platform governance, and uneven resource distribution. The panel explores activism, comedy, and daily practices as forms of resistance, while critically analyzing how global communication systems both sustain and challenge structural inequalities in the different contexts.

5202

(HYBRID) Parasocial, Digital, Human: New Forms of Relational Being

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

Interdivisional

Chair

Summer Harlow, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Participants

Aging Well with Media Companions: Relational, Behavioral, and Dispositional

Moderators of Parasocial Effects

Minyi Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Hye Kyung Kim, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Can Digital Stress Influence Dark Triad Development? Evidence from a Three-Wave Panel Dataset of College Students in China

Yuqiu Chen, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Ying Fu, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Lin Cai, Sichuan Institute of Industrial Technology, CHINA

Reconfiguring the Concept of Humour in AI-Mediated Communication

Gina Junhan Fu, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Talking Health with Machines: A Systematic Review of Conversational Search Systems in Health Information Seeking

Hao Xu, Peking U, CHINA

Qingxuan Cheng, Peking U, CHINA

The Relationship between Stress, Coping Styles and Online Self-Disclosure

Nailah Bowman, U of Michigan, USA

Kyla Brathwaite Brathwaite, U of Michigan, USA

Sonya Dal Cin, U of Michigan, USA

5203

Censorship and Self-Censorship

Sunday
 10:30–11:45
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Hossein Kermani, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Journalistic Resistance in Politically Captured Media Systems: Navigating Self-Censorship and Press Autonomy

Richard Dickson, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Delegated or Self-Interested Censorship? How Censorship Experiences and Algorithm Trust Shape Censorship Attitudes

Xueqing Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Guangsheng Huang, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Baoying Fu, U of Utah, USA
 Wenqing Cheng, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Algorithmic Identity Performance: Self-Censorship and the Politics of Visibility on Chinese Short-Video Platforms
 Lingyan Ma, Minzu U of China, CHINA
 Informed and Active? Online News Consumption and Self-Censorship in Networked Authoritarianism: The Case of Türkiye
 Ozen Bas, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE
 Uygur Altınok, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE
 Burak Özçetin, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE
 Mehmet Aykut Erk, Çukurova U, TÜRKIYE
 Media and Self-Censorship in Subnational Democracies: An Analysis from the Uruguayan Case
 Belén Sosa, U de la República, URUGUAY
 Rodrigo Seroubian, U de la República, URUGUAY

5204

Older Adults and AI: Avoidance, Accommodation, and Anxiety

Sunday
 10:30–11:45
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Health Communication

Moderator

Shaohai Jiang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Participants

Uncertainty Avoidance, Technology Anxiety, and Technology Acceptance: Cross-Country Insights into Older Adults' EHealth Use

Shaohai Jiang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

How Do Older Adults Engage with AI Doctors? The Role of Perceived Psychological Distance and Source Credibility

Zongya Li, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Yutong Wang, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Ming Ye, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Jun Yan, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Chen Min, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

When Health Messages Misaccommodate Older Adults: Extending the Communicative Ecology Model of Successful Aging to Predict Health Outcomes

Lai Wei, U of Jinan, CHINA

Xiaodong Yang, Shandong U, CHINA

5205

Media, Poverty, Exclusion, and the Limits of Connectivity

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

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Lynn Clark, U of Denver, USA

Participants

Media Poverty: Understanding Mediated Public Connection in Everyday Conditions of Deprivation

Torgeir Nærland, U of Bergen, NORWAY

Southern Digitalities: Rethinking the Digital from the Global South

Clovis Bergere, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Marwan Kraidy, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

Escapism as Quotidian Survival: Homeless Media Use

Maren Hartmann, Berlin U of the Arts, GERMANY

Beyond Revolutionary Promises: How Cryptocurrency Adoption in Rural Philippines

Reinforced Existing Inequalities
Jonalou Labor, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Expanding access to media and digital technologies is often framed as a pathway to inclusion and empowerment, yet everyday experiences of poverty reveal the limits of connectivity. This panel critically examines how media are used, imagined, and constrained under conditions of deprivation and inequality. The papers explore mediated public connection amid media poverty, Southern digitalities, unfulfilled promises of digital innovation to reduce inequalities, and analyzing media use as a quotidian survival form.

5206

Communication by Scientists and Science Communicators

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

Science Communication

Chair

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

Participants

Exploring Work-Related Predictors and Outcomes of Different Forms of Scientists' Science Communication Motivation: An Empirical Look beyond the "Willingness to Engage"

Lennart Banse, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Julian Fick, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Friederike Hendriks, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

The "Bread and Butter" of Science: Understanding How Scientists Communicate Uncertainties

Claire Roney, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

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

Sophie Lecheler, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Making Science Part of "the Conversation": Benefits and Barriers Experienced by Researchers as Authors Writing for the Conversation Africa

Lili Rademan, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Marina Joubert, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Deciding What Matters: Relevance Criteria in Science Communication

Janise Brück, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Constanze Rossmann, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Instrumentalization of Epistemic Truths by Scientific Activists and Epistocrats: Theory and Data

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

Lukas Schmidt, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, GERMANY

5207

Collective Identity, Cultural Heritage and Colonialism: Games as Sites of Global Engagement

Sunday
10:30–11:45
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(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Game Studies

Chair

Brandon Harris, U of Alabama, USA

Participants

Negotiating Authenticity: Digital Games as Participatory Spaces for Preservation of Cultural Heritage

Pingping Jia, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Xingyue Dai, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Shhuxian Fan, U of Science and Technology of China, CHINA

Zengyi Zhang, U of Chinese Academy of Science, CHINA

Reimagining Global Game Geographies: A User-Centric Mapping of Mobile Game

Consumption

Qingqing Zhu, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Tangbo Li, Xi'an U of Post and Telecommunication, CHINA

“You Can Be Lara Croft Too!” Examining the Extractive Colonial Logics of Tomb Raider Fan Tourism in Cambodia

Rukmini Pande, OP Jindal Global U, INDIA

Choose Your Own National Identity Adventure: Theorising Collective Identity Formation through Video Game Play

Rachel van der Merwe, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

5208

In-Betweenness in Media and Communication History

Sunday

Communication History

10:30–11:45

Chair

1.62

Gabriele Balbi, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

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Participants

Lev 1)

From Bureaucratic Tools to Governing Machines: LLMs as Western Archival Imagination

Jaime Kirtz, Arizona State U, USA

Conjunctural Moments in the History of Media Studies

Susan Douglas, U of Michigan, USA

Airborne Coloniality: Aerial Media and the Vertical Politics of Mediation and Violence

Burce Celik, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

Sebastian Rose, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

5209

Bodies, Beauty, and Postfeminist Contradictions

Sunday

Feminist Scholarship

10:30–11:45

Chair

1.63

Chantel Haughton, Purdue U, USA

(CTICC1,

Participants

Lev 1)

The Paradox of the Gated Utopia: Safety, Liberation, and the Essentialist-Constructivist Tension in China's Urban All-Female Bars

Yulin Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Inventing Flaws: Phantom Flaw Sensibility and the Ambiguous Body in Digital Culture

Xiaomin Luo, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

From Shame to Solidarity: Mobilizing Embodied Vulnerability through Hashtags in #BeautyShame

Wenna Zhao, U of Illinois Chicago, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Unrealized Counterpublics: The “Failed” Feminist Potentials of Overseas Chinese Women's Digital Forums

Yalan Huang, Jinan U, CHINA

Kexin Zhou, Jinan U, CHINA

Tingting Liu, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

This session looks at paradoxes of gendered agency in normative femininity.

5210

MEOW-ney in AI: Exposure Payments, Deepseek Breakthroughs, and Preferred Rules

Sunday

Communication and Technology

10:30–11:45

Chair

1.64

Andreas Hepp, U of Bremen, GERMANY

(CTICC1,

Participants

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Paid in Exposure, Paid to Trust: Constructing and Validating Perception of AI-Driven

Disinformation Scale in Sociotechnical Context
 Tianyi Liu, U of Macau, MACAO
 Xinshu Zhao, U of Macau, MACAO

Co-Train the AI and Align the Public: Deepseek's Open-Source Niche Breakthrough in China
 Xuqi Wan, Fudan U, CHINA
 Liwei Chen, Fudan U, CHINA
 Chen Zhang, Fudan U, CHINA

The Universal Heuristic of FATA and the Cultural Contingency of Regulation in Public Trust and Support in Artificial Intelligence: A Comparison of Nigeria, the United States, Germany, and Japan
 Xiaofen Ma, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
 Junyi Xu, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Perceived Risks and Preferred Rules: Public Views on AI Use in Political Communication
 Hannah Fecher, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Tobias Scherer, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Simon Kruschinski, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

AI Resurrecting Dead Celebrities: Investigating the Perception of Necro-Advertising Using Deepfake
 Joo-Wha Hong, Sungkyunkwan U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Jieun Shin, U of Florida, USA
 Donggyu Kim, U of Southern California, USA
 Rachel Son, East Carolina U, USA

5211

Sunday
 10:30–11:45
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2 (CTICC1,
Lev 2)

GATO-verned Gig Economies: Platform Noncompliance, Nomadism Barriers, and Creative Labor Affordances

Communication and Technology

Chair

Hao Cao, Wuhan U, CHINA

Participants

Labor, Likes, and Livelihoods: The Role of Content Creation among Gig Workers in India

Nikhil Reddy Kondam, Ohio U, USA

Drivers and Barriers of Digital Nomadism: A Cross-Cultural Analysis of Chinese and American Perspectives

Yunhao Xiao, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Christoph Lutz, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Seeing Like a Market, Staging Like a Court: Affordances, Visibility, and the Third Dimension of Platform Governance

Zhiyi Chen, Chongqing U, CHINA

Xianglong Wen, Nanjing U, CHINA

Violating Platform Policy: Explaining Noncompliance among Remote Gig Workers

Floor Fiers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Aaron Shaw, Northwestern U, USA

Amy Zhang, U of Washington, USA

Kevin Ackermann, Northwestern U, USA

Building Creation Assistant in E-Commerce: Iterative Creativity, Coding Collaboration and Modularized Creative Labour

Xinlu Wang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Liming Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

5220

Sunday
 10:30–11:45

Challenging Authoritarianism

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

2.41-2.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Chair

Burcu Baykurt, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Participants

Rhizomatic Labor and Connective Action: Feminist Student Activism in China's Illiberal Opportunity Structures

Celine Liao, U of Washington, USA

Theory Building through Qualitative Meta-Synthesis: Resource Mobilization in LGBTQ Activism under Authoritarian Regimes

Yezi He, Arizona State U, USA

Siyu Long, North Carolina State U, USA

Tugce Ertem-Eray, North Carolina State U, USA

Refracted Co-Production of Counter-Histories—Conceptualising Digital Samizdat and Everyday Resistance in China

Yuan Zeng, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Activism within a Theocratic Media System: The Case of Afghanistan under the Taliban Rule

Tamer Farag, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Christoph Neuberger, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Sonja Kretzschmar, U of the Bundeswehr Munich, GERMANY

Annika Sehl, Catholic U of Eichstätt–Ingolstadt, GERMANY

Ehsanullah Attiq, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Challenging the Official Narrative: Egyptian Diaspora Digital Resistance, Social Media, and the Blame for the Gaza Aid Blockade

Nagwa Fahmy, Zayed U, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

5221

Practising Decolonisation in Global Communication

Sunday

10:30–11:45

2.44-2.46

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Lev 2)

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State U, USA

Participants

De-Westernising Communication Research within the Global South: A Comparative Analysis of Power, Inequality and Cross-Cultural Dialogue in *Ne Zha* (2025) and *Jungle Beat* (2025)

Linglin Yin, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Siyamthanda Mashicila, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Entanglements and Decolonial Dilemmas: Reflecting on Film Education

Upasna Maharaj, Cape Peninsula U of Technology, SOUTH AFRICA

Entangled in the Struggle: An Autoethnographic Journey Toward Decolonization

Dominic Asitanga, Ohio U, USA

Tourism and the Work of Empire: A Comparative Study of Iran, Palestine, and Israel

Dana Ekhtiar, U of California, San Diego, USA

Witnessing as Decolonial Praxis: Gaza's Cries and Global Uprising

Mohammad Auwal, California State U, Los Angeles, USA

5222

Affect, Parody, and Play: Life with Generative AI

Sunday

10:30–11:45

2.61-2.63

(CTICC1,

Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Elfriede Fursich, U of Pittsburgh, USA

Participants

“This is What It Feels Like to Understand What You’re Singing to”: Transnational K-Pop Fans’ Reception of AI Cover Songs

Yue Liang, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Tianyi Yang, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Ge Zhu, Renmin U of China, CHINA

- Gamifying Affective Labor: The Mutation of Participatory Fan Production in Human-Community-Machine Interactions
Jie Cui, Guangzhou U, CHINA
- “AI Mimics Humans, Then I Mimic AI!”: AI Parody and Glitch Performance as Embodied Techno-Irony
Zhaobo Chen, Sichuan U, CHINA
Chen Zhu, Sichuan U, CHINA
- Flirting with AI: Exploring People’s Flirtatious Interactions with Generative AI Chatbots
Zhuoman Li, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Jiayi Ge, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Langcheng Zhang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Chen Lou, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
-  Love a Chinese “Red AI”: Grassroots Nationalism and AI-Powered Video-Making on Douyin
Xuanxuan Tan, Soochow U, CHINA
Andy Ke Zhu, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Weihang Wang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

5223

Social Support: Community, Emotional Support, and Quality of Life

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

Health Communication

Moderator

Yuanfeixue Nan, U of Alabama at Birmingham, USA

Participants

More Than a Shoulder to Lean on: The Hidden Architecture of Social Support

Yuanfeixue Nan, U of Alabama at Birmingham, USA

An Investigation of Reply Network Positions, Perceived Social Support, and Quality of Life in Online Eating Disorder Support Communities

Kun Yan, U of Arizona, USA

Jennifer Aubrey, U of Arizona, USA

Trauma Narratives and Communicative Healing of Offspring Caregivers in Online Support Groups

Yifan Zhao, Wuhan U, CHINA

Digital Oral Histories and the Communicative Rehabilitation of People Affected by Hansen’s Disease: Memory, Identity, and Ethics

Lan Zhao, Wuhan U, CHINA

5224

Local News in Australia, China, and the United States

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

Journalism Studies

Chair

Ayesha Jehangir, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Participants

“We’re Very Isolated Professionally”: Learning and Doing Visual Journalism in Uncertain Communities of Practice

T.J. Thomson, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Rachael Anderson, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Revisiting “Jobs to Be Done”: Functional, Emotional, and Social Factors of Paying for Local and National News in a Major U.S. Metro Area

Weiyue Chen, Butler U, USA

Esther Thorson, Michigan State U, USA

Stephanie Edgerly, Northwestern U, USA

Measuring the News: Validating Supply-Based and Ecosystem Approaches to Local News Assessment

Nik Usher, U of San Diego, USA

Sustaining Robust Local News in Pennsylvania: The Challenges of Nonprofit News as a

Way Out of the Journalism Crisis
Aaron Hyzen, U of Pennsylvania, USA
David Berman, Seton Hall U, USA
Victor Pickard, U of Pennsylvania, USA

5230

Journalism in the Digital Era: Challenges and Transformations

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

Journalism Studies

Chair

Bernadette Uth, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Flattening the News: Platformisation and the Erosion of Topical Distinctions across News Outlet Types

Steen Steensen, Oslo Metropolitan U, NORWAY

Håvard Kiberg, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Bente Kalsnes, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Gunhild Olsen, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Lasha Kavtaradze, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

This is the Way: A Newsroom Ethnography of the Paper on Journalistic Digital Avatars

Yingzhe Huang, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Linxuan Huang, Nanjing U, CHINA

The Invisibility of Journalistic Visibility: The Making of (Female) Internet Celebrity

Journalists during Reputational Crises in China

Yuting He, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Jia You, Xiamen U, CHINA

Yutong Chen, Xiamen U, CHINA

Yingxian Zhang, Queens College, City U of New York, USA

hui xiong, Xiamen U, CHINA

Redefining Depth: The Evolution of In-Depth Reporting on WeChat (2013–2025)

Ruomeng Liu, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

From Lament to Hate: Exploring 50 Years of Media Criticism Studies

David Cheruiyot, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Tine Ustad Figenschou, Oslo Metropolitan U, NORWAY

Karoline Ihlebæk, Oslo Metropolitan U, NORWAY

5231

Killing Journalism: AI, Specialization, Precariousness, and the Murder of Journalists

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

Media Industry Studies

Chair

Eylem Yanardagoglu, Macromedia U of Applied Sciences, GERMANY

Participants

Navigating the AI Frontier: An Extended UTAUT Analysis of Generative AI Acceptance and Use in China's State-Affiliated Mainstream Media Newsrooms

Qi Xu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zihao Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Metrification as a Socio-Technical Mediator in Journalism: Reconfigurations of Work between Specialization and Precariousness

Laura Storch, U Federal de Santa Maria, BRAZIL

Paola Jung, U Federal de Santa Maria, BRAZIL

Mariana Camargo, U Federal de Santa Maria, BRAZIL

Laura Almeida, U Federal de Santa Maria, BRAZIL

Janara Nicoletti, U of Siegen, GERMANY

Between Journalism, Entertainment and Entrepreneurship: Role Perceptions of Social Media Content Creators

Haumer Florian, Macromedia U of Applied Sciences, GERMANY

Kolo Castulus, Macromedia U of Applied Sciences, GERMANY

Information Conflict and Source Diversity in Local Digital Journalism: A Comparative Analysis of Nonprofit and Commercial News Outlets across Levels of Community Pluralism

Hsinhan Lee, Nanhua U, TAIWAN

Killing the News: Tracking Reports of Killed Journalists

Aianne Amado, Independent Scholar, BRAZIL

Lawrence Hill, Independent Scholar, BRAZIL

5240

Global Perspectives on Environmental Discourse and Media Framing

Sunday

10:30–11:45

Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Environmental Communication

Chair

Antal Wozniak, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Differentiating by Affinity? The Construction Mechanism of Environmental Responsibility Images of China and India from the Perspective of Political Proximity: A Comparative Study of “Carbon Neutrality” News Coverage in 15 Countries (32,204 Articles) Based on the Factiva Database

Boyu Wu, Xiamen U, CHINA

Qi Yin, Xiamen U, CHINA

Frames and Counter-Frames on Climate Adaptation in Practice: A Frame Analysis of the Communication on Depavement and Green-Blue Infrastructure in Flanders

Baldwin Van Gorp, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Anaïs Anthierens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Tim Smits, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Valerie Dewaelheyns, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Hans Leinfelder, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Pieter Raymaekers, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Patrick Willems, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Networked Narratives of Climate Crisis in TÜRKIYE

Burak Dogu, Izmir U of Economics, TÜRKIYE

Gizem Melek, Queen’s U Belfast, UNITED KINGDOM

Oyku Yenen, Independent Scholar, TÜRKIYE

From Zibi to Bingo: South African Anti-Littering Adverts and the Discourse of Personal Responsibility

Mehita Iqani, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Discourse, Framing and Agenda-Setting of Climate Change in African Media (2015–2025): A Mixed-Method Research

Haoyu Yang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Yining Chang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Yupo Zhang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

5241

Repetition Matters?! Theories, Measurement, and Effects of Repeated Media Contact

Sunday

10:30–11:45

Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Mass Communication

Chair

Anna Schnauber-Stockmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Discussant

Taiquan Peng, Michigan State U, USA

Participants

A Conceptual Framework for Analyzing Processes in Communication Research

Jens Vogelgesang, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

Hannah Frueh, HAW Hamburg, GERMANY

Cumulative Media Effects: When Media Effects Pile up

Anna Schnauber-Stockmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Lara Wolfers, U of Basel, SWITZERLAND
 Michael Scharnow, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Integrative Model of Message Repetition Effects: Audience Favorability Moderates the Mediating Effects of Message Fatigue and Processing Fluency
 Jiyeon So, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Optimizing Data Linkage in Media Effects Research: A Two-Step Approach for Tuning Linkage Probability Models
 Stefan Geiss, NTNU, NORWAY
 Hedvig Tønnesen, NTNU, NORWAY

The panel unites international scholars to discuss why and how repeated (consonant) media contact matters for mass communication research. Integrating theoretical, methodological, and empirical perspectives, the four presentations theorize and examine temporal dynamics of media exposure. The panel contributes a coherent framework for studying media effects as evolving processes rather than static associations, advancing theory, measurement, and modeling in communication science.

5242

Branching Out Public Relations Studies: Bringing in Perspectives from Media Studies, Psychology, Rhetoric, Sociology, and History

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

Public Relations

Chair

Jenny Hou, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Media Literacy in Public Relations: An Urgent Need in a Transformed Field

Lee Edwards, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Chiara Valentini, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND

Advancing Theory on the “M&E Stasis”: Extending the Theory of Planned Behavior to Study Measurement and Evaluation Practices in Corporate Communication

Emma Tolderlund Vogel, Vienna U of Economics and Business, AUSTRIA

Alexander Buhmann, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

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

A Rhetorical Model of Corporate Social Activism: Legitimacy and Culture in the Voice Referendum

Mitchell Hobbs, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Cordelia Bell, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

In a Quest for Distinction: Bourdieu’s Field Theory in the Strategic Communication Industry in Chile

Pablo Miño, U de los Andes, CHILE

Arturo Arriagada, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE

Cecilia Claro, U de los Andes, CHILE

Magdalena Browne, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE

A Tale of Two Countries. History and Evolution of Public Relations in the South Cone: Argentina and Chile


Gabriel Sadi, U of Huddersfield, UNITED KINGDOM

Claudia Labarca, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Alejandro Álvarez-Nobell, U of Málaga, SPAIN

5243

HIGH-DENSITY: Negotiating Meaning and Communicative Legitimacy

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

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

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

Participants


“I Thought I Knew, Now I Know I Don’t”: User Folk Theories on the Inner Workings and

- Effect of ChatGPT
 Bree McEwan, U of Toronto Mississauga, CANADA
 Matthew Craig, Central Michigan U, USA
- From Tools to Interlocutors: Situational Communicative Legitimacy in HMC
 Daniel Pietschmann, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY
- Stumbling Blocks or Empathetic Helpers? How Conflict Types and Anthropomorphism Shape Usage Intention in Intelligent Conversational Systems
 Ruifeng Qie, Shenzhen U, CHINA
 Sai Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Jianhong Wu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
- From Friend to Tool to Something Between: Perceptions of Customized AI Chat Partners over Three-Week Relationships
 Levi Lebovitz, Stanford U, USA
 Isabella Pistaferri, Stanford U, USA
 Arshya Gaur, Stanford U, USA
 Daania Tahir, Stanford U, USA
 Dayeoun Jang, Michigan State U, USA
 Jiahui Liu, Michigan State U, USA
 Rabindra (Robby) Ratan, Michigan State U, USA
 Jeremy Bailenson, Stanford U, USA
- The Hyperreal and Digital Alienation: An Ontological Analysis of AI-Recorded Live Streaming
 Yu Sun, U of International Business and Economics, CHINA
- “Pooled” Privacy: Navigating Privacy Boundary Management in Shared AI Accounts amid Multiple Relational Tensions
 Yichen Liu, Jinan U, CHINA

This session examines how human–machine communication unsettles established meanings and ontological assumptions, turning them into objects of negotiation. The papers trace how communicative legitimacy is situationally granted, challenged through breakdown and conflict, and reworked over time in hybrid human–machine relationships. Together, they show how machine-mediated communication destabilizes notions of presence and authenticity and reshapes everyday negotiations of privacy and responsibility.

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HIGH-DENSITY: Emotions and Politics 2

Sunday
 10:30–11:45
 **8.2**
(CTICC2, Lev 2)

Political Communication

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Nora Theorin, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Participants

The Role of Emotion and Emotion Regulation in Negative News Exposure among a Group of Black American and U.S. Women

Christina Henry, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Emotional Campaigning in the Platform Age: A Cross-National Analysis of Political and Media Strategies in the 2024 European Parliament Elections

Xin Zhou, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

The Power of Imagery: How Dehumanizing Depictions Influence Cognitions, Emotions, and Behaviors toward Refugees

Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

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

Christian Schemer, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Combating Intergroup Conflicts: Positive (Reciprocal) Effects of Intergroup Contact on Cognitions and Emotions towards the Outgroup

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

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

Miguel Machulla, Hanover U of Music, Drama, and Media, GERMANY

Are Politicians Increasingly Emotional? A Longitudinal Study of Emotionality on Social Media

Zeljko Poljak, Aarhus U, DENMARK

August De Mulder, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Luna De Bruyne, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Evelien Willems, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Jonas Lefevere, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Willem Buyens, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Peter Van Aelst, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Mechanisms of Press Evaluation: Emotional Response, Press Attitudes and Assessments of Media Scandal

Erik Bucy, Texas Tech U, USA

Paul D'Angelo, The College of New Jersey, USA

Sun Lee, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

Emotion, Ideology, and News Engagement: A Mixed-Method Cross-National Study of African Digital Publics and LGBTQIA+ Rights Discourse

Dennis Okeke, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Platform Incentives in Crisis Communication: Strategies, Emotions, and Visibility on Facebook

Roy Jacobsen, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

The Politics of Feeling Right: Computational Textual Analysis of Moral Emotion in the Thai White Ribbon Movement

Waranya Buranakarn, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Does My Suffering Have a Name? A Computational Text Analysis of Chinese Political Depression Discourse

Yang Fang, Fudan U, CHINA

5245

HIGH-DENSITY: B.E.S.T II: Studies of Diversity, Sustainability, and Authority

Sunday

10:30–11:45

8.3 (CTICC2,

Lev 2)

Organizational Communication

Chair

Boris Brummans, U de Montréal, CANADA

Discussants

Jack Qiu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Cynthia Stohl, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Participants

Turning the Gears of Dissent: A New Model of Marginalized Employees' Dissent Process (MMEDP)

Blessing Okafor, Illinois State U, USA

Debbie Dougherty, U of Missouri, USA

Feminist Mentoring: Communication Practices for Building Women's Leadership Development and Capacity in Nonprofit Organizations

Gertrude Misornu Nartey, Wheaton College, USA

Leadership Communication and Dual Respect Pathways: How Autonomous Respect and Respectful Engagement Influence Young Worker Retention through Psychological Safety and Meaningful Work

Justin Willett, U of Missouri, USA

Haejung Shin, U of Central Missouri, USA

Brian Houston, U of Missouri, USA

Margaret Duffy, U of Missouri, USA

Communicating for Sustainability? Revisiting Aspirational Talk amid Regulatory Controversies

Lars Christensen, Copenhagen Business School, DENMARK

Emma Christensen, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Steen Vallentin, Copenhagen Business School, DENMARK

Sustainability Communicators in a Crisis Context: Commissioners, Coaches, or Curators of Change? A Cross-Country Comparison

Franziska Weder, Vienna U of Economics and Business, AUSTRIA

Chiara Valentini, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
 Chun-Ju Flora Hung-Baesecke, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA
 Navigating Polarized Climate: How Multinational Companies Strategically Integrate
 Corporate Social Responsibility in Annual Reports
 Yoori Yang, Baruch College, USA
 Authority in Self-managing Organisations: Current Trends and Future Endeavours
 Stina Brøgger, U of Twente, NETHERLANDS
 Authority as a Triadic Accomplishment: Re-Engaging with the Historical Semantics of
 Auctoritas, Potestas and Imperium
 Cassandre Burnier, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Guillaume Quintin, U Libre de Bruxelles, BELGIUM
 On Morning Coffees and Ritualizing Work: The Communicative Orchestration of
 Communitarity in Coworking Spaces
 Mitra Raappana, U of Jyväskylä, FINLAND
 Ellen Nathues, U of Twente, NETHERLANDS
 Tomi Laapotti, U of Vaasa, FINLAND

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InfoSys: AI-Powered Health Information Seeking

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

Information Systems

Chair

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Participants

Interaction Strategies in AI Health Systems: Effects of Emotional Appeals and Condition Severity on Patient Compliance

Junyi Guo, Arizona State U, USA

Yi Xu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Huimin Wang, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Doctors Near Me: Examining Self-Selection in Online Health Search

Samuel Atcheson, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Helena Ilic, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Joon Park, Simile AI, USA

Christian Sandvig, U of Michigan, USA

Kristen Vaccaro, U of California, San Diego, USA

Silas Hsu, California Polytechnic State U, San Luis Obispo, USA

Karrie Karahalios, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Investigating Information-Seeking Behavior on Scams among Migrant Workers: Effects of Risk Communication and Scam Victimization

Hongliang Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Yijin Guo, U at Buffalo, USA

Chengzhi Lin, Zhejiang U, CHINA

How Mediators and Predictors Connect General and AI-Based Information-Seeking: Extensions of the PRISM Framework

Soo Jung Hong, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Digital Divides in Verification: Investigating the Heterogeneity of Verification Patterns for AI-Generated Health Information

Dechuan Liu, Fudan U, CHINA

Yuhang Yuan, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Yanfang Meng, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

How Does Need for Cognitive Closure Trigger Cyberchondria through Uncertainty Discrepancy? Investigating the Theory of Motivated Information Management

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Zhiyun Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Siyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Mila Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Hua Pang, Tianjin U, CHINA

Understanding Users' Intention to Adopt AI Nutrition Chatbots: Insights from UTAUT2

Lulu Mao, U of Georgia, USA
Peng Lu, U of Georgia, USA
Mengqi Liao, U of Georgia, USA
How Message Framing Shapes Non-Smokers' Willingness to Report Smoking Violations:
A Moderated Mediation Model within the TPB and ELM Frameworks
Siting Zheng, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

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HIGH-DENSITY: We Come Bearing GIFTS

Sunday
10:30–11:45

Instructional and Developmental Communication

Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Participants

G.I.F.T.S. beyond the Hype: An AI Tool Exploration Workshop for Community-Engaged Communication

Molly Han, U of Kansas, USA

Teri Terigele, Sewanee: The U of the South, USA

Designing a Culturally Aware AI Tool

Nagwan Zahry, U of Tennessee at Chattanooga, USA

Spin to Speak: AI-Supported Practice for Reducing Public Speaking Apprehension

Lanita Foley, Middlesex Community College, USA

Bridging Continents through Virtual Game-Based Learning: Teaching Financial Data Literacy to Pre-University Students across Asia, Africa, and South America

Ming Hang So, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Great Ideas for Teaching Students: From Theory to Practice: Designing Real-World Learning Experiences

Hye Soo Chang, South Dakota State U, USA

Mediagraphy as a Framework to Teach Intergenerational Health Communication

Diane Francis, Northeastern U, USA

Health Communication Consultancy Tasks

Brigitte Dietz, Purdue U, USA

Communication in Action: Using Grant Writing as a Planning Tool in a Community-Engaged Digital Communication Project

Teri Terigele, Sewanee: The U of the South, USA

Molly Han, U of Kansas, USA

You Can't Stop the Beat: Exploring Bias, Power, and Perspective through Hairspray

Alyssa Berger, Purdue U, USA

Seungyoon Lee, Purdue U, USA

Approachable Race Talk: Improv That Builds Courage, Curiosity, and Community

Uttara Manohar, Eastern Michigan U, USA

Harnessing Benefit of Peer-to-Peer Feedback

Svetlana Grushina, Dartmouth College, USA

In Search of Social Support: Engaging Students in an Online Scavenger Hunt to Identify and Analyze Support Messages


Steven Brunner, U of California, Davis, USA

Rachel McKenzie, U of California, Davis, USA

Heather Hether, U of California, Davis, USA

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Computational Methods Research Escalator

Sunday
10:30–11:45
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
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Computational Methods

Chairs

Christian Baden, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Organizer

Christian Baden, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Discussants

**Harbour
Level)**

Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Christian Baden, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL
Johannes Gruber, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Kokil Jaidka, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
Marc Jungblut, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
Aytalina Kulichkina, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
Felicia Loecherbach, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Josephine Lukito, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK
Subhayan Mukerjee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
Tom Nicholls, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM
Jakob Ohme, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY
Aleksandra Urman, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Participants

Leveraging LLMs in Survey Research: Towards an Issue Polarization Scale from Open Text Responses Research Escalator, Comp Methods Division

Paul Pressmann, U of Bremen, GERMANY
Cornelius Puschmann, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Forum Agenda Gaps: Which Issues Move from English Manosphere Communities to Turkish Online Spaces?

Duygu Ece Buldu, Ihsan Doğramaci Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE
Cemal Atas, Ihsan Doğramaci Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE

How Accurately Do People Report What They Do Online? Measuring the Accuracy of Self-Reported Online Behavior

Frieder Rodewald, U of Mannheim, GERMANY
Florian Keusch, U of Mannheim, GERMANY
Daria Szafran, U of Mannheim, GERMANY
Ruben Bach, U of Mannheim, GERMANY

Tracing Frame Competition and Substitution through Dynamic Community Detection: A Computational Analysis of UNFCCC News (2014–2024)

Aocheng Zhou, Tsinghua U, CHINA

How the Linguistic and Semantic Features of AI Generated Misinformation Affect People's Beliefs: Applying Computational and Experimental Approaches

Yanling Zhao, Northwestern U, USA
Zhao Peng, Emerson College, USA

Unpacking How Conversation History Shifts the Framing of LLM Outputs

Vishwanath Emani Venkata, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Sandra Gonzalez-Bailon, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Out of Focus: "Framed Affect" And Polarized Expression in Digital Sports Fandom—An LLM-Assisted Analysis of the 2026 Winter Olympics Controversy

Yuxi He, Communication U of China, CHINA

Tracking Ephemerality in YouTube Communication: Toward a Computational Framework for Dynamic Online Discourse

Yining Wang, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY
Katrin Weller, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Moral Disengagement in Action: A Multimodal Analysis of Gang Communication on TikTok in Haiti

Yvens Rumbold, Michigan State U, USA

The Populist Gaze: On Multimodal Populist Framing of the Self (Social Media) and in the News (Journalists)

Wies Ruyters, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Susan Vermeer, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Rens Vliegthart, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

AI Replacement Fear: Bringing Fear Appeals About AI's Comparative Advantage into the EPPM


Yuguo Luo, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Xin Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Relating Research Question Adoption across Scientific Articles to Online Virality

Nicholas Ornstein, Northwestern U, USA

Agnes Horvat, Northwestern U, USA
When AI Imagines Consumers: A Computational Analysis of Representational Bias in
Generative AI Brand Imagery
Haochen Ji, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

5261

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

Reproductive Agency, Sex Education, and the De-Stigmatization of Sexuality

Health Communication

Moderator

Yezi Liu, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA

Participants

From Menstrual Silence to Reproductive Agency: A Culture-Centered Approach to PCOS
Health Narratives in China

Yezi Liu, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA

Ke Xie, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA

Side Instead of Top or Bottom: Rethinking Sexual Norms and Behaviors among Men Who
Have Sex with Men

Zituo Wang, U of Southern California, USA

Lindsay Young, U of Southern California, USA

Alternative Media Practices in Destigmatizing Sex and Sexuality: A Content Analysis of a
Chinese Sex Education Social Media Account

Wei Liang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Vindicating “Side”: The Significant Mediating Effect of Safe Sex Awareness

Tianci Chen, Peking U, CHINA

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

MEOW-suring Media Use: Self-Reports, Behavioural Logs and Corrective Climate Actions

Communication and Technology

Chair



Isabel Pavez, U de los Andes, CHILE

Participants

Self-Reports Vs. Web-Tracking: Measuring Digital Media Use and Sensitivity to
Alternative Web-Browsing Preprocessing Strategies

Milin Zhang, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY

Emese Domahidi, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY

  Fleeting Attention While Scrolling: Predicting Dwell Time on Social Media Feeds
Using Behavioural Logs

Douglas Parry, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Philipp Masur, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Examining Effects of Presumed Media Influence on Four Corrective Behaviors toward
Climate Misinformation: A Multigroup Comparison Based on Zhongyong Thinking

Lunrui Fu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Xiaoming Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Liang Chen, Tsinghua U, CHINA

   From Scale to Strategy: Refracted Publics and Network Dynamics of Far-Right
YouTube During a Political Crisis in South Korea

Mingyi Hou, Chung-Ang U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Shin Haeng Lee, Chung-Ang U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Development of the Social Media Skepticism and Cynicism Scale

Hui Ding, Wuhan U, CHINA

Yizhan Li, Wuhan U, CHINA

Sirui Li, Wuhan U, CHINA

Xuening Wang, Wuhan U, CHINA

Qingxing Dong, Wuhan U, CHINA

5263**Visuals in War, Conflict, and Terrorism****Sunday**
10:30–11:45
de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**Visual Communication Studies****Chair**

Michael Tasseron, Tokai U, JAPAN

Participants

Taiwanese Soldiers' War Imagination: Bordering the Taiwan Strait Conflict

Chunghui Chuang, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

How Personality Shapes Emotional Reactions to Explicit, Implicit, and Positive Media Images of Terror? An Experimental Investigation

Tal Morse, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, ISRAEL

Avi Besser, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, ISRAEL

Virgil Zeigler-Hill, Oakland U, USA

Politicians, Footballers, but No Victims: A Grounded Theory About Visual Tropes in Terrorism Coverage

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

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

Marc Jungblut, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Anea Meinert, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Hartmut Wessler, U Mannheim, GERMANY

Synthetic Shadows: How Past Ways of Machine "Seeing" Implicate AI's Rendering of War

Marloes Geboers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Nataliia Laba, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

5270**Flags, Identities, and the Playing Field****Sunday**
10:30–11:45
Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)**Sport Communication****Chair**

Fangni Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Participants

Constructing "Romantic National CP": A Semiotic Multimodal Analysis of Fan-Created CP Videos of Chinese National Athletes

Xiaoyu Ming, U of Macau, MACAO

Yuehui Zheng, U of Macau, MACAO

Xiyu Cao, U of Macau, MACAO

The Dilemma of Bloodline and Performance: The Double Standards and Identity Struggles of Naturalized Athletes in the Court of Public Opinion

Mingkai Hong, Communication U of China, CHINA

Yongkang Xu, Communication U of China, CHINA

From "Traitor" to "Ace": Shifting Frames of Tomokazu Harimoto and the Moderation of Sports Populism on China's Hupu Forum

Chen Li, Wuhan Textile U, CHINA

Haoyu Huang, Wuhan U, CHINA

The Model Minority at Bat: Understanding Asian Representation in Major League Baseball

Vincent Peña, DePaul U, USA

Joseph Yoo, U of Wisconsin-Green Bay, USA

5271**Nuances in Parent-Child Communication Research: Connection, Trust, and Sensitive Health Topics****Sunday**
10:30–11:45
Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,**Interpersonal Communication****Chair**

Anna Russ, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Participants

Constantly Connected, Differently Affected: Response Speed Underlies Parents' and

**Harbour
Edge Level)**

- Adolescents' Feelings of Connection
Razieh Pourafshari, The Ohio State U, USA
Miriam Brinberg, The Ohio State U, USA
Joseph Bayer, The Ohio State U, USA
- Conversations That Clear the Air: A Dyadic Examination of Parent-Adolescent Communication and Smoking through the Lenses of Communication Accommodation and Affection Exchange Theories
Anna Russ, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
Peter Schulz, U of Lugano, SWITZERLAND
- A Dyadic Perspective on Trust in Physicians and Quality of Life in Pediatric Asthma: An Actor-Partner Interdependence Model on Children and Their Parents
Serena Petrocchi, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND
- Content and Context Mechanisms of Parent-Adolescent Sexual Communication and Sexting Behaviors
Robert Tokunaga, U of Texas at San Antonio, USA
Paul Wright, U of Indiana Bloomington, USA
Debby Herbenick, U of Indiana Bloomington, USA
- Unintended Effects of Child-to-Parent Health Misinformation Interventions: Understanding Psychological Reactance in Older Parents
Yijin Guo, U at Buffalo, USA
Hongliang Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Yunsha Pu, U of Texas at Austin, USA
David Atkin, U of Connecticut, USA

5292

ICA Kids' Picnic!

Sunday
11:30–13:00
Jasminium
Conservatory
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Sponsored Sessions

Organizers

- Julie Arnold, International Communication Association, USA
Christopher Rochette, International Communication Association, USA
Laura Sawyer, International Communication Association, USA

Join us for a casual lunchtime picnic with your kiddos for kid-friendly activities led by local craftspeople and musicians, including African beaded bracelet making, plus kid-friendly foods (we adults don't mind some french fries now and then, either). Commiserate on the joys of parenting/caregiving in academia & make new parent friends! Lunch will be provided. The event is indoors this year due to the unpredictability of the weather. You do not have to have your child with you to attend (we know not everyone brings their kids to conference every year), but due to limited space this event is for people who identify as parents/caregivers only (and, of course, their younglings, if present), and only those who pre-register will be admitted. Care will be taken to provide a variety of foods for every palate, and all items will be labeled for allergens/dietary restrictions. There is no fee for this event, but you MUST reserve your spot(s) to attend this event, for catering and activity supply purposes. To register, you must be logged in to your ICA account and then click here: <https://www.icahdq.org/events/register.aspx?id=2022746&itemid=7a2327f2-b43e-4f8a-9e5c-faf78f18ed85>

5297

LIVE FROM CAIRO: Egypt Regional Hub - The Inclusion Blueprint: Advancing Digital Safety and Media Representation for Women, Children, and People of Determination

Sunday
11:00–12:30
ONLINE-
ONLY
(online)

Regional Hub

Chair

Wessam Nasr, Cairo U, EGYPT

Discussant

Mona Magdy, Cairo U, EGYPT

Participants

Hayat Badr, MSA U, EGYPT
 Sara Emam, Cairo U, EGYPT
 Walaa Farouk, Consultant, EGYPT
 Sara Khater, Cairo U, EGYPT
 Dalia Osman, Cairo U, EGYPT
 Riham Shaalan, National Council for Women, EGYPT

This session, “The Inclusion Blueprint,” brings together scholars and practitioners to discuss digital safety and media representation for women, children, and people of determination. It addresses inclusive media narratives, AI-generated content and social awareness campaigns, women’s empowerment initiatives, parenting representation on social media, and child online protection. The session offers practical insights and research-informed approaches to fostering inclusion and responsible digital communication.

5301

(HYBRID) Disrupting Power, Consolidating Identities: Black Communications and Activist Media in the Global North and South

Sunday
 12:00–13:15

 **CTICC**
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Theme
Ethnicity and Race in Communication
Communication History
Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair
 Asher Gamedze, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Discussant
 Lori Roessner, U of Tennessee, USA

Participants
 Health, Hygiene, and the Black Body Politic: Reimagining the Black Press as Public Health Authority

Kim Gallon, Brown U, USA

SPEAK Magazine: Archive of Feminist Struggle and Pedagogy during the Anti-Apartheid Struggle

Tammy-Lee Lakay, U of the Western Cape, SOUTH AFRICA

Gender and New Negro Journalism in the Era of Jim Crow

Jane Rhodes, U of Illinois Chicago, USA

Anti-Colonial Publication Praxis: UpBeat Magazine in Conversation with the Revolutionary Papers Project

Koni Benson, U of the Western Cape, SOUTH AFRICA

This session responds to the ICA conference call to examine the dynamics between communication and inequality. This is particularly timely given global efforts to suppress media voices, stifle dissent, and interrupt coalition building. We propose a panel of media historians and cultural analysts who study 20th century Black communications in South Africa and the United States, to consider how marginalized publications disrupt dominant discourses and consolidate alternative forms of authority, identity and belonging.

5302

(HYBRID) Gender, Race, and Structural Violence across Institutions

Sunday
 12:00–13:15

 **CTICC**
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies

Chair
 Miriam Hernández, California State U, Dominguez Hills, USA

Participants
 Hybrid Selves, Contested Spaces: Navigating Gender, Ethnicity, and Power on Instagram as an Unmarried Arab Woman in Israel

Nissim Katz, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, ISRAEL

Foods, Identities, Spaces, and Gender in Malaysian Films: Kongs Raya (2022) and Sepet

(2004)

Hui Yan Chew, Aichi Shukutoku U, JAPAN
Justice Denied: Reproductive Injustices Facing Black Queer Birthing People in the U.S. Healthcare System

Robyn Adams, Texas Tech U, USA

Morgan Ellithorpe, U of Delaware, USA

   "I Don't Care": Neoliberal Values in Khaby Lame's Antiracism Campaign

Ephraim Danquah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Race, Gender, and Platform Capital: The Representation of Africans on Chinese Short Video Platforms

Xinyu Wang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Jian Zhang, Central South U, CHINA

Haonan Li, Tsinghua U, CHINA

5303

Influencers and Politics

Sunday

Political Communication

12:00–13:15

Chair

Shuning Lu, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

1.41

Participants

(CTICC1,

Learning to Go Political: Audience Reinforcement and the Disproportionate Political Role of Smaller Social Media Influencers

Lev 1)

Christian Pipal, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Morgan Wack, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Eva-Maria Vogel, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Frank Esser, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Ethics of Disclosure: What Social Media Users in the United States Want from Paid Political Influencers

Martin Riedl, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Benjamin Horne, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Matthew Craig, Central Michigan U, USA

Michael Kotowski, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

Catherine Luther, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA




"How Many of You Are Going to Vote for My Friend?" Democratic Participation of Social Media Influencers

Nuppu Pelevina, U of Helsinki, FINLAND

Elisa Kannasto, Seinäjoki U of Applied Sciences, FINLAND

Essi Pöyry, U of Helsinki, FINLAND

Hanna Reinikainen, U of Helsinki, FINLAND

   Monetizing Politics Online: How Influencer Characteristics and Live-Streaming Features Shape Audience Monetary Participation

Siyu Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Building Credibility in the 2024 U.S. Election: How Partisan News Influencers Signal Expertise and Trustworthiness

Eva-Maria Vogel, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Christian Pipal, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Morgan Wack, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Frank Esser, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

5304

Social Media, AI, and Nutrition

Sunday

Health Communication

12:00–13:15

Moderator

Jingbo Meng, The Ohio State U, USA

1.42

Participants

(CTICC1,

Seeing Fitness through Frames: Psychological Pathways from Online Fitness Content to

Lev 1)

Women's Exercise Intentions


Jinjin Zhao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Jingyi Ping, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Xing Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Beyond Defense: An AI-Assisted Analysis of Youth, Identity, and Energy Drink Discourse on Reddit

Shanshan Shi, U of Calgary, CANADA

 The Impact of Human vs. AI Fittspirations Influencers on Mood and Health Behavior: An Experience Sampling Study

Yunhua Tan, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Priska Breves, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

The Impact of Social Media on Young Women With Eating Disorders: A Systematic Review

Ying Li, Shandong U, CHINA

Zhengjie Zhang, Shandong U, CHINA

Yichen Tang, Shandong U, CHINA

Yujun Lin, Shandong U, CHINA

5305

Global Queer Texts

Sunday
12:00–13:15

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Popular Media & Culture

1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Chair

Kevin Chew, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Contradictions of Queer (In)Visibility in Viceland's Gaycation: Global (Im)mobility and the Travel Television Genre

Candice Roberts, St. John's U, USA

Gaysian Victimhood: Contexts of Stereotype, Inequality, and Possibility in Hulu's Fire Island

Shinsuke Eguchi, Wake Forest U, USA

Queer Feminist Internet Histories Between the Global North and South: A Transmedial Perspective from Post/Colonial Hong Kong in 1990s

Cecilia Ka Hei Wong, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

The Performativity of the Queer Asian in "Drag Race Philippines: Slaysian Royale"

Daniel Renz Roc, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES

5306

Language, Politics, Power, and Protest

Sunday
12:00–13:15

Language and Social Interaction

1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Chair

Sten Hansson, U of Tartu, ESTONIA

Participants

Dehumanizing through Malicious Accusation: Unpacking Russian Propaganda in Framing of Pro-West Ukraine as Anti-Civil on Telegram

Gayoung Jeon, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Mis/disinformation On Social Media: A Cross Cultural Study Informed by Generative AI

Mohammad Makki, U of Wollongong, AUSTRALIA

Olivia Inwood, Western Sydney U, AUSTRALIA

Hossein Kermani, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA


Discursive Strategies of Power and Governance: The Case of Government Crisis Communication

Sten Hansson, U of Tartu, ESTONIA

Professional Boundaries Suspended: Legitimizing WhatsApp for Media Relations in India

Mark Basil Rasquinha, U of Waikato, NEW ZEALAND

Helen Sissons, Auckland U of Technology, NEW ZEALAND

 From Walls to Feeds: Transforming Meanings of Protest Graffiti in Bangladesh's July Uprising

Fatema Amin, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

5307

Nerfing Toxicity: Measuring, Managing, and Improving Player Behaviors

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

Game Studies

Chair

Ruud Jacobs, U of Twente, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Managing Harassment in Context: Validating a Scale for Women Gamers' Coping Mechanisms

Vasil Arangelov, U of Oregon, USA

Shane Burrell, U of Oregon, USA

Maxwell Foxman, U of Oregon, USA

Md Waseq Ur Rahman, Creighton U, USA

"It's Not Just Part of the Game, It's Life": How Acquiescence Sustains Toxic Play in Chinese Online Gaming Communities

Xiaobei Sun, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Yue Cao, Guangdong U of Foreign Studies, CHINA

From Lawful Good to Chaotic Evil: The Impact of Individual Differences and Game Environment on Behavioral Alignment among Taiwanese Adolescent Gamers

Christine Cook, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

Chingching Chang, Academia Sinica, TAIWAN

Prosocial Video Games and Player Empathy: A Meta-Analytic Investigation of Emotional Response States

Kexin Li, Syracuse U, USA

T. Makana Chock, Syracuse U, USA

5308

Global South, Nation Branding, and Reputational Security

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

Public Diplomacy

Chair

Sameera Durrani, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Participants

China's Public Diplomacy in Latin America: Implications for Journalism and the Public Sphere

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

Framing the Sino-Brazilian Relations within the Global South: Brazilian Media Discourses in the Lula 3.0 Era

Runmeng Lyu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Chichen Lin, Communication U of China, CHINA

From Travel Record to Political Message: Strategic Multimodal Storytelling of China in Re-Created Indian Vlogs on YouTube

Hao Zhang, Xihua U, CHINA

Zhao Alexandre Huang, U Gustave Eiffel, FRANCE

Yi Xu, Lancaster U Leipzig, GERMANY

National Image Cultivation and Reputational Security: Analyzing Sierra Leone's Public Diplomacy Grand Strategy in the UN Security Council

Phillip Arceneaux, Miami U, USA

Nana Kwame Osei Fordjour, U of Maryland, College Park, USA

The Politics of National Promotion: Nation Branding and State Power in Latin America

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

KINGDOM
Pablo Miño, U de los Andes, CHILE

5309

Feminist Media Interventions, Resistance, Archival Histories

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

Feminist Scholarship

Chair

Ayleen Cabas-Mijares, U of Miami, USA

Participants

Plasmatic Sex Work: Feminist Critical Discourse Analysis of Korean Sex Workers' Writing Projects

Eunbi Lee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Visible Silence: Media, Women and Gender Governance in Marriage Notices of Shun Pao (1929–1949)

Shuting Ren, Shanghai U, CHINA

From “Gu Cheng’s Wife” to “Poet Xie Ye”: The Digital Reconstruction of a Woman Writer’s Reputation

Xinting Liu, Sichuan U, CHINA

Resisting Confucian Patriarchal Labels through Animated Feminism: Critical Consciousness, Gendered Emotions and Empowerment, among Chinese Women Audiences of Arcane

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

This Is Why We Fight: Militarized Resistance in the Sudan War as a Way of Doing Gender

Alima Abdul-Karimu, Texas A&M U, USA

The panel looks at recovering women’s voices across time, contexts and media systems.

5310

Mobile Disconnection Practices

Sunday
12:00–13:15
1.64
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Mobile Communication

Chair

Joseph Bayer, The Ohio State U, USA

Participants

 The Social Embeddedness of Digital Disconnection: (Dis)connection, Social Norms, and Stress in Daily Messaging

Alicia Gilbert, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Morgan Ross, Oregon State U, USA

Joseph Bayer, The Ohio State U, USA

Leonard Reinecke, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Spaces of Digital Disconnection: A Go-Along Study of Dining Areas, Libraries, and Movie Theaters

Guido Zurstiege, U of Tübingen, GERMANY


Nils Borchers, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

Is Habitual Smartphone Use at Odds with Digital Disconnection?

Laura Lemahieu, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Mariëk Vanden Abeele, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Karolien Poels, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

 Connecting and Disconnecting in Daily Life: An Integrative Model of (Dis)Connection Norms, Needs, and Habits

Morgan Ross, Oregon State U, USA

Alicia Gilbert, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Joseph Bayer, The Ohio State U, USA

Leonard Reinecke, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Always Hungry for More? Situation- and Person-Related Factors Driving Experiences of Closure in Mobile Media Use

Anna Schnauber-Stockmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Alicia Ernst, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

5311

Sunday
12:00–13:15
 **Auditorium**
2 (CTICC1,
Lev 2)

CAT-chy Connections: Livestream Support, Influencer Narratives, and AI Anthropomorphism

Communication and Technology

Chair

Anna Kuempel, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

Engaging Narratives, Authentic Connections: The Role of Storytelling in Body-Positivity-Themed Influencer Sponsored Posts

Anca Broasca, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Meda Mucundorfeanu, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Delia Balaban, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Alone, Together: Exploring the Supportive Benefits of “Study-with-Me” Livestreams on Academic Performance

Ryna Yeoh, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Catalina Toma, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Shaping Empathic Messages: How Human-AI Collaboration Influences First Person Perceptions of Empathy

Bingxu Han, Stanford U, USA

Angela Lee, Stanford U, USA

Michael Woodworth, U of British Columbia, CANADA

Sunny Liu, Stanford U, USA

Jeff Hancock, Stanford U, USA

The Good Life and Problematic Social Media Use: Exploring the Moderating Roles of FoMO and Self-Control

Hyoungkoo Khang, U of Alabama, USA

Miaohong Huang, U of Alabama, USA

Should Chatbots Be Anthropomorphic or Not? The Influence of Source Expertise on the Persuasive Effect of Conversational Agents for People Suffering from Depression

Xueyan Cao, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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

5320

Sunday
12:00–13:15
 **2.41-2.43**
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

BILLI-eving Stigma: FOMO, Algorithms, and Visual Social Media Impacts

Communication and Technology

Chair

Delia Balaban, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Participants

Destigmatizing Formerly Incarcerated Persons via Social Media: Testing the Effects of Visual Anonymity and Communicative Interactivity on Interpersonal Perceptions

Alexandra Hinck, U of Cincinnati, USA

Caleb Carr, USA

BoPo-Spiration: How Social Media Imagery Fosters Positive Body Image through Mood Management

Kyla Brathwaite Brathwaite, U of Michigan, USA

Megan Vendemia, West Virginia U, USA

This Is Not My Authentic Identity: How the Xiaohongshu Algorithm Mediates the Platformed Identity of ADHD

Menghan Yin, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Sexualization in Context: How Skin Tone Representation and Sexualization on Social Media Impact Black Women

Kyla Brathwaite Brathwaite, U of Michigan, USA

5321**Reflections on the Past and Future of Activism, Communication, and Social Justice Division****Sunday**

12:00–13:15

🌐 **2.44-2.46****(CTICC1,****Lev 2)****Activism, Communication, and Social Justice****Chair**

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Organizer

Guobin Yang, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Participants

Consolidating a Young Interest Group during Turbulent and Disruptive Times

Anne Kaun, Södertörn U, SWEDEN

Pushing an Activism Research Agenda in Challenging Times

Paola Madrid Sartoretto, Jönköping U, SWEDEN

Recognizing and Fostering Excellent Scholarship in Activism

Burcu Baykurt, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Building a Flexible Core: How We Plan a Large and Diverse Body of Submissions on Activism

Elisabetta Ferrari, Aarhus U, DENMARK

Reflections on the Epistemic Trajectory of Activism, Communication and Social Justice Division

Florian Primig, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Tamer Farag, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Activism research is an intersectional area, but over the years we have been able to build a distinct community and scholarly traditions. Given its young age, quick growth, heterogenous character and global dispersion, this panel wants to take stock and harvest what has happened since 2017. This panel brings together voices from the activism leadership to share their reflections with the community. It discusses what characterizes Activism research in the ICA and who we are as a scholarly community and reflects on the past and future growth and epistemic trajectories. We believe these discussions are vital for community building, institutional memory, and consolidation of a field and developing a base for future knowledge production.

5322**Negotiating Credibility, Performance, and the Creator Economy****Sunday**

12:00–13:15

🌐 **2.61-2.63****(CTICC1,****Lev 2)****Popular Media & Culture****Chair**

Flavia Taran, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Participants

Unmasking Entities: Expectancy Violations in VTubers' and Virtual Influencers' Self-Disclosure

Yingjia Huang, Peking U, CHINA

Rui Gu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

How to Look Like Money: Visual Credibility, Emotional Tone, and Aspirational Narratives in Romanian FinTok Content

Flavia Taran, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Lines, Likes, and Labor: Reconstructing Authenticity through the "Chicken Chop Guy"

Huiqian Lai, Syracuse U, USA

The Platformization of Class Containment: Positivity Porn, Migrant Worker Influencers, and the Cultural Politics of Class Formation in China

Miao Tian, Lingnan U, HONG KONG

Yang Zhou, Lingnan U, HONG KONG

5323**HIGH-DENSITY: The Emotional Machine: Cues, Affordances, and Consequences**

Sunday
 12:00–13:15
2.64
 (CTICC1,
 Level 2)

Human-Machine Communication**Chair**

Anna Abrams, RWTH Aachen U, GERMANY

Participants

AI-Affordance: A Theoretical Framework for Emotionally Intelligent Human–Machine Communication

Zongyi Li, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Andrew Yee, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

AI on Display: Does Observing Empathetic Chatbot Communication Influence Emotional Resilience?

Jade van Dorth, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Jochen Peter, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Carolin Ischen, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Feeling the Machines: User Perception and Behavior Response to the Sentiment Polarity of Social Bot Comments

Hao Xu, Peking U, CHINA

Shaobo Liang, Wuhan U, CHINA

Qingxuan Cheng, Peking U, CHINA

How Emotion in AI Becomes Information Empowerment: Distinct Emotional Cue

Pathways to Trust in Mental Health Chatbots

Hanyoung Kim, U of Kentucky, USA

Jeong-Yeob Han, U of Georgia, USA

Yoo Jung Oh, Michigan State U, USA

Kyung Won Cho, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

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

Warm but Redundant? How Different Generations Evaluate Elderspeak in AI Chatbots for Health Misinformation Correction

Lulu Peng, Huazhong U of Science and Technology, CHINA

Anfan Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

The Paradox of “Balanced Discourse” and User Meaning-Making in Human-Machine Communication

Haiyan Liang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zizhong Zhao, Communication U of China, CHINA

This session investigates emotion as a negotiated, non-uniform force in human–machine communication that enables, constrains, and reshapes agency and meaning-making. Across theoretical and empirical contributions, the papers conceptualize emotion as a set of perceived emotional affordances that structure trust and can both support and undermine understanding and action.

5324**Laboring on and around Platforms: Hierarchies, Paraplatforms Assemblage, and Peripheral Struggles**

Sunday
 12:00–13:15
2.65-2.66
 (CTICC1,
 Lev 2)

Media Industry Studies**Chair**

Lizhen Zhao, U of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Organizer

Xiaofei Han, Carleton U, CANADA

Participants

AI-Mediated Micropolitics of Chinese Rural Mothers in and through Kuaishou

Jiaxi Hou, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Virtual Influencer and the Politics of Creativity: Labor, Community, and Generative AI

Lianrui Jia, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Weixiang Wang, U of Nottingham, UNITED KINGDOM

Cyber Feudalism Meets Platform Capitalism: Shifu-Tudi Hierarchy and Rise of Streamer

Clans on Kuaishou
Xiaofei Han, Carleton U, CANADA

This panel brings together four ethnographic studies of digital labor at the peripheries of China's platform economy to rethink how hierarchies, infrastructures, and paraplatform ecologies sustain global platform capitalism. Examining Kuaishou's streamer clans, rural mothers' algorithmic micropolitics, delivery workers' creative self-documentation, and virtual influencer industries, the panel situates localized labor practices within broader histories of gendered, classed, and colonial unevenness, illuminating how peripheral actors and paraplatform formations co-produce the global dynamics of digital capitalism.

5330

Journalism in Flux: Changing Perceptions and Narratives

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

Journalism Studies

Chair

Kelsey Mesmer, Saint Louis U, USA

Participants

The Paradigm Paradox in Journalism Fiction: Constructing and Contesting Journalistic Discourses

Maxine De Wulf Helskens, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Adapt or Give up: How Ukrainian Newsrooms Responded to the Termination of USAID Media Development Aid

Kostiantyn Yanchenko, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Tetiana Gordiienko, National U of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, UKRAINE

Is Journalism at Risk? Exploring What Drives Journalists Away from the News Work to New Professions

Theodora Dame Adjin-Tettey, Durban U of Technology, SOUTH AFRICA

Manfred Asuman, U of Western Ontario, CANADA

Threatened or Disillusioned? Evaluating the Effects of Perceived Threats to Press Freedom and Disillusionment on Journalists' Democratic Engagement

Alexis Haskell, Temple U, USA

Logan Molyneux, Temple U, USA

Erin Coyle, Arizona State U, USA

Reporters for Democracy: A Paradigm under Construction

Karin Assmann, U of Georgia, USA

Andrea Lorenz, Kent State U, USA

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Top Student Papers in Public Relations

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

Public Relations

Chair

Kim Johnston, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Discussant

Katerina Tsetsura, U of Oklahoma, USA

Participants

News Verification in Public Relations: Examining the Influence of Organization-Public Relationships on Verification Behaviors and Beliefs in Misinformation

Junyan Lu, U of Alabama, USA

Eyun-Jung Ki, U of Alabama, USA

To Trust or to Verify? A Two-Wave Longitudinal Study on How Multi-Source Social Media Shapes Disaster Response

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

Xucheng Cao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Mission, Vision, and Values Beliefs as Legitimacy Drivers: Evidence from TikTok across Geopolitical Contexts

Zhen Shi, Communication U of China, CHINA

Mapping Emotion in Public Relations: A Systematic Review across Three Major Journals
Qi Zheng, Michigan State U, USA
Bixuan Ren, Syracuse U, USA
Acknowledgment or Alliance? A Network Analysis of Corporate–Stakeholder Interaction
on Social Issues across Issue Maturity
Namuun Tsegmid, U of Minnesota, USA
Jiacheng Huang, U of Minnesota, USA

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Reaching Diverse Publics in Environmental Communication

Sunday
12:00–13:15
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Environmental Communication

Chair

Hechen Ding, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Participants

Who's Not Getting the Message About the Environment and What Can We as Communicators Do About It?

Lara Zwarun, U of Missouri St Louis, USA

Gerardo Camilo, Saint Louis U, USA

Patchy Publics: Fireworks, the Himalayas, and More-than-Human Environmental Care in China

Junyi Lv (Lyu), U of Macau, MACAO

The Screen Trap: Assessing the Next Generations' Media Consumption

Morten Henriksen, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Marc Esteve del Valle, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Morten Birkved, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Exposure to Risk Information of Extreme Weather and Psychological Resilience in Chinese Older Adults

Yulong Tang, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Jiatong Ji, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Zheng Gu, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Xue Yuan, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

The Public's Role Perception of (Climate) Scientists on Social Media

Kaija Biermann, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

Monika Taddicken, TU Braunschweig, GERMANY

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Investigating Changes in News Formats and Consumption

Sunday
12:00–13:15
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Mass Communication

Journalism Studies

Chair

Marenet Jordaan, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Participants

Positioning Enjoyment and Appreciation as Key Components of News Use

Jennifer Hoewe, Purdue U, USA

Diane Jackson, U of Tampa, USA

Sam Woodland, Purdue U, USA

Brett Sherrick, Purdue U, USA

Streaming the News Away? Entertainment Preferences and News Use in the UK and Brazil

Antonis Kalogeropoulos, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Courtney Tabor, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

To Be More Homogeneous? Effects of News-related Distress and News Customization on Online Homophily

Xiyue Li, Pusan National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Yunseung Lee, Pusan National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Shiyao Lyu, Pusan National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Bumsoo Kim, Dongguk U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
How to Evaluate the Perceived Credibility of News Anchors on Short-Video Platforms?
Yuxin Han, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Xiaojing Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Structural Activation and Constraint of YouTube News Use: A Panel Study of 45
Countries from 2016 to 2023
Lu Zhu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Intercultural Communication and Belonging in Migrant Everyday Life

Sunday
12:00–13:15
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Intercultural Communication

Discussant

Brandi Lawless, U of San Francisco, USA

Participants

“No Longer a Fish in the Water”: Taiwanese Immigrant Professional Women’s Symbolic Belonging in the United States

Hsin-I Cheng, Santa Clara U, USA

Digital Belongings. Migration, Cosmopolitanism and the Everyday

Sandra Ponzanesi, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

Silenced by Status: The Impact of Fear among Venezuelan Migrants in Trinidad and Tobago

Timothy Affonso, U of the West Indies , TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Sharifa Simon-Roberts, Emerson College, USA

Hispanic Immigrants’ Social Networks and Biculturalism


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

Yifeng Wang, Independent Scholar, USA

Hye Yoon Chung, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

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HIGH-DENSITY: Audience Responses towards Science Communication

Sunday
12:00–13:15
 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Science Communication

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Anna Gaul, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Participants

Science Engagement and Inequality in South Africa: Patterns of Information Access, Trust, and Participation

Saahier Parker, Human Science Research Council, SOUTH AFRICA

Sylvia Hannan, Human Science Research Council, SOUTH AFRICA

Thando Tenza, Human Science Research Council, SOUTH AFRICA

More Than “Biological Truth”: An Experimental Study of Scientific Justifications in News About Transgender Individuals from a Social Identity Perspective

Joshua Anderson, U of Arizona, USA

Who Sees What in Programmable Plants? Public Imaginaries of Emerging Agriculture Biotechnologies

Sohinee Bera, Cornell U, USA

Anya Gruber, Cornell U, USA

Sarah Benevento, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Catherine Li, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Cristian Salazar de Leon, U of Arizona, USA

Stephen Moose, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Cabral Bigman-Galimore, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Bruce Lewenstein, Cornell U, USA

From Undecided Novices to Informed Advocates: Segmenting Swiss Science Communication Audiences by AI Perceptions, Usage, and Information Sources

Xiran Liu, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Mike Schäfer, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Gerta Lokaj, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Daniela Mahl, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Sophia Volk, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY
 Damiano Lombardi, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
 Julia Metag, U of Münster, GERMANY
 Niels Mede, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 “OK, OK, but What About the Good Stuff”? How Perceptions of Benefits as Compared to Risks Drive Public Support of Biomanufacturing
 Yi Zhao, U of Georgia, USA
 Michael Cacciatore, U of Georgia, USA
 When Literacy Isn’t Enough: The Role of Trust in Digital Health Transformation
 Pei Zhi, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Yulu Ouyang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Fen Lin, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Xiaohui Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Bo Wen, U of Macao, MACAO
 Yi-Hui Christine Huang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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PTC Research Escalator

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

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chairs

Thawab Hilal, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA
 Wendi Li, Monash U, AUSTRALIA

Participants

Strategies of Self-Victimization and Media Critique between Police Violence and “Foreign Criminality” on German Instagram

Dominik Winkler, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

The Inoculation Imaginary: A Platform Solution for Misinformation during the Ukraine War

Marijn Mado, Stanford U, USA

Manifesto for Our Times: Theorizing and Demonstrating “Affective Bridges” for Intersectional Feminist Coalitions

Dilara Asardag, Tampere U, FINLAND

The Governance Dilemma of Digital Ghosts: Ownership of Deceased Social Data, AI Replication, and Social Mourning

Yu Hu, Communication U of China, CHINA

Mapping Counterpublics: A Three-Dimensional Typology to Advance Cumulative Research

Lukas Hoffmann, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Voices in Exile: Framing Exiled Journalism in the NGO Discourses

Antonia Bockamp, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

The Entangled Matter: A Study of the Body in Showroom Live Streaming from a New Materialist Perspective

Xinyi Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Zhongyu Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA

Scholarly Work on Inequalities: Constructive, Destructive, or Pointless?

Mhairi Rundell, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Nils Förster, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Thawab Hilal, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

The Vanishing Artisan: The Marginalization of Artistic Creators and the Re-Evaluation of “Aura” in the AGI Context

Yiwei Gao, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO

Ruo Si, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Wenzhu Zhao, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO

Xian He, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO
“Proud Kadama Working in the Middle East; Can We Be Friends?” Mediating the
Experiences of East African Migrant Domestic Workers
Mary Ainomugisha, New York U, USA

This research escalator session provides a forum for emerging and ongoing work in philosophy, theory, and critique. The session brings together scholars at different career stages to present research in progress that engages foundational questions, theoretical innovation, and critical perspectives in communication studies. Rather than polished findings, the emphasis is on conceptual clarity, theoretical development, and reflexive critique.

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HIGH-DENSITY: Migration, Media, and Unequal Belonging

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

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Rachel van der Merwe, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Constructing Deservingness: Media Frames, Immigrant Ethnicity and Public Emotion

Teela Clayton, Leeds Beckett U, UNITED KINGDOM

Ralph Tench, Leeds Beckett U, UNITED KINGDOM

Sean MacNiven, Glasgow Caledonian U, UNITED KINGDOM

We Don't Become a Community Anymore: Perceptions and Responses to Digital Hate among Muslims and Majority Populations

Maryam Khaleghipour, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Communication and Health Inequalities: A Scoping Review of Social Media and Immigrant Health Communication (2010–2024)

Shi Li, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Jagadish Thaker, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Lemi Baruh, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Communication from the Periphery: Radio and Moroccan Migrant Citizenship in Spain

Mónica Marchesi, U de Barcelona, SPAIN

Alexander José Hernández Fernández, Rovira i Virgili U, SPAIN

Silvia Olmedo, U of Malaga, SPAIN

Joan-Gabriel Burguera-Serra, U de Barcelona, SPAIN

The Illusion of Agency: Navigating Ethical Challenges in Doing Media Research with Digitally Connected Communities on the Margins in India

Debjani Chakraborty, Central U of Punjab, INDIA

Nimmagadda Bhargav, Indian Institute of Management Indore, INDIA

Between Empowerment and Precarity: Smartphones as Contradictory Affective Infrastructure among Chinese Rural Migrant Women

Qian Bai, Communication U of China, CHINA

Framing and Rhetoric in Diasporic Media Coverage of Australia's 2025 Federal Election

Xiaolan Cai, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

Shengnan Yao, U of Canberra, AUSTRALIA

Transborder Assemblage, Imagination, and Survival: Chinese-Speaking Workers in U.S. Platform Economies

Mengyang Zhao, U of California, Santa Cruz, USA

Haoju Lu, City U of New York, USA

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InfoSys: Virtual Environments and Avatars

Sunday

Information Systems

12:00–13:15
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Chair

Shilan Huang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Leaning Forward to the Beat, or Laying Back to the Screen? Validating the Interactivity-as-Demand Measurement Model for Distinct XR Entertainment Use Cases

Nicholas Bowman, Syracuse U, USA

Jung-Hsiang Hsieh, Michigan State U, USA

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

Tilo Hartmann, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Cognitive Embodiment in Immersive Narrative Storytelling: A Systematic Review of Embodied Experience Features and Effects

She Lyu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Jiaxiang Xu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Xiaoming Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Shuo Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Social Presence and Eeriness in Tandem: Understanding the Role of Avatar Human Likeness in Public Service Announcements

Shilan Huang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Dion Hoe-Lian Goh, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Chei Sian Lee, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Asymmetric Virtual Reality Interaction: Theory Testing on Social Information Processing Theory and Media Richness Theory

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

Jung-Hsiang Hsieh, Michigan State U, USA

Huai-yu Chen, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Yu-Hao Lee, U of Florida, USA

Virtual Environments and Psychological Responses: Effects of Background Type on Mirror Anxiety, Hyper-Gaze, and Videoconference Fatigue

Heng Zhang, Chongqing U, CHINA

Benjamin (Benjy) Li, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Avatar Diversity Perception Scale (ADPS): A New Multidimensional Measure for Perceived Human Avatar Diversity

Xiangting Bernice Lin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Chen Lou, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Moon-Ho Ringo Ho, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

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HIGH-DENSITY: Beyond Screen Time: How Digital Media Can Help Youth Thrive

Sunday

Children, Adolescents, and Media

12:00–13:15

Chair

Bluebell

Nele Janssens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

(CTICC2,

Participants

Lev 3)

Who Benefits from the Idea of Screen Time?

Andrew Yee, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Brendan Luyt, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

From Feeds to Feelings: Daily Links between Positively Biased Social Media Content, Social Media Literacy Activation and Adolescent's Affective Well-Being

Ines Boeckxstaens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Lara Schreurs, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

How Preschool Children Are Impacted by Screen Media: A Systematic Review

Yujie Wang, Shandong U, CHINA

Jiaxin Chen, Shandong U, CHINA

Yujun Lin, Shandong U, CHINA

Digital Games and Math Skills Development: Leveraging Digital Play with Early Math Trajectories in the PBS KIDS' Odd Squad Game Dicey Escape

Nancy Jennings, U of Cincinnati, USA

Allison Caplovitz, Fluent Research, USA

Tiffany Salone, Fluent Research, USA
 Kelly Merrill, U of Cincinnati, USA
 Assessing the Digital Competence of Youth
 Jessica Taylor Piotrowski, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Roos Korderijnk, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Raluca Groza, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Johanna van Oosten, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Dian de Vries, HU U of Applied Sciences Utrecht, NETHERLANDS
 From Likes to Life Satisfaction: Positive Social Media Use and Positive Outcomes across Adolescence
 Ashley Fraser, Brigham Young U, USA
 Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA
 The Influence of Social Media Affordances on Adolescents' Social Need Satisfaction: A Systematic Review
 Michelle Pingel, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS
 Daniëlle Bleize, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS
 Martine Groefsema, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS
 Roy Otten, Radboud U, NETHERLANDS
 Intervening in the Digital Cycle: A Case Study on Adolescents' Social Media Habits and Self-Regulation
 Anja Stevic, Stanford U, USA
 Sunny Liu, Stanford U, USA

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Patient-Provider Communication, Health Apps, and Healthcare

Sunday

Health Communication

12:00–13:15

 **Westin**


Moderator

Nanlan Zhang, Independent Scholar, CHINA

Ballroom

Participants

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

 What Shapes Health App Use and Its Outcomes in Emerging Adults? A Go-Along Interview Approach

Robyn Vanherle, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Kathleen Beullens, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Managing Communication Uncertainty: The Generative Logic of Cancer Information Avoidance Behavior within the Chinese Family Context

JiaMing Xin, Henan U of Technology, CHINA

“I” vs. “We”: Exploring the Impact of Physicians' Personal Pronoun Strategies on Patient Satisfaction in Online Medical Services

Qiming Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Extending the UTAUT Model: The Role of Health Apps and Wearables in Promoting Physical and Mental Well-Being

Mahar Nirmala, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

May Lwin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Edmund Lee, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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HIGH-DENSITY: On the Frontier of AI Social Simulation

Sunday

Computational Methods

12:00–13:15

 **Westin**

Chair

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Ballroom

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

**East (Westin,
 Old Harbour
 Level)**

Participants

Can a Society of Generative Agents Simulate Online Firestorms and Inform Firm Response Strategy? A Case Study on Nongfu Spring Incident

Chichen Lin, Communication U of China, CHINA

- Weijian Fan, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Designing Digital Twins for AI Opinion Simulation: How Prompt Framing and Depth Drive Predictive Fidelity
 Luhang Sun, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Zihan Li, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Varsha Pendyala, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Yoo Ji Suh, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Yun-Shiuan Chuang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Sean Pauley, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Sijia Yang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Timothy Rogers, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Dhavan Shah, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Restoring Heterogeneity in LLM-Based Social Simulation: An Audience Segmentation Approach
 Xiaoyou Qin, Fudan U, CHINA
 Zhihong Li, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Xiaoxiao Cheng, Zhejiang U, CHINA
 Between Scylla of Data Scarcity and Charybdis of Data Synthesis: Shortcomings of Modeling User Discussions with Two Types of Data
 Ivan Akinfiyev, Saint-Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION
 Svetlana Bodrunova, St. Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION
 Integrating Agent-Based Simulation Into Mock Social Media Experiments: An Open-Source Framework
 Rupert Kiddle, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Wouter van Atteveldt, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Can Large Language Models Replace Humans in Message Effect Experiments? An Evaluation Framework with a Large-scale Replication
 Anfán Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

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MIAU-Iti-Context Reliance: Daily AI Use, Platform Publicness, and Tethered Lives

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

Communication and Technology

Chair

Alyssa Appelman, U of Kansas, USA

Participants

Tracing the Cord: Development and Validation of the Mobile Media Tethering Questionnaire

Kathryn Walsh, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Clay Williams, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

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

Kristen Harrison, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Not Just Where, but How We Engage: How Participation Type and Platform Publicness Shape the Outcomes of Political Online Discussions

Viviana Warnken, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Marc Ziegele, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Dennis Friess, U of Düsseldorf, GERMANY

Ole Kelm, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf, GERMANY

Friend or Foe? Revisiting Third-Person Perception to Explain Relational Orientations toward AI

Xiaodong Yang, Shandong U, CHINA

Fangfei Yu, Shandong U, CHINA

Bing Song, Shandong U, CHINA

Jian Zhai, Shandong U, CHINA

Zhuling Liu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

AI Overreliance in Daily Life and Work: Contexts, Causes and Consequences

Christoph Lutz, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Gemma Newlands, U of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM

Aurelia Tamò-Larrieux, U of Lausanne, SWITZERLAND
Shubin Yu, HEC Paris, FRANCE
“Why Do They Reject AI?” An Empirical Study on Inequality in the Acceptance of AI
Painting Technology
Ruobing Chen, Renmin U of China, CHINA

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

Visual Journalism across Forms

Visual Communication Studies

Chair

Baldwin Van Gorp, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Participants

Visual Moralization of Conflict on TikTok: A Typology of Journalistic Framing

Laila Abbas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Aliaa ElShabassy, Cairo U, EGYPT

Shahira Fahmy, American U in Cairo, EGYPT

Visual Discursive Constructions of Asian Values in the Japanese Media

Michael Tasseron, Tokai U, JAPAN

Deviation, Deliberation, and Disruption: A Visual Framing Analysis of Protest Coverage from Elite, Local, and Student Media

Claire Lawrence, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Claire Seigmund, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Communication Inequality and Visual Power: A Cross-Institutional Comparative Study of War Photography by Zhang Chongxiu and David D. Duncan

Kun Fang, Beijing Normal U–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

Jiaxi Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Qingyuan Zhao, Beijing Normal U–Hong Kong Baptist U, CHINA

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

Framing the Game: Media Memory and Mythmaking

Sport Communication

Chair

Yifan Wu, U of Alabama, USA

Participants

Media Narratives of the FIFA World Cup over Time: A Longitudinal Analysis of German Press Coverage 1994–2022

Christof Seeger, Stuttgart Media U, GERMANY

Joerg-Uwe Nieland, U of Klagenfurt, AUSTRIA

Dominik Moeller, Stuttgart Media U, GERMANY

Framing Disability in Paralympic News Coverage: A Ternary Viewpoint

Wenwen Guo, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Anne Kroon, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Creating Myths and Silencing Childhood: Ritualized “Other-Shaping” and Constrained “Self-Shaping” in the Media Image Construction of Minor Athletes - A Case Study of Quan Hongchan

Mingkai Hong, Communication U of China, CHINA

“If We Bombed London...” Language of Conflict in the Media Statements of Russian Sports Officials during Wartime

Gleb Tomashevskii, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Philip Sinner, U of Bremen, GERMANY

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Sunday

Audiences: Tracing Emotions and News Use across Cultures

Journalism Studies

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

Chair

Srividya Ramasubramanian, Syracuse U, USA

Participants

Time Well Spent? Exploring Emotional Engagement with News Through Native Experience Sampling

Kenza Lamot, U of Ghent, BELGIUM

Tim Groot Kormelink, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Tessel Bogaard, Mediahuis NV, NETHERLANDS

From Neutrality to Engagement: Young Audiences' Evaluations of Interventionist Journalism Across Media Platforms

Birte Leonhardt, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Bernadette Uth, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Tracing News Use: Evaluating the Potentials and Limits of Trace-Based Interviews

Constanza Gajardo, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Antonis Kalogeropoulos, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Patricia Rossini, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Camila Mont'Alverne, U of Strathclyde, UNITED KINGDOM

Tom Nicholls, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Do News Connect or Divide? Exploring the Relationship between Immigrants' News Consumption and Sense of Belonging

Camila Valgas, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Tim Groot Kormelink, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Yael de Haan, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

The Controversy Over Emotional News Articles as a Critical Incident: Struggle over Occupational Ideologies between Journalism of Liberalism and Journalism of Care

Yumiko Ehara, U of Minnesota, USA

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The 4th Annual ICA-Cream Social

Sunday

13:00–14:00

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Sponsored Sessions

Join us for cold treats and a chance to meet and mingle with your Executive Committee members. Quantities are limited, so come early before the scoops run out!

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(HYBRID) SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL SESSION: Platformization in Africa: Responses to Platform Power

Sunday

13:30–14:45

 **CTICC
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Sponsored Sessions

Chairs

Hayes Mabweazara, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Chris Paterson, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Organizer

Ingrid Bachmann, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Participant

Guy Berger, Research ICT Africa, SOUTH AFRICA

viola milton, U of South Africa, SOUTH AFRICA

Mercy Mutemi, The Oversight Lab Africa, KENYA

Toussaint Nothias, New York U, USA

Vincent Obia, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Social life across the African continent has been radically reshaped (and sometimes constrained) by the rapid expansion of online platforms. One dimension of this transformation is the growing concentration of online interactions within a small number of corporate platforms—a process widely described as “platformization,” closely tied to the

rise of “platform power.” Elements of this shift, such as the expansion of digital financial services, illustrate how platform-based systems are becoming embedded in everyday life. These are often celebrated by governments and in media discourse. Yet these developments are also critiqued as destructive, neocolonial, and frequently racialized manifestations of global platform capitalism. This roundtable assembles activists and researchers from inside and outside of Africa who are leading the push for a fairer platform economy.

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(HYBRID) Inequalities in Mediated Disability Activism Across Contexts (CART)

Sunday
13:30–14:45
🌐 **CTICC**
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chairs

Abdul Rohman, RMIT U Vietnam, VIET NAM
Filippo Trevisan, American U, USA

Organizers

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

Participants

Influ-Activist Ecology of Marginalized Groups: Insights from the Study of Disabled Influencers, Communication Agencies, and Advocacy Organizations

Filippo Trevisan, American U, USA
Manuela Farinosi, U of Udine, ITALY

Designing for Disruption: Developing Inclusive Digital Media Software for Disabled People of Color

Jaz Gray, Pepperdine U, USA
Thalia Markowski, Pepperdine U, USA
Emmanuel-Sathya Gray, U of Cincinnati, USA

Coding Against Exclusion: Collaborative Techno-Activism among Visually Impaired Programmers

Jingyi Liao, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE
Kuansong Victor Zhuang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

The Paradox of Visibility in Media Spaces: Slega, Feminist Activism, and the Margins of Disability Justice

Fabiana Battisti, U of Rome Tor Vergata, ITALY

Negotiating Access: Disability, Communication, and Micro-Activism in Indian Universities

Shivpal Chawda, Indira Gandhi National Open U, INDIA

Media (both digital and nondigital forms) offers new avenues for disability activism, yet leveraging media forms is complex and shaped by structural inequalities. This panel examines how disabled activists navigate these tensions across diverse contexts, from digital content creation, software co-design and disability-led programming to everyday

campus practices and psychological sanism movements, highlighting the opportunities, constraints, and inequalities embedded in mediated strategies for disability justice.

5403

Fact-Checking and Politics


Sunday
13:30–14:45
1.41
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Wenting Yu, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Participants

 National Identity as a Prism for Epistemic Judgments: Judging News Headlines and Experts for Fact-Checking

Zhongdang Pan, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Fangjing Tu, Stanford U, USA

Faces of Europe: How Structural Factors Shape Visual Personalization in Political Parties' Facebook Posts across 23 EU Countries

Melanie Magin, Norwegian U of Science and Technology, NORWAY

Uta Russmann, U of Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

Katjana Gattermann, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Felix Von Nostitz, U Catholique de Lille, FRANCE

Laura Alonso-Muñoz, U Jaume I de Castelló, SPAIN

Delia Balaban, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Pawel Baranowski, U of Wroclaw, POLAND

Krisztina Burai, Institute for Political Science, HUNGARY

Jean Cachia, U of Malta, MALTA

Tomaz Dezelan, U of Ljubjana, SLOVENIA

Michal Garaj, U of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, SLOVAKIA

Babette Hermans, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Konstantinos Kallinikos, U of Western Macedonia, GREECE

Simon Kruschinski, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Elisa Kannasto, Seinäjoki U of Applied Sciences, FINLAND

Georgios Lappas, U of Western Macedonia, GREECE

Sara Machado, U of Porto, PORTUGAL

Alena Pospíšil Macková, Masaryk U, CZECHIA

Anamaria Dutceac Segesten, U of Lund, SWEDEN

Ilva Skulte, Riga Stradins U, LATVIA

Milica Vuckovic, U of Zagreb, CROATIA

Rosella Vulcano, U Catholique Lille, FRANCE

Matt Wall, Swansea U, UNITED KINGDOM

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

Hold That Thought: Enhancing the Durability of Fact-Checking Effects through Low-Cost Accuracy Reminders

Je Hoon Chae, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Hyunjin Song, Yonsei U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

   Reducing Social Identity-Based Hostility through Fact-Checking: Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Political Sectarianism

Je Hoon Chae, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Tim Groeling, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Victor Renn, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

David Tewksbury, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Crisis Management in the Fact-Checking Community: How EU-Based Organizations Responded to Meta's Discontinuation of Third-Party Fact-Checking Partnerships

Konrad Bleyer-Simon, European U Institute, GERMANY

5404

Emotion and Cancer Communication

Sunday

Health Communication

- 13:30–14:45
1.42
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)
- Moderator**
Rachel Drbohlav Ollerton, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
- Participants**
The Fear-Controlling Function of Humor in Health Communication: Evidence from an Evaluation Study of Colorectal Cancer Prevention Campaigns
Sven Engesser, TU Dresden, GERMANY
Deborah Kunze, TU Dresden, GERMANY
The Impact of Gain-Loss Framing on Regular Cervical Cancer Screening Intention: The Mediating Roles of Discrete Emotions and Attitude
Siting Zheng, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
Se-Hoon Jeong, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
The Emotional Weight of Words: Exploring Framing Effects of Messages About Health Behaviours in Oncology
Rachel Drbohlav Ollerton, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
Nadine Bol, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
Martijn Goudbeek, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
Gwenn Beets, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
Frans Folkvord, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
Emiel Kraemer, Tilburg U, NETHERLANDS
“‘What Would Happen if I Die in a Foreign Country?’” Indonesian Migrant Domestic Workers’ Experiences of Personal Uncertainty with Cancer
Madhu Neupane Bastola, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG
Jeffry Oktavianus, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG
Margo Turnbull, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG
Beyond Rationality: Information Overload and Biased Perceptions of Lung Cancer Screening among Middle-Aged Adults
Miao He, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Hongliang Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Yueying Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA

5405

Queer(ing) Motherhood in East and Southeast Asian Popular Media Cultures

- Sunday**
13:30–14:45
1.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Popular Media & Culture

Chairs

- Eva Liu, Ohio U, USA
Mengmeng Liu, U of Iowa, USA

Participants

- Affective Complicity: Lesbian Couple Influencers and the Politics of IVF in Contemporary China
Mengmeng Liu, U of Iowa, USA
South Korea’s First Lesbian Mother: Negotiating the Rhetoric of Reproductive Motherhood for Queer Inclusion amidst Low Fertility Rate
Jin Choi, U of Maryland, USA
Online Constructions of Queer Motherhood in the Philippines: Navigating Identity and Social Norms
Jea Agnes Taduran-Buera, U of the Philippines Los Baños, PHILIPPINES
Queering Motherhood in Contemporary Chinese Cinema: Single Mothering, Female Homosociality, and the Potential of Polymaternalism in Her Story (2024)
Qingsheng Xiao, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA
Queer Motherhood and (Non-)Reproductive Futurism in Squid Game (2021–2025)
Eva Liu, Ohio U, USA
Raising Queer Son, Protecting Straight Husband: Cotton Dolls as Transitional Objects for Queer Motherhood in Chinese Fandom
Erika Ningxin Wang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, CHINA

Our panel interrogates media representations and fan practices of queer motherhood in East and Southeast Asian popular cultures, situated within the broader context of fertility rate decline, pro-natalist state interventions, and the absence of legal recognition for same-sex marriage across much of the region. While maternal figures have long served as a primary site for articulating heteronormative ideals of family and nation, the recent proliferation of queer motherhood in film, television, social media, and fandom cultures complicates the nexus of reproduction, care, and the imaginary of a good life. Six presentations will critically examine how contemporary popular media destabilize state and social scripts of heteronormative motherhood, with queer imaginaries that displace the centrality of biological reproduction.

5406

The Intersection of Science and Political Communication

Sunday

Science Communication

13:30-14:45

Chair

1.44

Alice Fleerackers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS


(CTICC1,

Participants

Lev 1)

At the Intersection of Science and Politics: Patterns and Predictors of Science-Policy-Interface Coverage in German News Media

Lena Zils, U of Münster, GERMANY

 Trust Me, I Cite Science: How Political Communication Drawing on Science Affects Message Credibility and Communicator Trustworthiness

Daniel Wiesner, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jakob-Moritz Eberl, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Andrea Wiesner, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Sophie Lecheler, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Does It Matter Who Is Talking About Science? Comparing Epistemic Authority and Knowledge Outcomes across Perceived Human and AI Actor Identities

Bianca Nowak, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Antonia Rosada, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Gina Goebel, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Nicole Krämer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

The Voice of Reason or the Voice of the State? A Multimodal Acoustic Analysis of Science (De)Politicization in Chinese Crisis Communication

Rong Gao, Peking U, CHINA

Zining Wang, Peking U, CHINA

Jing Xu, Peking U, CHINA

Politicization of Science in and through Media Coverage: Theoretical Conceptualization and Pilot Testing

Janise Brück, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Julia Serong, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Lars Guenther, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

5407

Understanding and Addressing Health Misinformation

Sunday

Health Communication

13:30-14:45

Moderator

1.61

Peter Schulz, U of Lugano, SWITZERLAND

(CTICC1,

Participants

Lev 1)




Measuring Susceptibility to Health Misinformation: Development and Psychometric Evaluation of the SHM Scale

Peter Schulz, U of Lugano, SWITZERLAND

May Lwin, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Anita Sheldenkar, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Melissa Rachel Kwan, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

   Think Twice, Scroll Once: Encouraging Critical Reflection as a Shield against

- Health Misinformation and Overgeneralized Messaging by Social Media Influencers
 Jaroslava Kankova, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
- Empowering with Information-Verifying Efficacy: An Experimental Study of the Effect of Health Misinformation Exposure on Online Information Avoidance
 Ke Liu, U of California, Davis, USA
 Meng Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
 Laramie Taylor, U of California, Davis, USA
 Xinzhu Wu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
- Misinformation in Alternative Medicine: The Role of Journalists in Addressing the “Ogbanje” Sickle Cell Disease Misinformation
 Ugochukwu Madu, U of Iowa, USA
 Rachel Young, U of Iowa, USA

5408

Surveillance, Privacy, and Mobile Platform Governance

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

Mobile Communication

Chair

Jordan Frith, Clemson U, USA

Participants

Community Notes versus Comments: The Roles of Social Norms and Refuter Identity in Shaping User-Involved Misinformation Correction Effects

Xu Dong, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Mingfei Sun, Fudan U, CHINA

Visibility Moderation: An Attempt to Reconcile the Social Media User Privacy Paradox

Weipeng Hou, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Nijia Xie, Minzu U of China, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Architects of Mobile Surveillance: Regulators, Tech Firms, SMMEs Roles in Reshaping Freight Labor

Wenjie Zhang, Peking U, CHINA

Mobile Communication Technologies Interrupting Blue-Collar Work: Learning from Workers’ Responses

Floor Fiers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Olga Eisele, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

5409

Circuits of Collective Feelings: Mourning, Nostalgia, Banter, and Comedy

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

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Yuan Deng, Peking U, CHINA

Participants

Fan Practices in Digital Mourning: From Continuing Bonds to Value Transformation

Xinchun Li, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Gongcheng Lin, Sun Yat-sen U, CHINA

Dandan Ma, Jinan U, CHINA

“You May Return to the Past, But No One is There Anymore”: Chinese Dreamcore, Affective Remediation, and Chinese Youth’s Structure of Feeling in Participatory Nostalgia

Yichen Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG


Sheng Zou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Empathy, Cognition, and Adaptation: A Study on the Intergenerational Transmission Mechanisms of Stand-up Comedy Programs and the Efficacy of Digital Feedback

Yiru Wen, Northwest U, CHINA

Despicable Digital Banter: Racist Black and Brown Politicians in the UK

Craig Ryder, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

 Grandparents, Ghosts, and Generative AI: Remembering the Roots of Media Literacy in an Age of Forgetting
Renee Hobbs, U of Rhode Island, USA

5410

Digital Sovereignty and Global Communication Governance

Sunday
13:30–14:45
1.64
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Hao Cao, Wuhan U, CHINA

Participants

Internet Shutdowns and the Politics of Digital Sovereignty in Ethiopia

Téwodros Workneh, Kent State U, USA

Endalkachew Chala, Arba Minch U, ETHIOPIA

Beyond Security: Remapping Varieties of Governmental Responses to TikTok in the Americas and Beyond

Maximiliano Seoane, National U of San Martín, ARGENTINA

Yu Hong, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Platform Friction: Enabling, Resisting, and Redirecting Platformization from the Ground up

So Yun Ahn, Boston College, USA

Platform Authoritarianism and the Politics of Influence: Mapping China's Hierarchical Digital Propaganda Ecosystem on Weibo

Jiaxin Yang, U of Technology Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Dechun Zhang, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Weiwen Yu, Arizona State U, USA

Democracy's Informational Infrastructure: Political Engagement, Press Freedom, and the Risk of Authoritarian Drift

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

Thomas H. Zhang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Xiaohui Cao, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Binbin Wang, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

5411

Algorithm and Politics

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

Political Communication

Chair

Erik Bucy, Texas Tech U, USA

Participants

What Makes Trending Endure? Algorithmic Stabilisation as Temporal Governance on Douyin

Jiangyue Chen, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Zoey Wang, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Carl Zhou, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Beyond the Share Button: How Partisan Alignment, Journalistic Quality, and the Algorithmic Governance Shape What Millions See on Facebook

Fabio Giglietto, U degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo, ITALY

Giada Marino, U degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo, ITALY

Clicking Politics on an Algorithmic Feed: Political Efficacy and Longitudinal Information Selection

Jin Wan, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Natali Helberger, Institute for Information Law, NETHERLANDS

Claes de Vreese, U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Recommending the State: How Social Media Algorithms Curate State-Created Content in China

Yingdan Lu, Northwestern U, USA

Xinyi Liu, Northwestern U, USA
Carl Zhou, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
The Cost of Visibility: User Expectations, Selection, and Algorithmic Amplification in Political Short-Video Communication
Hannah Fecher, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Yannick Winkler, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

5420

Tame the Goliath: Governing Private Digital Platforms

Sunday

Communication Law and Policy

13:30–14:45

Chair

🌐 2.41-2.43

Pawel Popiel, Washington State U, USA

(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Participants

Mapping Civil Society Actors in Transnational Platform Governance

Diyi Liu, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Emillie de Keulenaar, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, U of Copenhagen, DENMARK

Governance or Performance? The Institutional Decoupling of the Facebook Oversight Board

Tianchan Mao, Fudan U, CHINA

Peng Hwa Ang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

“You Can Call It Whatever You Like, But This is a Prison”: A Sociotechnical Audit of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Google Reviews and Ratings

Muir McCammon, Tulane U, USA

GenAI in EdTech in UK Schools: Implications for Children’s Rights

Ayça Atabey, U of Edinburgh, UNITED KINGDOM

Kim Sylwander, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED

KINGDOM

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

KINGDOM

5422

The Digital Contour of Materiality: Taste, Place, and Culture

Sunday

Popular Media & Culture

13:30–14:45

Chair

🌐 2.61-2.63

Jed Senthil K Jivaraju, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Participants

Curating Atmospheric Taste: The Mediatization of Spatial Practices in Urban China’s Coffee Culture

Xinyue Xu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Aaron Ng, Singapore Institute of Technology, SINGAPORE

Xuewei Chen, East China U of Political Science and Law, CHINA

Cyber Vernacular Life: The Mediatized Every Day and Spatial Production of Wet Markets among Chinese Gen Z

Wei Xie, Hunan U, CHINA

Xinrui Liu, Hunan U, CHINA

Exploring the Libidinal Economy in Urban Digital Photography: Visualizing Locality and Tastes in Citywalks of China

Minling Guo, U of Macau, MACAO

From Source of Inspiration to Material Afterlife: On the Role and Significance of Place in the Creative Process of Contemporary Dutch Novelists

Stijn Reijnders, Erasmus U Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Dancing in Narrow Space: Mediatized Practice, Place, and Community in the Arcade Scene

Jiaxu Chen, East China Normal U, CHINA

5423**PARTNER PANEL: AMCAP - Integrating Media Literacy across the Curriculum: Insights from National Dialogues on Media Education in Pakistan****Sunday**

13:30–14:45

**2.64
(CTICC1,
Level 2)****Partner Panel**

The Association of Media and Communication Academic Professionals (AMCAP) presents findings from national roundtable discussions held across Pakistan on integrating Media and Information Literacy (MIL) into higher education. These dialogues revealed innovative pedagogical practices and key challenges in embedding critical thinking, digital ethics, and verification skills across curricula. AMCAP's presentation at ICA shares a collaborative framework and actionable recommendations to strengthen media literacy education, offering a Global South perspective to international discourse.

5424**GATO-laborative AI: Human-Machine Work, Crisis Communication and LLM Variance****Sunday**

13:30–14:45

**2.65-2.66
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)****Communication and Technology****Chair**

Andrea Miconi, IULM U, ITALY

Participants

When Humans and Machines Share the Wheel: Reconfiguring Agency in AI-Assisted Consumption through a Dual Path Model of Human Agency and AI Agency

Hanyoung Kim, U of Kentucky, USA

JaKyung Seo, U of Alabama, USA

Jing Yang, Boston U, USA

Won-Ki Moon, U of Florida, USA

Artificial Intelligence in Crisis Communication: A Comparative Analysis of Institutional Enablers and Constraints

Kulsawasd Jitkajornwanich, Texas Tech U, USA

Don Shin, Texas Tech U, USA

Kerk Kee, Texas Tech U, USA

Do Different LLMs Provide Different Perspectives? Evidence from Multi-Agent Debates

Huiqian Lai, Syracuse U, USA

WeChat APIs as Boundary Objects: Coordinating Human and Nonhuman Actors through Identification and Event-Based Evolving Mechanisms

Fang Jiao, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Digitizing News Culture in the UAE: The Role of Artificial Intelligence in UAE Newsrooms

Ahmed El Gody, Örebro U, SWEDEN

5430**CAT Top Student Papers****Sunday**

13:30–14:45

**Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)****Communication and Technology****Chairs**

Veronika Karnowski, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Katy Pearce, U of Washington, USA

Participants

Challenging Authenticity: ERC Framework Analysis of AI-Generated Cultural Images

Luo Dan, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Investigating the Relationship between Self-Presentation and Well-Being on Social Media: A Meta-Analytical Perspective

Hanna Certomà, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

Hanna Schneider, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

Annkathrin Sproeßer, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY

Jana Dombrowski, U of Hohenheim, GERMANY
Unraveling the Chilling-Backfire Dynamic: A Mixed-Methods Study on Misinformation
Moderation through the Lens of Spreaders
Silvia Chen Zhang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Xucheng Cao, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

5431

Large Language Models, Artificial Intelligence, and Journalistic Output: Different Perspectives

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

Journalism Studies

Chair

Jakob Henke, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

Participants

Automating the Coverage of Catastrophes? Exploring the Performance of Large Language Models in Disaster Reporting

Tianzi Lu, Fudan U, CHINA

Yicheng Wang, Fudan U, CHINA

Xingyu Lan, Fudan U, CHINA

ChatGPT's Potential Benefits and Risks in News Coverage: A Framing Analysis in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland

Aynur Sarsakaloğlu, Technische U Ilmenau, GERMANY

ChatGPT as a News Recommender System: Measuring Source Types and Diversity across Different Interfaces

Tim Schatto-Eckrodt, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Laura Liebig, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Juliane Lischka, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Michael Reiss, Leibniz-Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute, GERMANY

Nadja Schaetz, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Justin, Schröder, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

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

Martin Semmann, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Katharina Kleinen von Königslöw, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Robert Geislinger, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Eva Knor, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Laura Laugwitz, U of Hamburg, GERMANY

Can AI Write Reliable Headlines? A Study on Hallucination and “Anti-Affordance” in AI News Production

Yang Zheng, South China U of Technology, CHINA

Quanyi Zou, South China U of Technology, CHINA

Perceiving the Automated News: How News Formats and News Consumption Behaviors Shape Audience Responses to LLM-Generated News Summaries

Yuting He, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Ashwin Rajadesingan, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Gina Masullo, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Talia Stroud, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Josephine Lukito, U of Texas at Austin, USA

5440

Platformed Borders: Apps, Newsfeeds, and the Politics of Refuge

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

Global Communication and Social Change

Children, Adolescents, and the Media

Chair

Miriam Hernández, California State U, Dominguez Hills, USA

Participants

Xsphere Conversations About Sustainable Cohesion of Refugees and Migrant Communities in Türkiye

Ozen Bas, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE
Emel Özdora, Bilkent U, TÜRKIYE
Christine Ogan, Indiana U, USA
Sena Özkan, Dogus U, TÜRKIYE

The Sound of Credibility: Refugee Storytelling Podcasts and the Ethics of Listening
Abdulwahab Tahhan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

When Compassion Collapses: Global South Media, Hierarchies of Care, and the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh

Mushfique Wadud, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Networked Lateral Gatekeeping: Everyday Digital Nationalism on RedNote during the TikTok Refugee Migration

Jiajun Ma, Georgia State U, USA

Deals, Domestication, and Disasters: Results of a Comparative Content Analysis of Migration Coverage in 15 African and European Countries

Merle van Berkum, TU Dortmund, GERMANY
Susanne Fengler, TU Dortmund, GERMANY
Javier Amores, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE
Monica Chibita, Ugandan Christian U, UGANDA
Alejandro Escuredo, Complutense U, SPAIN
Martha Evans, U of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA
Khaled Gulam, U of Tripoli, LIBYA
Margaret Jjuuko, U of Rwanda, RWANDA
Emmanuel Kizaale, Ugandan Christian U, UGANDA
Michal Kus, U of Wroclaw, POLAND
Sandra Labova, Charles U, CZECHIA
Michel Leroy, TU Dortmund, GERMANY
Fatma Louati, MENA Media Monitoring, TUNISIA
Johanna Mack, TU Dortmund, GERMANY
Ana Pinto Martinho, ISCTE–U Institute of Lisbon, PORTUGAL
Sara Namusoga-Kaale, Makerere U, UGANDA
Hasina Ndeketa, Malawi U of Business and Applied Sciences, MALAWI
Johann Roppen, Volda U College, NORWAY
John Semakula, Ugandan Christian U, UGANDA
Dimitrina Semova, Complutense U, SPAIN
Michael Yao Serwornoo, U of Maryland Eastern Shore, USA
Sergio Splendore, U degli Studi di Milano, ITALY
William Tayeebwa, Makerere U, UGANDA

5441

Inequalities Seen and Unseen: Rethinking Assumptions and Approaches to Social Inequalities in Journalism Studies Research

Sunday
13:30–14:45
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Tim Groot Kormelink, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Discussant

Nik Usher, U of San Diego, USA

Participants

“News Is Not Really for People Like Me, Anyway”: The Role of Digital Exclusion in Producing News Inequities among Dutch Low-Literate Adults

Joelle Swart, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS
Alexander Smit, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Shifting Pulses: Mapping the Evolving Political News and Information Ecosystem in the 2022 Philippine Presidential Elections

Jon Benedik Bunquin, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES
Fatima Gaw, Northwestern U, USA

Fernando Paragas, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES
 Ma. Rosel San Pascual, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES
 Julienne Thesa Baldo-Cubelo, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES
 No Time or Tech for Online News: How Gendered Inequalities Contribute to Gaps in
 Online News Consumption
 Courtney Tabor, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Constanza Gajardo, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Antonis Kalogeropoulos, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM
 Patricia Rossini, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM
 Tom Nicholls, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM
 The Community Voice Project: Reducing Methodological Exclusion through Targeted
 Community Engagement
 Danny Parker, Cornell U, USA
 Abby Qin, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
 Wil Dubree, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 JD Duncan, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Thomas Andreas, Madison Street Medicine, USA
 Siddiq DeShazer, Occupy Madison, USA

Addressing the ICA theme “Communication and Inequalities in Context,” this panel examines how inequalities are studied in journalism research. While research on news inequalities has grown, less attention has been paid to our epistemological and methodological foundations. How do our shared concepts, tools, and designs shape what kinds of dynamics are made visible, and which remain obscured? Through a series of diverse studies, panelists investigate how research decisions impact social inequality research in journalism studies.

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Communication Dynamics, Secrecy, and Boundary Work

Sunday
 13:30–14:45
Orchid
 (CTICC2,
 Lev 2)

Organizational Communication

Chair

Michael Stohl, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Participants

Secret Societies and Secret Identities: A Cross-National Study of Organizational Secrecy, Image, and Identification in Brazil, China, France, and the US

Xiaotong Liu, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Craig Scott, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Mir Rabby, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Nuanced Layers of Concealment: A Multi-Organizational Study of the Larry Nassar Scandal

Nicole Butterbaugh, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Xiaotong Liu, U of Texas at Austin, USA

Matthew Flores, U of Texas at Austin, USA

“What Plot Have They Hatched at HQ Again?”: Managing Meaningfulness through Purpose Communication during Organizational Change

Ilari Ceder, Tampere U, FINLAND

Leena Mikkola, Tampere U, FINLAND

Steve May, U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

5443

HIGH-DENSITY: Environmental Discourse across Social Media Platforms

Sunday
 13:30–14:45

Environmental Communication

Chair

Olivia Bullock, U of Florida, USA

Participants

The Push and Pull of Fast Fashion: A User- and Content-Level Analysis of Twitter

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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Discussions

Rui Wang, Loyola U, USA
Prerna Shah, U of Georgia, USA
Qingyue Sun, Coastal Carolina U, USA
Janet Yang, U at Buffalo, USA

Climate Discourse on TikTok: A Network Analysis of Hashtag Communities and Coordination in the Global North and Global South

Anees Baqir, Northeastern U London, UNITED KINGDOM
Rabia Qusien, London School of Economics & Political Science, UNITED KINGDOM

Josephine Harmon, Northeastern U London, UNITED KINGDOM

Multimodal Framing of COP29 on Instagram

Rachel Carberry, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM
Antal Wozniak, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM
Lyndon Way, U of Liverpool, UNITED KINGDOM

Until Nationalism Ebbs: Framing Dynamics of Fukushima Wastewater Discharge in Chinese Official and Social Media (2021–2025)

Hongsheng Huang, Shanghai International Studies U, CHINA
Jiayin Li, China News Service, CHINA

Responsibility and Bias: A Topic Modeling Analysis of Reddit Discussions on China's Climate Change Narrative through the Lens of Social Identity Theory

Mengrong Zhang, U of Cologne, GERMANY
Zhe Xu, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Frame Setting and Social Media Engagement: Climate Change Communication on CNN and Fox News Facebook Pages

Hechen Ding, Tsinghua U, CHINA
Hong Vu, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Muthi as Environmental Communication: South African Healers on TikTok

Priscilla Boshoff, Rhodes U, SOUTH AFRICA

5444

HIGH-DENSITY: Representation, Resistance, and Racialized Media Systems

Sunday
13:30–14:45

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Lev 2)

Ethnicity & Race in Communication

Chair

Renana Atia, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Participants

Invisibility and the Construction of the Other within Media Frames: Cultural Bias and Narrative Comparison in International Conflict Reporting

Shu Yang, Communication U of China, CHINA
Yu Zou, Communication U of China, CHINA
Cici Li, U of California, Los Angeles, USA

Type Here Your Biases: How Autocomplete Suggestions and User Predispositions Co-Construct Harmful Information Seeking

Zilin Lin, U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Claes Vreese, U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Natali Helberger, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Frames and Voices in Indigenous Rights Reporting: An Analysis of the News Coverage of the Time Frame Law Project in Brazil

Isabella Gonçalves, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Raiana de Carvalho, Furman U, USA

From the Conclave to the Comments: Examining Racial Politics in Social Media Discourse of “the DEI Pope”

Nikki Lyons, U of Florida, USA
Rachel Grant, U of Florida, USA

Race and Gender Inequalities in Communication: Social Media and the Popularization of the History of Black Women's Resistance in the French Colonies

Nicanor Tatchim, U of Montpellier Paul Valéry, FRANCE
Sabrina Mazigh, U of Lorraine, FRANCE

Shift in Slant: Meaning Construction in Chinese Media Coverage of New Energy Vehicles
Yu Ding, Communication U of China, CHINA
Defensive Enclaves: The Creation of the Black Manosphere
Kallahan Brown, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Shana Kleiner, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Algorithmic Racialization and the Global South: Generative AI, Visual Inequality, and the Colonial Gaze in Cross-Platform Portraits
Huojian Fang, Communication U of China, CHINA

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HIGH-DENSITY: Polarized Politics 1

Sunday
13:30–14:45
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(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Political Communication

Chair

Tetsuro Kobayashi, Waseda U, JAPAN

Participants

Alternative News Media, Polarized Audiences? Evidence from Instagram Comments

Enno Wigger, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Rens Vliegenthart, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS

Liesbeth Hermans, Windesheim U of Applied Sciences, NETHERLANDS

Tempering the Storm: WhatsApp News Use and Affective Polarization in Chile's 2022 Constitutional Referendum

Ricardo González, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE

Andrés Scherman, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE

Magdalena Browne, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE

Reinforcing or Fluctuating Causal Dynamics between Cross-Cutting Exposure and Polarization? Evidence from Survey and Behavioral Tracking Data from the US

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

Xinyue Dong, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Chris Chao Su, Boston U, USA

Lei Guo, Fudan U, CHINA

Jiyuan Qi, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Longhan Wei, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Echoes of Emotion: Influencers' Communication Strategies and Comment Polarization in the U.S. 2024 Presidential Election

Xianquan Zeng, Hunan Polytechnic U, CHINA

Jiayan Chen, Hunan Polytechnic U, CHINA

Jinghong Xu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Yanfang Meng, Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, CHINA

Exploring Ideological Group Affective Polarization in an Authoritarian Context: Evidence from China

Xining Liao, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Yuanliang “Leo” Shan, Idaho State U, USA

Hernando Rojas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Polarization Helps Mobilize Latin American Voters: Does It Provide an Ideological or a Winner Advantage?

Hernando Rojas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

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

Sandro Macassi Lavander, U Católica del Peru, PERU

Elohim Monard, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Maria Pettit, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

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HIGH-DENSITY: When Machines Appear Fair but Aren't

Sunday

Human-Machine Communication

13:30–14:45
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Chair

Nisa Kirbac Savery, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

Participants

The Evolution of Bias Mechanisms in Large Language Models: From “Representational Embedding” to “Generative Amplification”

Ruining Li, Wuhan U, CHINA

Jiewen Hong, Wuhan U, CHINA

 Agents of Inclusion? A Scoping Review of Ethno-Racial Minorities’ Experiences with Conversational Agents

Hoang Phuong Nhi Do, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Suzanne van Gils, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Christoph Lutz, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Discrimination Cues and the Turn to AI: Perspectives From Minority and Marginalized Groups

S Mo Jones-Jang, Boston College, USA

Yunju Kim, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Cultural Tailoring Paradox: Navigating Perceived Homophily and AI Bias in Generative AI-Mediated Communication among Black Communities

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

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

Differentiated or Degrading? Exploring Users’ Perceptions and Potential Implications of Gender Bias in Chatbot Interactions

Alexandra Wölfle, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Desiree Schmuck, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Can AI Understand Human Emotions? Research on the Alignment and Inequality of Emotions between AI and Humans

Xing’ao Liu, Xi’an Jiaotong U, CHINA

Yuan Zhang, Xi’an Jiaotong U, CHINA

Shangming Ma, Xi’an Jiaotong U, CHINA

Zhaoyan Huang, Xi’an Jiaotong U, CHINA

Xinran Shi, Xi’an Jiaotong U, CHINA

This session examines fairness paradoxes in human–machine communication, where machines are seen as fairer than humans while simultaneously reproducing or masking inequality. Across audits, reviews, and empirical studies, the papers show that fairness operates as a communicative attribution rather than an inherent machine property, revealing how “fair” machines can both alleviate and reconfigure social inequality.

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HIGH-DENSITY: AI in Newsrooms: Reporting Practices and Ethical Concerns

Sunday

Journalism Studies

13:30–14:45

Chair

Tamara Kunic, VERN’ U, CROATIA

Bluebell

Participants

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Human–Machine Co-Governance in Local Journalism: AI’s Impact on In-Depth Reporting at the Chongqing Morning Post

Jia Ma, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Lev 3)

Navigating Uncertainty: The Effects of Alarmist Discourse on Journalists’ Abilities to Detect AI-Generated Content

Lynge Asbjørn Møller, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Emil Bakkensen Johansen, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Claes Vreese, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

How Folk Theories Shape Stakeholders’ Perceptions of Ethical Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Usage in Kenyan Newsrooms

Bingbing Zhang, U of Iowa, USA

Kevin Mudavadi, Georgia State U, USA

Brian Ekdale, U of Iowa, USA

Brett Johnson, U of Iowa, USA
 Melissa Tully, U of Iowa, USA
 Nur Hossain, U of Iowa, USA
 Jonas Nyabor, U of Iowa, USA
 Shitemi Khamadi, Indiana U Bloomington, USA
 Lessons from Behind the Great FireWall: Chinese Journalists' Views on AI Integration in Newsrooms in China
 George Anghelcev, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR
 Claudia Kozman, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR
 Geer Chen, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR
 Yudian Zhao, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR
 Bridging Roles in News Organizations in the AI Era: A Nine-Market Study
 Kecheng Fang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 Yufan Guo, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
 AI in Russian Regional Newsrooms: The Rise of Multi-Dimensional AI-Induced Disparities and Their Editorial/Managerial Perception Gaps
 Svetlana Bodrunova, St. Petersburg State U, RUSSIAN FEDERATION
 Bureaucratic Gameplay and Algorithmic Labor: AI Adoption Practices between Platform Media and Mainstream Media in China
 Yuehong Yu, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Huiyi Wang, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Architecting Visual Commentary with AIGC: A DCT-Guided Framework
 Xinrong Bu, Communication U of China, CHINA

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Top Papers in Health Communication

Sunday

13:30–14:45

 Westin

Ballroom

West

(Westin, Old

Harbour

Level)

Health Communication

Moderator

Jingbo Meng, The Ohio State U, USA

Participants

Spiritual and Cultural Determinants of Individual and Social Vaccine Behaviors among Hispanic Americans in the United States: An Extended Parallel Process Model Approach

Joon Kim, U of Rhode Island, USA

Jungmi Jun, U of South Carolina, USA

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

From Connection to Stigmatization: The Influence of Storytelling Networks on Perceived Stigma and Health among Migrant Domestic Workers in Hong Kong

Jeffry Oktavianus, Hong Kong Polytechnic U, HONG KONG

Building Digital Therapeutic Alliance with Smoking Cessation Chatbots: An Experimental Examination of Communication Style and User Personality

Arian Kashefi, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Kyana Bosschaerts, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Femke Ongenaes, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Lieven De Marez, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Stephen Murphy, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Peter Conradie, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Mariek Vanden Abeele, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Toward a Better Understanding of the Effects of Communicating Uncertainty: Explicating the Uncertainty Information Processing Model

Chelsea Ratcliff, U of Georgia, USA


Helen Lillie, U of Iowa, USA

Jakob Jensen, U of Utah, USA

Yi Liao, U of Utah, USA

5461

HIGH-DENSITY: Computational Dynamics of Narrative Construction and Semantic Change

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

Computational Methods

Chair

Wouter van Atteveldt, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Making Consensus from Confusion: Attribution Dynamics in China's White Paper Protests

Siyi Zhou, U of Southern California, USA

Huai-yu Chen, National Chengchi U, TAIWAN

Rong Wang, Vanderbilt U, USA

Zituo Wang, U of Southern California, USA

Lindsay Young, U of Southern California, USA

Nicknaming Power: Political Identity, Sentiment, and Narrative Competition around Zelensky on Chinese Social Media

Huisen Wang, Communication U of China, CHINA

How State Media Shape and Respond to Linguistic Politicization: Decade-Long Evidence from Chinese Social Media

Yufan Guo, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Longhan Wei, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Anfan Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Political Memes as Fragmented Narratives: An Interdisciplinary Framework for Meme Analysis

Gabriella Bollici, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Filip Ilievski, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Wouter van Atteveldt, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

"Nightshade Is Good; Nightshade Is Dumb": A Network Analysis of Sentiments towards AI Poisoning on Reddit

Kai Xin Soh, Northwestern U, USA

Computational Thematic Analysis: A Qualitative Methodological Framework for Topic Modeling

Jo-Ju Kao, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

5462

MEOW-derN Love Lives: Expectations, Coping with Sexism, and Platformed Sexual Information

Sunday
13:30–14:45
Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

Communication and Technology

Chair

Brendan Mahoney, Rutgers U, USA

Participants

Falling in and out of Love with Dating Apps: An Expectation–Confirmation Approach to Digital Intimacy

Facundo Suenzo, U de San Andrés, ARGENTINA

Matias Dodel, U Católica del Uruguay, URUGUAY

Clinging to the Artificial Hubby: How Ritualized Behaviors Shape Parasocial Romantic Relationships with AI Partners

Jiayi Ge, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Zhuoman Li, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Langcheng Zhang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Hyunjin Kang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Can Social Media Help Women Cope with Online Hostile Sexism? Evidence from a Three-Wave Panel Study

Maryam Khaleghipour, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Cam Modeling through an Empirical Lens: Insights Into Motivations, Job Satisfaction, and

Model-based Privacy Needs

Paula Ebner, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Maria Santaguida, Concordia U, CANADA

Jessica Szczuka, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Parents' Perceived Sources of Adolescents' Sexual Information and Sexting

Robert Tokunaga, U of Texas at San Antonio, USA

Paul Wright, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Debby Herbenick, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Kimberly Kline, U of Texas at San Antonio, USA

5463

War and Peace Photography in Digital Contexts: Challenges and Affordances

Sunday

13:30–14:45

**de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

Visual Communication Studies

Chairs

Marion Mueller, Trier U, GERMANY

Patrick Nehls, Trier U, GERMANY

Participants

Rethinking War Photography in the Digital Age: An Analysis of Press Photographs from 2005 to 2025

Stephanie Geise, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Elira Turdubaeva, International Ala-Too U, KYRGYZSTAN

Fritz Cropp, U of Missouri in Columbia, USA

Peace and War Narratives in Audiovisual News: Reimagining Visual Journalism on TikTok

Laila Abbas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Seeing War, Imagining Peace: Rethinking Digital Image Repertoires of Peace

Isabel Prinzing, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Katharina Lobinger, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

War Influencers: Platformed Witnessing and the Politics of Attention

Tom Divon, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Moa Eriksson Krutrök, Umeå U, SWEDEN

“Who Deserves My Compassion?” Challenges in Researching Reception of War Photographs in Distant Audiences

Marion Mueller, Trier U, GERMANY

Patrick Nehls, Trier U, GERMANY

This preconstituted panel of international experts on visual communication aims to discuss both current challenges of war photography (propaganda, platformization, AI) as well as the affordances of peace photography in a war-saturated global environment. An improved understanding of visual communication processes during war time, but also promoting peace, is at the core of several large research projects for which ICA2026 will offer an ideal platform of exchange.

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The Potency of the Story: Advancing Our Understanding of Media Narratives

Sunday

13:30–14:45

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

Mass Communication

Chair

Lei Guo, Fudan U, CHINA

Participants

Testing TEBOTS in Situ: Selective Exposure to and Restorative Effects of Entertainment in the Context of Daily Stressors

Leonard Reinecke, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Rebekka Kreling, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Frank Schneider, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Michael Slater, The Ohio State U, USA

Prosocial Effects of Viewing Media Portrayals of Synchrony

Mary Oliver, Pennsylvania State U, USA

Yilan Guo, Pennsylvania State U, USA
Alex Paloma, Pennsylvania State U, USA
Yansheng Liu, Pennsylvania State U, USA
Keerthana Govindarazan, Pennsylvania State U, USA
Jack Waier, Pennsylvania State U, USA

When Stories Downplay Harm: Effects of Trivialization and Narrativity in Bullying Stories on Perception and Intention

Yin Yang, Florida State U, USA
Ariel Li, Florida State U, USA

Mapping the Driver's Motivations: How Interactors Motivate Their Choices in a Persuasive Interactive Digital Narrative

Karin Fikkers, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

The Effect of a Serialized Story's Conclusion: What Audiences Find Appealing and Meaningful

Ron Tamborini, Michigan State U, USA
Joshua Baldwin, Boston U, USA
Yan Wang, Michigan State U, USA
Sujay Prabhu, Michigan State U, USA

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Explorations in Media and Communication History, Archaeology, and Memory

Sunday

13:30–14:45

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

Communication History

Chair

Deborah Barcella, U della Svizzera italiana, SWITZERLAND

Participants

The Bathing Suit Method: The Rhetoricity of Swimming in Women's Suffrage Advocacy, 1912–1915

Tiffany Lewis, Baruch College, USA

“Upbeat, Irreverent” and Losing Money: Paris Passion, the English-language Magazine of the City of Lights, 1981–1991

Susan Keith, Rutgers U, USA

“They Are Not Old”: Vintage Mobile Phone Collecting and Compensatory Nostalgia in China

Yanning Chen, Independent Scholar, UNITED KINGDOM

From Dark Basements to the Cloud: A Multi-Case Study of the Adaptation of the News Archives and the Key Challenges for Digital-Native Journalism

Ioli Campos, Catholic U of Portugal, PORTUGAL

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Sunday Interactive Poster Session

Sunday

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICCI,
Ground
Level)**

Sponsored Sessions

This session features posters from Children, Adolescents, and Media, Communication and Technology, Feminist Scholarship, Game Studies, Human-Machine Communication, Information Systems, Intercultural Communication, Media Industry Studies, Philosophy, Theory, and Critique, and Public Diplomacy.

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CAM Poster Session

Sunday

13:30–14:45

**Hall 2
(CTICCI,**

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Participants

1. Distant in Awareness, Close in Experience: Youth Encounters with Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence and Deepfake Porn in Indonesia

**Ground
Level)**

- Yeary Setianto, U Multimedia Nusantara, INDONESIA
Camelia Catharina, U of Indonesia, INDONESIA
Intan Primadini, U Multimedia Nusantara, INDONESIA
2. Digital Disconnection as a Socially Embedded Practice: A 360° Examination of Children's Everyday Negotiations Across Family, School, and Peer Contexts
Marthe Mennes, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM
Tom De Leyn, Hasselt U, BELGIUM
Marijke Verbruggen, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Heidi Vandebosch, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM

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CAT Poster Session

Sunday
13:30–14:45

Communication and Technology

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Participants

3. Social Readings of Social Media Disconnection
Mora Matassi, U de San Andrés, ARGENTINA
4. Bridging Divides: Gender, Platform Governance, and Political Polarization in Canada and the UK
Nilou Davoudi, U of British Columbia, CANADA
Victoria O'Meara, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM
Jaigris Hodson, Royal Roads U, CANADA
Ella Muncie, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM
Lena Wang, U of Leicester, UNITED KINGDOM
5. Making Fiction Visible: Technological Mediation and Creative Audio Description for Inclusive Media Experience
Xuan Tang, Communication U of China, CHINA
6. Empowerment and Limited Subjectivity: A Study of Laopiao Women's Micro-Drama Engagement
Chunyu Zhang, Communication U of China, CHINA
7. Moral and Physiological Responses to Disinformation and Microaggressions in Virtual Reality, Social Media, and Face-to-Face
Luis Santana, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE
Vicente Schulz, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE
Vicente Soto, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE
Ana Araya, U Adolfo Ibáñez, CHILE
8. Mediated Face Work in Midlife: How Generation X Uses AI Chatbots to Navigate Structural, Relational, and Symbolic Challenges
Bolin Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Dongdong Li, Shenzhen U, CHINA
Yixin Zhou, Shenzhen U, CHINA
9. Rebundling the Human: A Theory of Emotional Encapsulation Resistance in AI-Mediated Labor
Na Liu, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Wenyu Liao, Northwestern U, USA
10. Framing Artificial Intelligence in the Global South: A Preliminary Analysis of Nigerian Media Narratives (2019–2025)
Akintunde Babatunde, U of Iowa, USA
Oluwapelumi Oginni, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA
Nicholas Adeniyi, Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development, NIGERIA

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Feminist Scholarship Poster Session: Feminist Media in Motion, Unmuted, and Unbound

Sunday

Feminist Scholarship

13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Participants

11. Negotiating Feminism within the State: Mediated Agency in the Women's Federation's WeChat Discourse
Jing Cai, American U, USA
12. Doing Filial Piety, Doing Gender: Cancer Caregiving in China's Single- and Multi-Child Families
Yifan Zhao, Wuhan U, CHINA
13. Narrative Strategies of Female Directors: Gender Roles and Social Expectations in Kim Do-Young's Kim Ji-Young, Born in 82
Ruiling Liu, Autonomous U of Barcelona, SPAIN

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Sunday

13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Game Studies Poster Session

Game Studies

Participants

14. Mapping the Field of Social Scientific Game Studies: A Computational Approach
Felix Reer, U of Münster, GERMANY
Said Unger, U of Münster, GERMANY
Thorsten Quandt, U of Münster, GERMANY
15. Rewards and Risks on the Road to Adulthood: Gambling-like Elements in Video Games and the Reasoned Action Approach in Emerging Adults
Eva Grosemans, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Aaleks Kasemi, KU Leuven, BELGIUM
Rozane De Cock, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

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Sunday

13:30–14:45

Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

HMC Poster Session

Human-Machine Communication

Participants

16. Personality Traits and AI Addiction: Uncovering Communicative Inequalities through Bridge Network Analysis
Kellyn Silviana, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Xue Qi He, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
17. An Empirical Study on the Impact of Idol Agent Characteristics on Fans' Subjective Well-Being
Lina Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Sijie Yao, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
18. Human Bias Toward Machines: Embedding Machine Heuristic in a Multidimensional Semantic Space
Shaoqiang Liu, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG
Wujiong Ren, Beijing Normal U, CHINA
19. Exploring Power Dynamics and Relational Meaning through the Sense of Relational Entitlement in Human-AI Romance
Jianing Zhu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA
Qiaoge Xie, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

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Sunday

13:30–14:45

InfoSys Poster Session

Information Systems

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

20. From Information Dump to Actionable Control: Rethinking Transparency Modalities in Recommender Systems
Yanyun Wang, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
Hanyoung Kim, U of Kentucky, USA
Yiqing Liao, U of Colorado Boulder, USA
21. The Effects of Journalistic Clarity and Transparency on Processing Fluency
Alyssa Appelman, U of Kansas, USA
Jun Pei, U of Kansas, USA
Nazra Izhar, U of Kansas, USA
Alfredo Urbina Carreno, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE
22. “As You Wish: Stay or Leave”: A Study on Factors Influencing User Data Retention Intentions
Junran Zhao, U of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, CHINA
Huaduo Ma, U of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, CHINA
Lin Shi, U of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, CHINA

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Intercultural Communication Poster Session

**Sunday
13:30–14:45**

Intercultural Communication

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

23. Cognitive Asymmetry: A Cross-Cultural Critique of U.S. Military Intervention Discourse in the Age of AI
Yuefeng Qu, Peking U, CHINA
24. Professional, Industrial, or Vocational? How Chinese International Communication Practitioners Navigate Their Roles in an Institution-Platform Ecology
Hongyu Zhu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

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Media Industry Studies Poster Session

**Sunday
13:30–14:45**

Media Industry Studies

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

25. The Political Economy of Acting in the Digital Age: How Capital and Technology Have Reshaped Actors’ Positions in Drama Production
Woochul Kim, Simon Fraser U, CANADA
26. The Growing Costly Semi-Strong Form of Market Efficiency: 2012–2024 U.S. Presidential Elections and Abnormal Returns of Media Stocks
Huyen Nguyen, Kansas State U, USA

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PTC Poster Session

**Sunday
13:30–14:45**

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

**Hall 2
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)**

Participants

27. Downward Freedom: Obedience Training through Social-Media Public Opinion Guidance: The Case of Group Streaming
Bohan Meng, Communication U of China, CHINA
Mo Huang, Communication U of China, CHINA
Yuxin Chen, Communication U of China, CHINA

5491**Sunday**
13:30–14:45**Hall 2**
(CTICC1,
Ground
Level)

Public Diplomacy Poster Session**Public Diplomacy****Participants**

28. Structural Constraints or Agentic Breakthrough? The Determinants of Media's Digital Public Diplomacy Effectiveness
Mingliang Xu, Fudan U, CHINA
Wenbo Zhao, Fudan U, CHINA
Qiuyi Chen, Fudan U, CHINA
Jiayi Dong, Fudan U, CHINA
Shengnan Liu, Fudan U, CHINA

5464**Sunday**
14:30–15:00**Westin**
Ballroom
Foyer
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Afternoon 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.

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(CTICC1,
Ground
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5501**Sunday**
15:00–16:15 **CTICC**
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

(HYBRID) Cities, Media, and Inequalities of the Global South**Theme****Discussant**

Hatim El-Hibri, George Mason U, USA

Participants

From Beirut and Cairo to the Gulf: Political Economies of Media Reconfiguration

Joe Khalil, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

From Tamale to Jersey City: Redefining the Roots and Routes of Media Distribution in Ghana

Wunpini Mohammed, Cornell U, USA

Decentering the Black Atlantic: Afrobeats and the Politics of Cultural Visibility

Jaana Serres, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

A Tale of Three Istanbuls: Spectacle, Production, and Exploitation in Global South

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

This panel brings together scholars of Africa and the Middle East (MENA/SWANA) to unpack how the cultural landscapes of cities and media in the Global South illuminate the complexities of global inequality. We draw on the study of media industries and

infrastructure, decolonial epistemologies, urban studies, and the political economy of communication and digital media, and present critical perspective on the cultural contradictions expressed in diverse media genres across the Global South.

5502

(HYBRID) PARTNER PANEL: ACOP - Inequalities in Political Communication

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

Partner Panel

Chair

Carlos Arcila Calderón, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Participants

Digital Inequality and Online Civic Participation: Comparative Evidence from Spain and Qatar

Carlos Arcila Calderón, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Eddy Borges-Rey, Northwestern U in Qatar, QATAR

William González-Baquero, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

Patricia Sánchez-Holgado, U of Salamanca, SPAIN

The Parliamentary and Media Debate on the Reforms Needed to Combat Environmental Harassment of Journalists and Its Gender-Based Inequalities

Rosa Berganza, U Rey Juan Carlos, SPAIN

Beatriz Herrero-Jiménez, U Rey Juan Carlos, SPAIN

Mayte Donstrup, U Rey Juan Carlos, SPAIN

Carlos Rodríguez Crespo, U Rey Juan Carlos, SPAIN

Natalia Galeano-Pachón, U Rey Juan Carlos, SPAIN

Marta Martín Llaguno, U of Alicante, SPAIN

Julián Rodríguez Pardo, U de Extremadura, SPAIN

Democratic Inequalities, Informational Vulnerability, and Artificial Intelligence: A Comparison between Spain and Argentina

Adriana Amado, Infocudadana, ARGENTINA

Pilar Antolínez Merchán, Camilo José Cela U, SPAIN

Mayra Martínez Avidad, Camilo José Cela U, SPAIN

Climate Disinformation Across Languages: Russia's Adaptive Geopolitical Messaging

Toni Aira, U Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN

Eugene Kondratov, U Autònoma de Barcelona, SPAIN

Catalina Gaete-Salgado, U Complutense de Madrid, SPAIN

Rodrigo Cetina Presuel, U Pompeu Fabra, SPAIN

Communicative Justice and Structural Inequalities in Europe's Twin Transition: Mapping Vulnerabilities

Paloma Piqueiras, U Complutense de Madrid, SPAIN

Olga Kolotouchkina, U Complutense de Madrid, SPAIN

This panel features research conducted by the members of the Association for Communication in Politics (ACOP, Asociación de Comunicación Política).

5503

Instructional and Developmental Communication Top Paper Panel

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

Instructional and Developmental Communication

Participants

Teacher Clarity, Immediacy, and Self-Efficacy: An Ecological Approach to Student Burnout and Writing Apprehension (Top Paper)

Diyako Rahmani, Massey U, NEW ZEALAND

Jenilee Williams, Murray State U, USA

Michelle Violanti, U of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA

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

Are They Just Delegating? Cross-Sample Predictions on University Students' and

Teachers' Use of AI

Fabian Albers, Research Center for Trustworthy Data Science and Security,
GERMANY

Sebastian Strauß, Ruhr-U Bochum, GERMANY

Nikol Rummel, Ruhr-U Bochum, GERMANY

Nils Köbis, Research Center for Trustworthy Data Science and Security, GERMANY

Inheritance Versus Initiation: Differences between First- and Continuing-Generation
Graduate Students' Uncertainty Appraisal and Management Linked to the Experience of
Impostor Phenomenon in Graduate School

Abdullah Salehuddin, U of Alabama, USA

Savana Robertson, U of Alabama, USA

Knowledge Production and Discipline Evaluation of Media Management in a Liquid
Society: A Case Study of Media Management Programs in Chinese Universities (Top
Student Paper)

Yuan Deng, Peking U, CHINA

When Use Meets Resistance: A Structural Model of Teachers' Adoption and Adaptation of
ChatGPT in Pakistan

Shahbaz Aslam, U of Gujrat, PAKISTAN

Babar Hussain, U of Gujrat, PAKISTAN

5504

Language and Social Interaction Top Papers

Sunday

15:00–16:15

1.42

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Language and Social Interaction

Chair

Natasha Shrikant, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Participants

“Unavoidable. The Equivalent of Auschwitz...” A Comparative View of Intertextual
Memorial Discourses on Google Maps

Chaim Noy, Bar-Ilan U, ISRAEL

The Discursive Configuring of Disciplinary Legitimacy: Academic Associations'
Presidential Addresses as Constitutive of Their Field

Nicolas Bencherki, TÉLUQ Montréal, CANADA

Dominique Trudel, Audencia Business School, CANADA

“Depression Is a Rich Word”: Framing Mental Illness and Stigma in Women's Stand-Up
Comedy

Gina Junhan Fu, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

“Not Our Music”: Online Discourses of Taste, Belonging and Exclusion in Reactions to
Coldplay's Collaboration with Roma Singer

Camelia Cmeciu, U of Bucharest, ROMANIA

Helen Sissons, Auckland U of Technology, NEW ZEALAND

Artificial Intelligence and Communication: Conceptual Questions in Ethnographies on
Language and Social Interaction

Saskia Witteborn, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

The panel includes top papers on AI, digital discourse, public memory, and depression.

5505

Platforms and Queer Desire

Sunday

15:00–16:15

1.43

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Communication and Technology

Chairs

Lik Sam Chan, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Michelle Ho, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Participants

Authenticity as Affective Labor: Queer(ed) Imaginaries and the Platformed Lives of GBT

Digital Sex Workers
 Jonalou Labor, U of the Philippines Diliman, PHILIPPINES
 Christian Jaycee Samonte, That Global View, PHILIPPINES
 Petronilo Figueroa, WR Numero Research, PHILIPPINES
 Gender Roles and Courtship Scripts among Italian Women Dating Women on Dating Apps: From the “Friendship” to the “Committed Intimate Connection” Script
 Francesca Comunello, Sapienza U, ITALY
 Lorenza Parisi, Sapienza U, ITALY
 Francesca Ieracitano, Sapienza U, ITALY
 Arianna Bussoletti, Sapienza U, ITALY
 Reinvention as Compensation, Not a Cure: Algorithmic Curation Systems Use among Transgender and Cisgender Social Media Users through a Diffusion of Innovations Lens
 Sylo de Vegvar, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
 Kristy Hamilton, U of California Santa Barbara, USA
 “Only a Method of Getting to Know Someone”: Gay U Students, Heteronormativity, and the Mediatization of Love on Chinese Dating Apps
 Zhihong Li, Zhejiang U, CHINA

5506

Diversity Work and Media Production: The Contradictions of Inclusion

Sunday
 15:00–16:15
1.44
(CTICCI1,
Lev 1)

Philosophy, Theory, and Critique

Chair

Angèle Christin, Stanford U, USA

Organizer

Laura Garbes, U of Minnesota, USA

Participants

Cooling Those “Rep Sweats”: White Representational Anxiety and the Emotional Commodification of Diversity in Cultural Work

Christine Delp, U of Minnesota, USA

Laura Garbes, U of Minnesota, USA

Being Seen but Not Heard: The Limits of Diversity and Inclusion in Australian Mainstream Media

Tanja Dreher, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Poppy de Souza, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Sukhmani Khorana, U of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA

Fanānin Wa Fanyin: The Labor and Extramoral Politics of Visual Media in Egypt

Mariz Kelada, American U of Beirut, LEBANON

“Rising Tide” or Predatory Inclusion? Marketers and Influencers of Color in Influencer Marketing

Angèle Christin, Stanford U, USA

This panel explores the contradictions of inclusion in historically exclusionary media systems. Many media organizations have begun to emphasize diversity and the inclusion of marginalized communities as stated priorities. What are the terms of this inclusion? These papers map out patterns of discrimination within cultural and organizational paradigms of inclusion, such as processes of tokenism, underpayment, censorship, backlash, and other dynamics of marginalization that adversely impact the work lives and creativity of historically marginalized cultural workers.

5507

The Mechanical Doctor: Co-Constructing Design, Interaction, and Repair

Sunday
 15:00–16:15
1.61
(CTICCI1,
Lev 1)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Christoph Lutz, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Participants

The Mind in the Machine: Human Doctors, Generic AI, and Digital Twins in Healthcare

Persuasion

Qi Zhou, Wuhan U, CHINA

Bin Li, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Yuan Wang, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Assessing Medical Large Language Models for Patient-Centered Communication: Experimental Analysis and Strategic Insights from China

Zhiyun Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Bowen Zheng, Communication U of China, CHINA

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Understanding Users' Acceptance of AI-Assisted Chatbot for HPV Vaccination Information: An Extended Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)

Fahima Khanam, Washington State U, USA

Porismita Borah, Washington State U, USA

The Device-Conditioned Privacy Calculus: Media Type, Anthropomorphism, and the Psychological Pathways to AI Health Disclosure

Bingcan Li, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Qi Zhou, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yasha Cao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yi Huang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Fangfang Yu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Xinyue Xiong, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Machines Need Not Imitate Humans: Investigating Trust between Patients and AI Doctors in Human-AI Communication

Binbin Ni, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Huimin Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

This session examines healthcare communication with AI from a Human–Machine Communication (HMC) perspective, foregrounding the figure of the “mechanical doctor” as a participant in communicative practice rather than a mere tool or mediator. The papers analyze how design choices, interactional dynamics, and moments of breakdown and repair shape the co-construction of meaning, authority, care, disclosure, and acceptance across different forms of medical AI. Rather than framing AI as a replacement for human providers, the session conceptualizes healthcare communication as a relational process in which human and machine agencies are continuously negotiated, recalibrated, and repaired.

5508

Diversity in Newsrooms and Journalistic Coverage

Sunday

15:00–16:15

1.62

(CTICC1,

Lev 1)

Journalism Studies

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Chair

Kevin Mudavadi, Georgia State U, USA

Participants

Diversity in Olympic Sports Journalism: A Cross-National Comparison

Zizhong Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Tianping He, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Zixuan Yan, Renmin U of China, CHINA

News Circulation on Social Media Platforms a Longitudinal Study of News Sharing and Source Diversity

Iris Baas, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Marc Esteve del Valle, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Tommaso Caselli, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Marcel Broersma, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Have Newsrooms Diversified? The Social Profiles, Occupational Positions, and Career Trajectories of American Journalists, 2015–2025

Matthew Powers, U of Washington–Seattle, USA

Who Contributes to Pluralism? Assessing Internal and External Diversity and Balance across Media Types

Matthias Mack, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Pablo Jost, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Framing the Inclusion and Exclusion of Transgender and Gender-Diverse (TGD) People in Dutch News Media
Thijmen Oosterbaan, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Anna Berbers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Anne Kroon, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

5509

HIGH-DENSITY: Doing Intercultural Care: Dialogue, Empathy, and Community across Difference

Sunday
15:00–16:15
1.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Intercultural Communication

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies

Discussant

Yea-Wen Chen, San Diego State U, USA

Participants

“The Secret Power of Baklava”: The Roles of Food and Music in Interfaith Dialogue

Sara DeTurk, U of Texas at San Antonio, USA

Juyan Zhang, U of Texas at San Antonio, USA

Lauren Hochman, U of Texas at San Antonio, USA

Kassandra Luna, U of Texas at San Antonio, USA

“It’s Our Duty to End the Shame and Stigma of Periods:” Mother-Daughter Menstruation Communication in Kenya

Mary Kiura, Purdue U Fort Wayne, USA

Sarah LeBlanc, Purdue U Fort Wayne, USA

Lyzbeth King, Ohio U, USA

Communicative Hybridity Model (CHM) and the Moral Work of Empathy: Afghan Students in China as Bridges of Dialogue and Peace

Mohammad Shahir Sharifi, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Megan Dai, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

From Hybridity to Mutual Learning: The Digital Extension of the Intercultural Third Space

Bihong Xu, Xiamen U, CHINA

Yue Hu, Xiamen U, CHINA

Baby Signs in the Intersection between Intensive Motherhood and Autism in Japan

Saki Amemiya, U at Albany, USA

5510

Disempowered Voices and Online Hate: Challenges and Pathways to Inclusion

Sunday
15:00–16:15
1.64
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)

Political Communication

Chair

Diana Rieger, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Organizers

Anne Clausen, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Maryam Khaleghipour, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Including the Excluded: Addressing Methodological Challenges to Advance Inclusive Research on Online Hate against Disempowered Groups

Maryam Khaleghipour, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Anne Clausen, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Nested Marginalisation: Online Hate and the Paradoxes of Exclusion in Postcolonial States

Iginio Gagliardone, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Nkululeko Sibiyi, U of the Witwatersrand, SOUTH AFRICA

Countering Disempowerment: How Social Minorities at the Intersection of Class, Race, and Gender Counter Combat Hate Speech Online

Christian Strippel, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Under Pressure: Counter Speakers' Perceptions and Motivations to Counter Hate in Authoritarian, Backsliding and Democratic Regimes

Cathy Buerger, Dangerous Speech Project, USA

Magdalena Obermaier, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Joshua Garland, Arizona State U, USA


Lena Frischlich, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Online hate speech directed at disempowered groups remains a pervasive digital issue, inflicting harm on marginalized and minority communities while undermining equitable democratic participation. This panel examines the complex challenges and opportunities for fostering inclusion within online spaces across both Global North and Global South contexts. By bringing together diverse perspectives and experiences, it seeks to identify strategies that promote safer, more inclusive digital environments for all.

5511

Sunday

15:00–16:15

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

KOT-nected Concerns: Digital Harms, Literacy, and Fact-Checking

Communication and Technology

Chair

Hye-Sun Lee, National Cancer Center, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)

Participants

When Connection Hurts: A Cross-Sectional Study of Mobile Phone Use, Personality, and Psychological Well-Being among Chinese Elders in COVID-19 Lockdown

Yuewei Qiu, U of Oklahoma, USA

Yue Zheng, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO

Jiaying Zheng, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO

Kexin Li, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO

Lingyu Zhong, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO

Kun Zhao, Macau U of Science & Technology, MACAO

Unpacking the Micro-Psychology Mechanism of Digital Inequality: How Perceived Popularity and Subjective Relative Deprivation Create Push-Pull Dynamics

Yinqi Wang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Qian Yao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Shaoqing Han, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Naipeng Chao, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Online Privacy Literacy Can Boost Beneficial and Reduce Risky Effects of Social Norms on Privacy Behavior

Philipp Masur, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Sixu Cai, Utrecht U, NETHERLANDS

Promoting Fact-Checking Against Misinformation by Generative Artificial Intelligence Conversational Agents: The Role of Digital Literacy in Higher Education

Chi Tran Mai Nguyen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Chei Sian Lee, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Understanding Barriers to Older Adults' Engagement with Hospital WeChat Official Accounts in China: A Multi-Actor Qualitative Study of Older Adults, System Designers, and Outpatient Guides

Chenglin Zhang, U Kebangsaan Malaysia, MALAYSIA

Emma Mohamad, U Kebangsaan Malaysia, MALAYSIA

Arina Anis Azlan, U Kebangsaan Malaysia, MALAYSIA

Xixi Zhao, U Kebangsaan Malaysia, MALAYSIA

Yilian Ma, U Kebangsaan Malaysia, MALAYSIA

Yihan Qi, U Kebangsaan Malaysia, MALAYSIA

5520

Sunday

Public Service Media in Flux: Roles and Responsibilities

Journalism Studies

15:00–16:15
2.41-2.43
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Chair

Kenza Lamot, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Participants

Public Service Media as a Bulwark against Misinformation: Insights from the UK and Germany

Regina Cazzamatta, Lappeenranta U of Technology, GERMANY

Public Service vs. State Media Journalism in Africa: Journalistic Roles in a Global Context

Marenet Jordaan, Stellenbosch U, SOUTH AFRICA

Timothy Klein, Wenzhou-Kean U, CHINA

Ammina Kothari, Simmons U, USA

Terje Skjerdal, NLA Høgskolen, NORWAY

Sarah Bomkapre Koroma, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

A Cross-National Study of News Avoidance: Exploring the Role of Fake News, News Fatigue, and Perceived News Importance through the Public Service Media Model

Shuang Song, Shandong Youth U of Political Science, CHINA

Donghan Fu, U of Missouri–Columbia, USA

Nordic Media as Vehicles of Citizenship in the Media Welfare State?

Kim Schröder, Roskilde U, DENMARK

Platform Configurations Across Organizational Levels: A Novel Framework for Comparing Public Service Media-Platform Interactions

Ragnhild Olsen, Oslo Metropolitan U, NORWAY

Sherwin Chua, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Oscar Westlund, Oslo Metropolitan U, NORWAY

Ori Tenenboim, U of British Columbia, CANADA

Marcel Broersma, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Kristy Hess, Deakin U, AUSTRALIA

Carl-Gustav Lindén, U of Bergen, NORWAY

5521

Environmental Activism and Its Challenges

Sunday

15:00–16:15

2.44-2.46
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Environmental Communication

Chair

Yu Sun, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Advocating Against Environmental Racism: A Survey-Experiment on Message Framing and Public Opinion

Abby Qin, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Danny Parker, Cornell U, USA

JD Duncan, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Wil Dubree, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

When Front Groups Stop Hiding: Open Advocacy Partnerships between Companies and Their “Activists”

Tim Wood, Fordham U, USA

Who Builds a Translocal Movement? The Sociality and Geography of Structural Roles in Connective Action Networks

Daniela Stoltenberg, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Yukun Yang, Northeastern U, USA

Zozan Baran, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

Brooke Foucault Welles, Northeastern U, USA

Barbara Pfetsch, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Annie Waldherr, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Environmental Data as a Relational Mediator of Contentious Publicness: Data Curation and Environmental Data Activism

Yu Sun, U of Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

Organisational Contradictions in Greenpeace International’s Use of Generative AI for Decolonial and Grassroots Climate Activism

Ella Muncie, Loughborough U, UNITED KINGDOM

5522

Fandom World-Making across Time, Culture, and the Fourth Wall

Sunday
15:00–16:15
2.61-2.63
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Yiyi Yin, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Participants

Mapping the Witcher: Fan Cartographies, Power Geometries, and Co-Authorial World-Building

Yulia Belinskaya, U of Applied Sciences St. Pölten, AUSTRIA

Helena Atteneder, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

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

SWim-ming Against the Mainstream: Chinese Women's Ambivalent Shipping of National Athletes in Boy's Love Fandom

Chengqi Mo, U College London, UNITED KINGDOM

Yueming Luo, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

From Transitional Object to Transcultural Space: Cross-Cultural CP Fandom and Hybrid Fantasy Production on Bilibili

Chen Li, Wuhan Textile U, CHINA

Reimagining Chairman Mao: The Emerging Mao Fandom and Its Multimodal Persona Construction on Chinese Social Media

Yuzhe Lei, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Navigating De-Platformization and Internet Governance in the Social Media Era: Analysis of 142 Chinese Fan Autobiographies

Yiyi Yin, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Zhuoxiao Xie, Nanjing U, CHINA

5523

Power and Inequality in Music: Hearing Diaspora, Love, and the Unheard

Sunday
15:00–16:15
2.64
(CTICC1,
Level 2)

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Han Fu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Participants

Renting Royalties: How the Assetization of Music Copyrights Contributes to Inequality for Musicians

D. Bondy Kaye, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Island and Continental Resonances: Caribbean and Afro-Diasporic Music and Decolonial Ecological Struggles

Nicanor Tatchim, U of Montpellier Paul Valéry, FRANCE

Affective Domestication: Popular Love Songs and the Narrowing of the Adolescent Emotional World

Yitong Ye, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Jingwen Yu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Bingcan Li, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Rukun Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Haoran Liang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

"I Go Public Now, but No One Knows": A Study of DIY Music Creators and Digital Music Platform

Han Fu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Anthony Fung, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Tian Zhang, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

You've Got the Power(?) Playlist Curation as a Technology of the Self on Music Streaming Platforms

Xavier Saldes Martí, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Philip Sinner, U of Bremen, GERMANY
Christian Schwarzenegger, U of Bremen, GERMANY

5524

Co-Constructing Trust in HMC

Sunday
15:00–16:15
2.65-2.66
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Andrew Prah, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Revisiting Trust in the Era of Generative AI: Factorial Structure and Latent Profiles

Haocan Sun, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Weizi Liu, Texas Christian U, USA

Di Wu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Guoming Yu, Beijing Normal U, CHINA

Mike Yao, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Generative AI in Our Daily Lives: Understanding Trust and Use across Countries and Tasks

Theo Araujo, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Gabriele Bossi, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Mónika Simon, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Balázs Bodó, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

“AI Shatters Authority, Yet Wins My Trust”: Epistemic Technologies, Trust Sensemaking, and Spiritual Consumption in AI Divination among Chinese Gen Z

Haoyu Huang, Wuhan U, CHINA

Designing Trustworthy AI Health Advisors: The Role of Transparency, Source Referencing, and Response Timing in Influencing User Adoption

Rukun Zhang, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Qingqing Xie, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yiling Liu, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Yijia Zheng, Shenzhen U, CHINA

Bei Liu, Qinghai Normal U, CHINA

Bingcan Li, Shenzhen U, CHINA

This session examines how trust in generative AI is conceptualized, differentiated, practiced, and designed. Bringing together scale development, cross-national survey research, qualitative studies of relational use, and experimental design interventions, the papers show that trust in GenAI extends beyond functionality to include affective, contextual, and cultural dimensions. Together, the contributions advance a multi-level understanding of human–AI trust and its implications for responsible AI design and use.

5530

CAT Top Papers

Sunday
15:00–16:15
Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Communication and Technology

Chairs

Veronika Karnowski, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Katy Pearce, U of Washington, USA

Participants

From Distraction to Action: Digital Disconnection as a Self-Regulatory Strategy against Procrastination

Julius Klingelhofer, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nürnberg, GERMANY

Alicia Gilbert, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

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

A Little Knowledge Is a Dangerous Thing: Unpacking a Three-Dimensional Framework of ChatGPT Awareness and Employment Substitution Risk Perception

Jingxiang Huang, Nanjing U, CHINA

Xue-Fei Yan, Nanjing U, CHINA
Cheng-Jun Wang, Nanjing U, CHINA

5531

Top Papers in Public Relations

Sunday
15:00–16:15
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Public Relations

Chair

Irina Lock, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Discussant

Yi-Ru Regina Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Participants

When Smiles and Frowns Meet Sugar and Fat: Affective Cues, Risk Perceptions, and Nutrition Decisions

Elizabeth Ray, Florida State U, USA

Trayana Kaleycheva, Florida State U, USA

Felecia Jordan Jackson, Florida State U, USA

Government–Media Dynamics in Crisis Communication: A Case Study of Bangladesh Air Force Jet Crash

Najma Akhther, Nazareth U, USA

Sayed Al-Zaman, Jahangirnagar U, BANGLADESH

Khairul Islam, Florida Atlantic U, USA

A K M Zamir Uddin, U of Georgia, USA

Representational Public Relations and Integrated Constituent Communication: Re-Centering Constituents in Congressional Communication

Joel Reed, U of Arkansas, USA

Annelise Russell, U of Kentucky, USA

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Witnessing War: A View from Inside—Scholars and Journalists in Conflict Zones

Sunday
15:00–16:15
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Anuradha Herath, Syracuse U, USA

Participants

From Scholasticide to De-Scholasticide: Higher Education, Journalism, and the Ethics of Reconstruction in Gaza

Wesam Amer, U of Cambridge (via Gaza U), UNITED KINGDOM

Journalism, Safety, and Democratic Duty in War Zones

Asoka Dias, Capital Maharaja (Media) Group, SRI LANKA

Media's Role in Conflict Zones and Peacebuilding

Sophie Mokoena, South Africa Broadcasting Corporation, SOUTH AFRICA

All Eyes on Gaza? The Israel-Hamas War in the Israeli Media

Ayala Panievsky, City, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

Witnessing the War within: Fieldwork, Ethics, and the Labor of Attention

Shyamsunder Tekwani, DKI Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, USA

Studying active conflict is daunting, yet crucial perspectives emerge from those witnessing war firsthand. The rapid advancement of media technologies presents challenges for journalists and researchers analyzing media coverage from within conflict zones. This panel brings together scholars and practitioners from Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, and North America to examine methodological, ethical, and safety challenges of media research in war zones, while addressing structural barriers that limit possibilities for on-the-ground scholarship.

5541

Social Influencers: For Good and for Ill: The Potential and Pitfalls of Social Influencer Marketing**Sunday**
15:00–16:15
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**Mass Communication****Chair**

Brigitte Naderer, Medical U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Organizers

Gaelle Ouvrein, Vrije U Brussels, BELGIUM

Sofie Vranken, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Micro-Influencers and Nonprofit Organizations: Managing Expectations and Constraints in Collaborations for the Common Good

Jesus Martínez-Navarro, U of Alicante, SPAIN

Gaelle Ouvrein, Free U of Brussels, BELGIUM

Asta Kyguoliene, Vytautas Magnus U, LITHUANIA

Running for Social Good: A Self-Ethnography of (Social) Influencer Participation in Singapore's Charity Runs

Jed Senthil K Jivaraju, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Qualitative Evaluation of an Influencer Campaign and Serious Game to Enhance Adolescents' Critical Coping with Misinformation and Unhealthy Food Marketing

Eline De Keyzer, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Liselot Hudders, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Steffi De Jans, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Hayley Pearce, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Emma Beuckels, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Dieneke Van de Sompel, Ghent U, BELGIUM

Severin Haug, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Andreas Triantafyllidis, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, GREECE

Audience Susceptibility to Different Types of Greenwashing Employed by Social Media

Influencers: Does Parasocial Relationship Play a Role?

Sweeney Jing Li, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Priska Breves, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Eva van Reijmersdal, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Edith Smit, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Countering Harm through Influence: Comparing Human and Humanlike Virtual Messengers on Trust and Parasocial Interactions

Delia Balaban, Babes Bolyai U, ROMANIA

Eduard Gross, Lucian Blaga U of Sibiu, ROMANIA

This panel examines the role of social influencers as mediators of social change in an era of hybrid human–AI communication. Rather than focusing solely on their potential to empower, it explores how influencers navigate tensions among authenticity, ethics, and persuasion in diverse contexts, such as health, misinformation, and sustainability, and across different countries. Bridging media psychology, social marketing, and digital ethics, the papers collectively rethink “influencing for good” as a multi-layered form of mediated power.


5542

Visual Politics**Sunday**
15:00–16:15
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**Visual Communication Studies****Chair**

Katy Parry, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

“A Clown President” or “A Crowned Hero”? A Computational Visual Analysis of Zelensky's Portrayal in the Media of the P5 Countries

- Wanrui Mao, East China Normal U, CHINA
 Trump and Televised Performance: Nonverbal Aggression and Behavioral Dominance in U.S. Presidential Debates, 2016–2024
 Duncan Prettyman, Colorado Technical U, USA
 Erik Bucy, Texas Tech U, USA
-  From Spectacle to Ritual: The Multimodal Performance of Authoritarian Populism in Syria
 Abdulwahab Tahhan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
- “My Europe Builds Walls”: A Cross-Platform Visual Analysis of the Sweden Democrats’ 2024 EU Election Campaign
 Salma Bouchafra, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN
 Mathilda Akerlund, U of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

5543

HIGH-DENSITY: Growing up with AI: Children’s and Adolescents’ Understanding, Trust, and Risk

Sunday
 15:00–16:15
 **8.1**
(CTICC2, Lev 2)

Children, Adolescents, and Media

Chair

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Participants

Children and AI Mind Attribution: Reasoning and Learning with ChatGPT through Social Learning Theory

Boram Cho, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Jiyeon Chang, U of Illinois Urbana Champaign, USA

Michelle Nelson, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

Beyond the Utopian–Dystopian Spectrum: AI Imaginary in Teens’ Help-Seeking for Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence

Mengyao Liu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Leanne Chang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Ling Yan, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Yu Qiu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Chatbots and Childhood: Associations between Artificial Intelligence Use, Problematic Media Use, and Behavioral Problems

Ashtyn Seamons, Brigham Young U, USA

Sarah Coyne, Brigham Young U, USA

Jannah Sheffield, Brigham Young U, USA

Talise Hirschi, Brigham Young U, USA

Sarah Ashby, Brigham Young U, USA

A Brief AI Literacy Scale for Adolescents: Validation and Associations with Demographics and AI Concerns

Celeste Campos-Castillo, Michigan State U, USA

Yoo Jung Oh, Michigan State U, USA

Julian Fortuna, The Analogy Group, USA

Samuel Hiner, Young People’s Alliance, USA

Privacy Disclosure and Management in Adolescent-AI Interaction Based on Communication Privacy Management Theory

Yimeng Xu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Lu Zhu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Shuang Chen, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Using without Understanding: Children’s AI Literacy and Trust in Educational Interactions with Large Language Models

Antonia Rosada, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Nicole Krämer, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Towards Critical AI Literacy: Perspectives of Adolescents in Europe

Tijana Milosevic, U of Belgrade, SERBIA

Niamh Bhroin, U of Agder, NORWAY

Ilris Tuvi, U of Tartu, ESTONIA

Giovanna Mascheroni, U Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, ITALY

Veronika Kalmus, U of Tartu, ESTONIA
Christine Trültzsch-Wijnen, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA
Elisabeth Staksrud, U of Oslo, NORWAY
Dobrinka Kuzmanovic, U of Belgrade, SERBIA
Davide Cino, U of Milan, ITALY
Estefania Jimenez, U of Basque Country, SPAIN
Signe Opermann, U of Tartu, ESTONIA
Jacek Pyzalski, Adam Mickiewicz U, POLAND
Intersectional Digital Inequalities in AI Parenting Practice among Three Chinese Families
Jingzhi Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA
Duo Zhang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

5544

Science Communication Interest Group Top Papers Session

Sunday
15:00–16:15
 **8.2**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Science Communication

Chair

Chelsea Ratcliff, U of Georgia, USA

Participants

When Morality Kidnaps Science: How Moral Expressions Drive Engagement and Moral Contagion in Scientific Misinformation

Xinyue Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Qinlan Qiu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Holding Science to Account: A Qualitative Study of Practices and Challenges of Watchdog Science Journalism

Alice Fleerackers, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

An Nguyen, Bournemouth U, UNITED KINGDOM

Alfred Hermida, U of British Columbia, CANADA

Resonance or Resistance? Measuring Framing Interaction in Climate Change Communication on Douyin (Chinese TikTok)

Shanyi Zhu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Xinzhu Wu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Wanqiu Lu, Shanghai Jiao Tong U, CHINA

Platformization of Science Communication in Short Videos: A Comparative Study of TikTok and YouTube Shorts

Birte Kuhle, Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS), GERMANY

Consensus Undercut? Social Media Use Attenuates the Protective Effect of Perceived Scientific Consensus on Electric Vehicle Misperceptions in Rural U.S. Residents

Ming Wang, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

Li Zhao, U of Nebraska–Lincoln, USA

5545

Environmental Communication Top Papers

Sunday
15:00–16:15
 **8.3**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Environmental Communication

Chair

Hang Lu, U of Michigan, USA

Participants

Countering Political Climate Change Disinformation through Source Discreditation: An Experimental Comparison of Intervention Strategies

Pascal Merz, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Jennifer Bast, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, GERMANY

Christian von Sikorski, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY

When the News Matters: Testing the Association between Media Attention, News Interest, and Climate Change Concern across 27 Countries

Jagdish Thaker, U of Queensland, AUSTRALIA

Highway to Polarization? How Media Attention to Disruptive Climate Protest Shapes Public Opinion

Marthe Walgrave, U Antwerpen, BELGIUM
Annelien Van Remoortere, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Sanne Kruikemeier, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Rens Vliegenthart, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
Temporal Politics in Global Climate Discourse: How International Media Frame China's
Carbon Neutrality Pledge through Time
Yike Wang, East China Normal U, CHINA

5550

Top Papers in Global Communication and Social Change

Sunday
15:00–16:15
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Global Communication and Social Change

Chair

Chris Paterson, U of Leeds, UNITED KINGDOM

Discussant

Wenhong Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Governance, Affect, and Algorithmic Mediation in Global HIV Communication: An Analytic Autoethnography of the U=U Campaign in Asia Pacific

Mengfei Li, U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Public Expression About Presidential Debates in Latin America on Twitter (X): Social Network Features, Influential Nodes, and Top Messages in Six Countries

Xiaoya Jiang, Boston U, USA

Martín Echeverría, Autonomous U of Puebla, MEXICO

Hyerin Kwon, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Communication Inequalities in Global Climate Discourse: An Actor-Network Approach to Algorithmic and Institutional Power

Mingjun Zhao, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Assessing the Influence of Community-Led Interventions of Reductions in Election Falsehoods: Experimental Evidence from South Africa

Morgan Wack, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND

5551

Political Communication Research Escalator

Sunday
15:00–16:15
Bluebell
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Political Communication

Chair

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

Discussants

Christian Baden, Hebrew U of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Matthew Barnidge, U of Florida, USA

Michael Chan, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Ernesto de León, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Stefan Geiss, NTNU, NORWAY

Isabella Gonçalves, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

Annett Heft, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

Kate Kenski, U of Arizona, USA

Anders Olof Larsson, Kristiania U College, NORWAY

Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Patricia Moy, U of Washington, USA

Zhongdang Pan, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Hernando Rojas, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Yariv Tsfat, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Qinfeng Zhu, U of Groningen, NETHERLANDS

Participants

Explaining Adolescents' Avoidance of Politics in Private and (Semi-) Public Spheres

Maximilian Klesl, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Learning Politics from AI Chatbots: How Gender Cues Shape Trust, Expertise, and Bias

Ying Qi Pan, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
 The Effect of Performing Arts Attendance on Political Participation: The Mediating Role of Social Issue Exposure and the Moderating Role of Post-Viewing Review Writing
 YoungJin Lee, Korea U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Beyond the Punchline: The Impact of Short-Form Satirical Content on Digital Natives' Political Engagement Online
 Vivian Kretzschmar, Louisiana State U, USA
 Lobbying Forever Chemicals: An LLM-Based Analysis of Lobbying Arguments on PFAS Regulation in the EU
 Antonia Wiehr, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY
 Question and Response: A Sentiment Analysis of Journalist-Spokesperson Interactions in White House Press Briefings
 Sijia Li, Beijing Foreign Studies U, CHINA
 Quantifying Echo Chamber Effects on Reddit: A Sentiment-Based Network Analysis of Immigration Discussion
 Xiner Lai, Rutgers U, USA
 Engineering Diversity? Exploring Hidden Diversification Labels on TikTok and Their Role in Algorithmic Recommendations
 Vasilisa Kuznetsova, Weizenbaum Institute & U of Bremen, GERMANY
 Yuru Li, U of Bremen, GERMANY
 Paul Pressmann, U of Bremen, GERMANY
 Extreme Patriotism on Chinese Social Media: The Politicization of Non Political Issues
 Chenghan Zhou, Marquette U, USA
 Misinformation Exposure and Opinion Dynamics in Online Political Discussions
 YooKyeong Lee, Rutgers U, USA
 AI Generated Content as Far-Right Propaganda in the German Election: A Case Study of the X Account @LarissaWagt
 Yiyang Xue, Communication U of China, CHINA

5560

AI and Health Misinformation

Sunday

15:00–16:15

 **Westin**

Ballroom

West

(Westin, Old

Harbour

Level)

Health Communication

Moderator

Qiwei Wu, Texas Tech U, USA

Participants

Applying the Misinformation Response Model in AI-Modified Doctor Messages: Effects on Trust and Knowledge

Qiwei Wu, Texas Tech U, USA

Jingbo Meng, The Ohio State U, USA

Joana Videira, The Ohio State U, USA

Unpacking the Credibility of Artificial Intelligence in Fact-Checking and Misinformation Correction

Joana Videira, The Ohio State U, USA

Jingbo Meng, The Ohio State U, USA

Wei Peng, Michigan State U, USA

Bingjie Liu, The Ohio State U, USA

Fact-Checking Health Misinformation in the Age of AI: Audience Responses to Human, AI, and Hybrid Sources

Yimei Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA


Weicong Fang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Wenjing Pan, Renmin U of China, CHINA

AI Works Best for the Certain and the Skilled: How Cognitive Closure and Media Literacy Influence Health Misinformation Correction

Yating Zhou, Nanjing U, CHINA

5561**Fighting Inequalities for 40 Years: Indelible FSD Interventions in Institution Building and Expanding Intersectional Feminist Scholarship**

Sunday
 15:00–16:15
 **Westin**
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

Feminist Scholarship**Moderator**

Paula Gardner, McMaster U, CANADA

Participants

Critically Engaging with Intersectionality

Linda Steiner, U of Maryland, USA

Count Me in! Journeying to New Visions of Solidarity and Sisterhood in Feminist Scholarship from Kenya to the World

Irene Awino, U of Wisconsin–La Crosse, USA

Feminist Post-Positivist Approaches: Complementing Classic Feminist Scholarship with Quantitative Methods

Miglena Sternadori, Texas Tech U, USA

It's a Messy Feminist Business: Doing (Cyber)Feminist Collaborative Work as a "Communication Scholar"

Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State U, USA

Transgenerational Ripples of "Gaining a Voice": Disrupting Communication Flows

Patrice Buzzanell, U of South Florida, USA

The Many Gendered Intersectional Challenges in Latin American Feminist Research

Ingrid Bachmann, Pontificia U Católica de Chile, CHILE

Decades of Feminist Communication Initiatives in Kenya and Ghana: Socially Conscious Scholarship, Activism, and Sustained Exchange

Leslie Steeves, U of Oregon, USA

From Behind the Wall to Post-Socialist Feminist Work: Making East European Women's Movements Visible at FSD

Stine Eckert, Wayne State U, USA

Celebrating the FSD division's 40th anniversary, this roundtable addresses major structural, institutional, and intellectual contributions (or lapses and failures) of feminist scholars to ICA, international and transnational scholarship, and activism. After panelists offer brief provocations about key controversies, the audience will engage in a lively, robust discussion. An overarching theme is the messy quality of feminist work, including how feminist scholars can work collaboratively to develop new methods, critique problems in the field, and invent and implement solutions.

5562**Computational Analysis of News Content and Engagement Dynamics**

Sunday
 15:00–16:15
Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)

Computational Methods**Chair**

Jasmine McNealy, U of Florida, USA

Organizer

Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Participants



A Machine Classifier to Assess News Article Quality

Szymon Talaga, U of Warsaw, POLAND

Erin Wertz, U of Warsaw, POLAND

Dominik Batorski, U of Warsaw, POLAND

Magdalena Wojcieszak, U of California, Davis, USA


 Asymmetric News Production and Engagement Elasticities: Bartik Estimation on Social Media

Rongxin Ouyang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Subhayan Mukerjee, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Tian Yang, Chinese U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Yilang Peng, U of Georgia, USA

Temporally-Aware News Embeddings: Integrating GDELT's Global News Coverage with

an Open Source Text Encoder Pipeline
Rupert Kiddle, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Anne Kroon, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Kasper Welbers, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Damian Trilling, Vrije U Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Mapping Online Media and Ideological Gaps with Large Language Models
Lucas da Silva, U of Zurich, SWITZERLAND
Dark News: Recognition, Harm Perception, and Audiences
Jasmine McNealy, U of Florida, USA

5563

Interpersonal Communication Top Papers Panel

Sunday
15:00–16:15
de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)

Interpersonal Communication

Chair

Liesel Sharabi, Arizona State U, USA

Participants

Strategic Soothers, Transparent Partners, and Antagonistic Strategists: A Latent Profile Analysis of Romantic Deception

Tim Cole, DePaul U, USA

Kellie Stonebrook, U of Idaho, USA

  Talking Differently to Human versus Artificial Intelligence Advice Givers? Linguistic Profiles of the Underlying Interaction Scripts

Wang Liao, U of Washington, USA

Haojian Li, U of California, Davis, USA

Lisa Hwang, U of California, Davis, USA

Bo Feng, U of California, Davis, USA

Yoo Jung Oh, Michigan State U, USA

Familial and School Factors in Adolescent Resilience: Distinguishing between Multiple Dimensions of Resilience Processes

Kai Kuang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Fangdan Zhang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Liming Liu, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Qiaozhi Liang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Mediated Care Assemblages: Maintaining Kinship and Work under Digitalization on Family Farms

Ricarda Druceke, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Corinna Peil, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Too Many Fish in the Sea? A Multilevel Analysis of Emerging Adults' Daily Dating App Swiping and Dating-Related Fears

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

Laura Vandenbosch, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

Sindy Sumter, U of Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Femke Konings, KU Leuven, BELGIUM

5570

DigiWorld Network Meeting

Sunday
15:00–16:15
Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)

Satellite Events

Chair

Márton Bene, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, HUNGARY

Invitation only.

5571

Sunday
15:00–16:15
**Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

InfoSys: Top Papers Session**Information Systems****Chair**

Glenna Read, U of Georgia, USA

Moderator

Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

Participants

Information Dynamics in Political Debates: Multimodal Approach to Candidates' Facial Expressions and Real-Time Public Reactions during the 2024 U.S. Presidential Debate

Hyerin Kwon, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Ross Dahlke, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

Xiaoya Jiang, Boston U, USA

Scared of the Dark: Understanding Presence as an Emergent Behavior

Annie Lang, Indiana U Bloomington, USA

Joomi Lee, U of Arkansas, USA

Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

Anonymity and Cyberbullying Perpetration: A Meta-Analytic SEM of the Cognitive Restructuring Pathway

Xiaohuan Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Haoyu Wang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE

Jia Yee Tan, Renmin U of China, CHINA

He Gong, Renmin U of China, CHINA

Following the News: Polarization and the Networked Structure of Attention

Sakshi Bhalla, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA

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Sunday
16:30–17:45
**1.41
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Instructional and Developmental Communication Business Meeting**Instructional and Developmental Communication****5604**

Sunday
16:30–17:45
**1.42
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Language and Social Interaction Business Meeting**Language and Social Interaction**

Discussion of paper submissions, division membership, bylaws, and other division-related matters

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Sunday
16:30–17:45
**1.44
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Generative Overload: Cognitive Fatigue, Offloading, and Bias**Human-Machine Communication****Chair**

Alexandra Wölfle, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Participants

Generative Overload: Rethinking Information Fatigue in the Age of AI-Mediated Abundance

Shuting Tuo, Tsinghua U, CHINA

From Emotional Exhaustion to AI Resilience: A Study on User AI Usage Behavior in Information Overload Scenarios

JingYu Hou, Peking U, CHINA

Sirui Li, Wuhan U, CHINA
 Perceived Efficiency and Cognitive Offloading in Chatbot Use: Associations with Academic Performance
 Christine Liebenwein, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Desiree Schmuck, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Too Much to Process? How Cognitive Load and Cognitive Offloading Trigger Bias in XAI
 Xiaohuan Zhang, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Yu Zou, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Siyu Cui, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 @Grok, Is This True? Human–AI Hybrid Interaction in Vaccine Misinformation Correction
 Leonor Hidalgo, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Diego Armando Mazorra Correa, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Feifei Zhao, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Wil Dubree, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Elohim Monard, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

This session examines how generative AI reshapes information overload from a problem of quantity to one of qualitative redundancy. Across theoretical, survey, experimental, and platform-based studies, the papers show how algorithmic abundance produces cognitive fatigue, emotional strain, and information avoidance, while also motivating reliance on AI through offloading, affective support, and automation bias. Together, the contributions advance a multi-level understanding of generative overload and its implications for sustainable human–machine communication and AI design.

5608

News Coverage in China: State Policies and Journalistic Work

Sunday
 16:30–17:45

Journalism Studies

1.62
 (CTICC1,
 Lev 1)

Participants

Taming Proximity: The Platformized Production of Local News in China
 Xinyi Yang, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 Yan Yan, Renmin U of China, CHINA
 The Handmaid’s Tale: Evolving News Coverage of China Population Policies
 Siyu Zhang, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
 Sociotechnical Imaginaries of Artificial Intelligence in Cultural Heritage: Technonational Discourses in Chinese News Media
 Le Cao, Friedrich-Alexander U Erlangen-Nuremberg, GERMANY
 Strategic (In)Visibility: How Chinese Financial Journalists Obscure Realities of the State-Aligned Generative AI Industry
 WeiMing Ye, Peking U, CHINA
 Xinzhi Zhang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

5610

Media, Civility, and Political Discourse in the Digital Age

Sunday
 16:30–17:45

Mass Communication

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 (CTICC1,
 Lev 1)

Chair

German Neubaum, U of Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY

Participants

From Screens to Ballots? A Parent-Child Dyad Study on Adolescents’ Socialization and Political Engagement in the 2024 EU Elections
 Arianna Colombo, U of Milan, ITALY
 Puck Guldemond, Wageningen U & Research, NETHERLANDS
 Darian Harff, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Ellen Van Houtven, KU Leuven, BELGIUM


Desiree Schmuck, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Justified Intolerance? A Cross-National Normative Window Theory Account of Audience Perceptions of Digital Hate
 Rinat Meerson, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Kevin Koban, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 Jörg Matthes, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA
 When Incivility Becomes the Norm: Understanding Incivility in Social Media Comments from a Social Norms Perspective
 Yannick Winkler, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Marko Bachl, Freie U Berlin, GERMANY
 Michael Scharnow, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
 Pascal Jürgens, Trier U, GERMANY
 The Role of Partisan News and Political Parasocial Contact in Shaping Meta-Perceptions: Cross-National Evidence
 Muhammad Rasul, National U of Singapore, SINGAPORE
 Boaz Hameiri, Tel Aviv U, ISRAEL
 Gila Hacoheh, Tel Aviv U, ISRAEL
 Nechumi Yaffe, Tel Aviv U, ISRAEL
 Samantha Moore-Berg, U of Utah, USA
 Affective Polarization, Media, and Political Participation in Ghana
 Diego Armando Mazorra Correa, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
 Eric Agyekum, U of Wisconsin–Madison, USA

5611

PARTNER PANEL: IAMCR - Rethinking Academic Freedom through Peripheries and Connections

Sunday

16:30–17:45

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

Partner Panel

Moderator

Daya Kishan Thussu, IAMCR, HONG KONG

Organizer

Salvatore Scifo, IAMCR, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

How Do We Define Research Priorities When People Are Fighting for the Right to Live?

Andrea Medrado, U of Exeter, UNITED KINGDOM

The Pillar of Participation: How Self-Censorship Shapes Society

Benedetta Brevini, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Invisible Objects of Study? How to Understand Inequalities in an Ongoing Structural Imperialism?

Hanan Badr, U of Salzburg, AUSTRIA

Beneath the Fine Line: On Self-Censorship and Self-Protection

Jack Qiu, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Staying Awake in Relation: Towards a Relational Ethic of Academic Freedom

Viola Milton, U of South Africa, SOUTH AFRICA

We are currently experiencing the rise of authoritarian populism and state-sponsored censorship in “Western/Northern” contexts. This is exemplified by the Trump administration in the US, and its anti-minorities stance, which has led to the persecution of critical thinkers and the silencing of dissenting voices. This roundtable aims to analyse what academic freedom means, as well as where and how it operates under different political, cultural, and social pressures.

5620

The Tension between Local and Global Journalism: Coverage and Ownership

Sunday

16:30–17:45

Journalism Studies

Chair

Elisa Hofmann, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

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Lev 2)

Participants

Serving Diasporic News Audiences through Design Thinking: Prototyping a Responsible AI-Tool for Local Journalism

Maximilian Eder, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Roxana Quintanilla Portugal, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Mario Haim, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Neil Thurman, Ludwig-Maximilian-U Munich, GERMANY

Exploring Geographic “Reach” in Local Visual News: A Mapping Approach

T.J. Thomson, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Kristy Hess, Deakin U, AUSTRALIA

Rachael Anderson, RMIT U, AUSTRALIA

Seraina Tarnutzer, U of Fribourg, SWITZERLAND

Counterstrategies and Connection: Responding to News Avoidance from the Local to Global

Andrea Wenzel, Temple U, USA

Sydney Boeger, Temple U, USA

Local in Name Only? The Impact of Ownership and Newsroom Proximity on Local and Original News Coverage

Simona Bisiani, U of Surrey, UNITED KINGDOM

Sarah Stonbely, Columbia U, USA

Bahareh Heravi, U of Surrey, UNITED KINGDOM

Doing Journalist: Boundary Markers for Division, Jurisdiction Markers for Belonging

Lea von den Driesch, U of Münster, GERMANY

Nina Springer, U of Münster, GERMANY

Seth Lewis, U of Oregon, USA

5621

AI and Emerging Technologies: Challenges and Opportunities for Social Justice and Activism

Sunday

16:30–17:45

2.44-2.46
(CTICC1,
Lev 2)

Activism, Communication, and Social Justice

Chair

Altman Yuzhu Peng, U of Warwick, UNITED KINGDOM

Participants

Testing DeepSeek’s Censorship to Protest China’s AI Power

Altman Yuzhu Peng, U of Warwick, UNITED KINGDOM

Cultivating Communities: Digital Food Technologies for Sustainable Food Futures

Alana Mann, U of Tasmania, AUSTRALIA

AI for Whom? Intersectional Divides in the Digital Age

Jana Peters, U of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, GERMANY

Hella de Haas, U of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, GERMANY

Hannah Kehl, U of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, GERMANY

Olaf Jandura, U of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, GERMANY

Translating a Green Future: Technical Patronage, Sociotechnical Imaginaries, and the Making of an AI Chatbot for Environmental Advocacy in China

Guangsheng Huang, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Lin Yuan, Independent Scholar, CHINA

Da Mao, Independent Scholar, CHINA

Ethical Challenges of AI in Egyptian Journalism: State Control, Resistance, and Agonistic Futures

Rasha El-Ibiary, Nile U, EGYPT

5622

Power and Perspective: Representation, Identity, and Resistance

Sunday

16:30–17:45

Popular Media & Culture

Chair

Andreas Schellewald, Goldsmiths, U of London, UNITED KINGDOM

- 2.61-2.63** **Participants**
(CTICC1, Lev 2) Bingeing on Daydreams: Chinese Low-Cultural-Capital Viewers Negotiating Identity through Micro-Drama Consumption
 Ruixin Hu, Xi'an Jiaotong U, CHINA
 Yue Li, Xi'an Jiaotong U, CHINA
 Through Hard Times: K-Pop Consumption and Ethnic Identity Reaffirmation among Asian Fans in North America
 Roselyn Lee-Won, The Ohio State U, USA
 Lanier Holt, The Ohio State U, USA
 Zhichao Lei, Seoul National U, KOREA (THE REPUBLIC OF)
 Lingxin Zhang, U of Southern California, USA
 Doh-Yeon Kim, Temple U, USA
 Jingwei Liu, The Ohio State U, USA
 Negotiation and Resistance: Cultural Identity Construction in Ugandan Cinema through Homi Bhabha's "Third Space"—A Multimodal Study of Wakaliwood
 Xing Zhou, Communication U of China, CHINA
 YingQi Chen, Communication U of China, CHINA
 Harmonies of National Integration: Cantopop and the Re-Nationalization of Hong Kong Identity in Infinity and Beyond
 Yichen Wang, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG
 Sheng Zou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

5624

The Role of Machine Heuristics in HMC

Sunday
 16:30–17:45
2.65-2.66
(CTICC1, Lev 2)

Human-Machine Communication

Chair

Chang Wan, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Participants

Machines = Efficiency: Testing the Implicit Assumptions of the Machine Heuristic Revealed Efficiency as Its Core Belief

Taenyun Kim, Michigan State U, USA

David Ewoldsen, Michigan State U, USA

Wei Peng, Michigan State U, USA

Nancy Rhodes, Michigan State U, USA

Integrating CASA and Machine Heuristics in Human-AI Communication: Boundary Effects of Communication Style and Outcome

Chang Wan, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Between Fairness and Resignation: Examining Machine Heuristics, Privacy Cynicism and Self-Disclosure in Generative AI

Fan Liang, Duke Kunshan U, CHINA

Christoph Lutz, BI Norwegian Business School, NORWAY

Talking to a Chatbot Mental Health Counselor: Do Avatar Likeness and Empathy Expressiveness Influence Self-Disclosure?

Xuening Hu, Boston U, USA

A Visually Thinking Expert: How Exposure to Chain-of-Thought Reasoning Shapes User Trust in GenAI Chatbots

Chengzhi Lin, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Hongliang Chen, Zhejiang U, CHINA

Yunsha Pu, U of Texas at Austin, USA

This session examines how people perceive, evaluate, and interact with machines by relying on machine-based heuristics rather than engaging them as social partners. Across foundational, experimental, cross-cultural, and applied studies, the papers show when machine-likeness guides judgment, how it shapes responsibility, privacy, self-disclosure, and trust, and how design cues such as explainability and selective social signaling calibrate these heuristic processes. Together, the contributions clarify how machine

heuristics structure human-machine communication and inform responsible, expectation-aligned design.

5630

CAT Business Meeting

Sunday
16:30–17:45
Nerina
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Communication and Technology

Chairs

Veronika Karnowski, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY
Katy Pearce, U of Washington, USA

Participant

Ranjana Das, U of Surrey, UNITED KINGDOM

5631

Public Relations Business Meeting

Sunday
16:30–17:45
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Public Relations

Organizer

Øyvind Ihlen, U of Oslo, NORWAY

Participant

Yang Cheng, North Carolina State U, USA

5640

Trust in the News and Transparency in Reporting

Sunday
16:30–17:45
Daisy
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Journalism Studies

Chair

Stela Lechpammer, U of Zagreb, CROATIA

Participants

Capturing Trust in the News: Definitions, Measures, and Methodological Challenges

Timothy Koskie, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Terry Flew, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Trust in the Press Might Be Increasing over Time, for All We Know

Jakob Henke, U of Erfurt, GERMANY

How Digital Repression Reconfigures the Relationship between News Use and Political

Trust: A Cross-National Multilevel Analysis of 57 Countries

Xiao Meng, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Han Luo, Xi'an Jiaotong U, CHINA

Yuner Zhu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Xiaohui Wang, City U of Hong Kong, HONG KONG

Can a Push for Transparency Really Solve Journalism's Biggest Problems? An

Experimental Reality Check on Source Transparency

Nina Springer, U of Münster, GERMANY

Lars-Ole Wehden, U of Münster, GERMANY

Bernadette Uth, U of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Lea von den Driesch, U of Münster, GERMANY

Katherine Engelke, U of Münster, GERMANY

Restoring Trust in the Black Box: How Explainable AI (XAI) Rebuilds Trust in Automated Journalism through Transparency

Wanhui Zhou, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Jiaxiang Xu, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

Yinqiao Zhao, Hong Kong Baptist U, HONG KONG

5641

HIGH-DENSITY: Shaping Futures: Intercultural Communication, Institutions, and Resistance

Sunday
16:30–17:45
Freesia
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Intercultural Communication**Chair**

Laura Almeida, U Federal de Santa Maria, BRAZIL

Participants

The Korean Dream: Neoliberalism's Devouring of the Korean Family

Sung Gi Kim, Northwestern U, USA

Coloniality in the Global Governance of Artificial Intelligence: A Cross-National

Comparative Study on Discursive Embedding and Preemptive Spatial Repair

Zhe Li, Communication U of China, CHINA

Deqiang Ji, Communication U of China, CHINA

Lin Sun, Communication U of China, CHINA

“A Multicultural Star with Global Reach”: A Comparative Analysis of Japanese and U.S.

News Coverage of Naomi Osaka

Yumiko Ehara, U of Minnesota, USA

Carolina Velloso, U of Minnesota, USA

The Golden Cage of (Un)Belonging: Cultural Identities and Resistance in the Journeys of

U.S. Mexican DACA Students

Maya Cancio Vendel, U of Colorado Boulder, USA

Yea-Wen Chen, San Diego State U, USA

Rethinking Intercultural Communication: Black Digital Subjectivities in TÜRKIYE

Ayla Deniz, Ankara U, TÜRKIYE

5642

Robert McChesney's Critical Legacy

Sunday
16:30–17:45
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Communication Law and Policy**Moderator**

Victor Pickard, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Participants

Bob McChesney's Intellectual Origins and Activist Legacy

Susan Douglas, U of Michigan, USA

Reflecting on McChesney's Scholar-Activism and the Democratic Role of Academia

Amit Schejter, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev, ISRAEL

Don't Look up, Look Out


Mandy Troeger, U of Tübingen, GERMANY

Sydney Forde, U of Pennsylvania, USA

Featuring presentations from a range of scholars from different institutions, national contexts, and career stages, this panel focuses on the legacy and ongoing significance of the late Robert McChesney. Panelists engage with McChesney's research to provide different reflections and interpretations on how his work has impacted the field of communications, as well as how scholars can collectively build on his efforts toward advancing critical communication scholarship and structural media reform.

5643

CAM Business Meeting

Sunday
16:30–17:45
 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Children, Adolescents, and Media

5644**Science Communication Interest Group Business Meeting****Sunday**
16:30–17:45 **8.2**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**Science Communication**

5645**Environmental Communication Business Meeting****Sunday**
16:30–17:45 **8.3**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)**Environmental Communication****Chair**

Hang Lu, U of Michigan, USA

5650**Global Communication and Social Change Business Meeting****Sunday**
16:30–17:45**Watsonia**
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)**Global Communication and Social Change****Chair**

Wenhong Chen, Nanyang Technological U, SINGAPORE

Participants

Florence Madenga, Boston College, USA

Dani Madrid-Morales, U of Sheffield, UNITED KINGDOM

Sara Monaci, Politecnico di Torino, ITALY

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

5651**Political Communication Division Business Meeting****Sunday**
16:30–17:45**Bluebell**
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)**Political Communication****Chairs**


Kate Kenski, U of Arizona, USA

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

5660**Health Communication Business Meeting****Sunday**
16:30–17:45 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**Health Communication****Moderator**

Jingbo Meng, The Ohio State U, USA

5661**Feminist Scholarship Division Business Meeting****Sunday****Feminist Scholarship**

16:30–17:45
 **Westin
Ballroom
East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)**

Chairs

Irene Awino, U of Wisconsin–La Crosse, USA
Miglena Sternadori, Texas Tech U, USA

5662

Sunday
16:30–17:45
**Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)**

Computational Methods Business Meeting

Computational Methods

5663

Sunday
16:30–17:45
**de Gama
(Westin, Old
Harbour
Level)**

Interpersonal Communication Division Business Meeting

Interpersonal Communication

Chair

Kai Kuang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Participant

Anuraj Dhillon, California Polytechnic State U, San Luis Obispo, USA
Meng Li, Loyola Marymount U, USA
Wang Liao, U of Washington, USA
Liesel Sharabi, Arizona State U, USA

5670

Sunday
16:30–17:45
**Edward &
Schappen
(Westin,
Mezzanine
Level)**

PARTNER PANEL: DGPuK - Inter- and Intra-Group Polarization Dynamics in the Climate Discourse: A Mixed-Method Perspective

Partner Panel

Chair

Axel Bruns, Queensland U of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Participants

(Mis)Perceptions of Division: Media Use and Ideological Polarization in the Climate Discourse

Alina Jakob, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Nayla Fawzi, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY
Juliane Keilmann, Johannes Gutenberg U Mainz, GERMANY

A Reinforcing Spiral? Online News Exposure and Polarization in the Climate Discourse

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

Cornelius Puschmann, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Patrick Zerrer, U of Bremen, GERMANY

Edda Humprecht, Friedrich Schiller U Jena, GERMANY

Helena Rauxloh, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Sebastian Stier, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GERMANY

Juhi Kulshrestha, Aalto U, FINLAND

Conformity and Distinctiveness in Intra-Group Polarization of Climate Movements

Henri Mütschele, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

Sarah-Michelle Nienhaus, Heinrich-Heine U Duesseldorf & Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

Ahrabhi Kathirgamalingam, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

Christiane Eilders, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, GERMANY

Opinion Leaders as Agents of Depolarization in Civil-Society Networks

Rico Neumann, Freie U of Berlin, GERMANY

Barbara Pfetsch, Weizenbaum Institute, GERMANY

Swen Hutter, Freie U of Berlin, GERMANY

This panel brings together four projects from a German polarization research network, each examining different forms of polarization between and within groups in the climate discourse. Departing from different theoretical perspectives and leveraging diverse methodological approaches, they analyze how media environments and interpersonal communication influence ideological, affective, and perceived polarization among climate policy camps and climate movements. Together, they advance polarization research by refining measurement and explanation with relevance to civil society in climate debates.

5671

Sunday
16:30–17:45
**Victoria &
Alfred
(Westin,
Harbour
Edge Level)**

Information Systems Division Business Meeting

Information Systems

Chair

Glenna Read, U of Georgia, USA

Participants

Jingjing Han, Fudan U, CHINA

Shan Xu, Texas Tech U, USA

5701

Sunday
18:00–20:00
 **CTICC
Ballroom
East
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

Political Communication Division Reception

Political Communication

5702

Sunday
18:00–20:00
 **CTICC
Ballroom
West
(CTICC1,
Lev 1)**

CAT Reception

Communication and Technology

Chair

Veronika Karnowski, Chemnitz U of Technology, GERMANY

Participant

Ranjana Das, U of Surrey, UNITED KINGDOM

5723

Sunday
18:00–20:00
**2.64
(CTICC1,
Level 2)**

U of Sydney Reception

Satellite Events

Chair

Joanne Gray, U of Sydney, AUSTRALIA

5731

Sunday
18:00–20:00
Protea
(CTICC2,
Lev 1)

Public Relations Reception**Public Relations****Organizer**

Øyvind Ihlen, U of Oslo, NORWAY

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Sunday
18:00–20:00
Orchid
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

Reception to Honor Bob McChesney**Communication Law and Policy**

5743

Sunday
18:00–19:30
 **8.1**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)

CAM Reception**Children, Adolescents, and Media**

5745

Sunday
18:00–20:00
 **8.3**
(CTICC2,
Lev 2)


Joint Reception for Environmental Communication and Science Communication**Science Communication****Environmental Communication**

5750

Sunday
19:00–21:00
Watsonia
(CTICC2,
Lev 3)

Global Communication and Social Change Reception: Celebrating 20 Years of GCSC**Global Communication and Social Change**

5760

Sunday
18:00–20:00
 **Westin**
Ballroom
West
(Westin, Old

Joint Reception for Health Communication and Interpersonal Communication**Health Communication****Interpersonal Communication****Organizers**

Kai Kuang, Tsinghua U, CHINA

Nehama Lewis, U of Haifa, ISRAEL

Harbour
Level)

5761

Feminist Scholarship Division Reception: Celebrating 40 Years of Feminist Scholarship at ICA

Sunday

18:00–20:00

 **Westin
Ballroom**

**East (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)**

Feminist Scholarship

Chairs

Irene Awino, U of Wisconsin–La Crosse, USA

Miglana Sternadori, Texas Tech U, USA

The Feminist Scholarship Division will be marking 40 years of remarkable, engaging, transformative scholarship, mentorship, and social justice activism.

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Computational Methods Reception

Sunday

18:00–20:00

**Diaz (Westin,
Old Harbour
Level)**

Computational Methods

5860

ICA Student and Early-Career Scholars' (SECAC) Reception

Sunday

21:00–22:30

 **Westin
Ballroom**

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

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