Agenda

- Highlights of ICA board meeting
- Journalism Studies Division news
- Information/Discussion items
- Presentation of awards
ICA to do away with mid-year Board Meeting (move to Thursday preceding the conference instead)

*Annals of the ICA* now live

New Interest Group on Activism, Communication and Social Justice

3042 registered participants at the San Diego conference
Next up: Prague
24-28 May 2018
Journalism Studies 2017 budget: $4165 (down about $500 from 2016)
- Top 2 student papers, ~ $350
- Journalism Studies reception ~ $4,000
- To add: sponsorship from Sage & Routledge $1050

Membership: 582 members as of 08/2016 (down about 50 from 2015)
- 4th Largest Division of ICA (down from 3rd...
Conference Paper and Panel Competitions

- JSD received 256 papers, 24 panel proposals
- Acceptance rate:
  - 48% for papers (123)
    - 52% for faculty (96), 38% for students (27)
  - 46% for panels (11)
- Allotted 35 sessions and 15 poster slots
- Three reviews per paper
  (Thank you to all the reviewers!)
Division News

- New Secretary: **Nina Springer** (big thanks to outgoing secretary Helle Sjøvaag!)
- Graduate Student Representative: **Natacha Yazbeck** (big thanks to outgoing representative Raul Ferrer Conill!)
- Election for the fall:
  - Vice-Chair (2 + 2 year term)
  - International Liaison (2 year term)
  - Graduate Student Representative (1 year term)
Organized by Raul Ferrer Conill

Call circulated in fall 2016: 29 submissions from 11 countries

- 9 China, 7 US, 2 Germany, 2 Israel, 2 Norway, 2 Kenya, 1 Sweden, 1 HK, 1 Netherlands, 1 Denmark, 1 Portugal

All submissions reviewed by Henrik Örnebring, Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt, Raul Ferrer Conill and Natacha Yazbeck.

17 participants accepted
The following people served as respondents:
Erik Albaek, Valerie Belair-Gagnon, Mark Deuze, Stephanie Craft, Stephen Cushion, Anders Olof Larsson, Nikki Usher, Seth C. Lewis, Claudia Mellado, Mette Mortensen, Chris Peters, Zvi Reich, Helle Sjøvaag, Steen Steensens, Jesper Strömbäck, Edson Tandoc, Tim Vos

Special thanks to Tara Pixley and Natacha Yazbeck for helping with the organization

More info at: http://ica-phd-colloquium.news

Recommendations:
Continue the preconference tradition in the future
Keep the new format of the round table
Special Thanks to Our Donors (Preconference and general):

Raul Ferrer Conill raised apx. $3000 to help cover the event – Thanks!
Information and Discussion Items

- Fall elections
- Extended abstracts/book chapters (Nikki Usher)
- ICA Journalism Studies Encyclopedia Project (Tim Vos & Folker Hanusch)
- Ethical considerations of social media use during ICA conferences
- Report on Review Satisfaction Survey
103 responses (27% response rate, n=385)

Review Satisfaction Survey Committee: Tanja Aitamurto, Peter Van Aelst, Fen Lin

Results: Satisfaction with the review system is high (80%), but there’s room for improvement. Many ideas to improve the system were proposed.
How satisfied are you with the paper review system at JS Div?

- Extremely satisfied: 21%
- Moderately satisfied: 51%
- Slightly satisfied: 10%
- Neither moderately satisfied nor dissatisfied: 11%
- Slightly dissatisfied: 6%
- Moderately dissatisfied: 1%
How satisfied are you with the panel review system at JS Div?

- Extremely satisfied: 10%
- Moderately satisfied: 59%
- Slightly satisfied: 14%
- Neither moderately satisfied nor dissatisfied: 3%
- Slightly dissatisfied: 7%
- Moderately dissatisfied: 3%
- Extremely dissatisfied: 3%
Main problems with reviews

- The reviewers don’t provide sufficient justification for their scores (Strongly agree-Somewhat agree, 62%)
- The reviews lack constructive suggestions for improving the paper (59%)
- There are too many papers for each reviewer to review (46%)
- Variation of review quality (“lottery”): “Quality is quite diverse; some reviews are extensive and elaborated, others are rather brief (one word or sentence only)”
Ideas for improvement

- Acknowledging the reviewers who write outstanding reviews 88% e.g. Best Reviewer Award
- Publishing instructions for writing good reviews 84%
- Asking for a commitment from paper submitters to reviewing papers 81% [NB This will gradually be implemented by ICA centrally]
- Having faculty and senior researchers mentor students with reviewing 79% e.g. similar to CHI

- "Reviewer review:" Assess quality of reviewers systemically or sporadically to guarantee justifications for the scores?
- Institute a minimum word count for review?
- Improve paper/reviewer matching (NB This is already being done)
- Manage expectations?
Division Awards

- Gene Burd Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism Studies Award
- Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year
- Top Three Student Paper awards
- Top Three Faculty Paper awards
- Top Poster Award
- International Journal of Press/Politics Book Award
- Journalism Studies Division Book Award
2017 Finalist: Rodrigo Zamith, University of Minnesota

“Editorial Judgment in an Age of Data: How Audience Analytics and Metrics are Influencing the Placement of News Products”

 “[A] theoretically sophisticated exploration of the extent to which audience analytics—i.e., digital metrics that track the preferences of users based on click behaviors—appear to affect news content.”
Gene Burd Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism Studies Award - Winner

Rachel Mourão, University of Texas at Austin

“From Mass to Elite Protests: How Journalists Covered the 2013 and 2015 Demonstrations in Brazil”

Supervisor: Stephen D Reese

$1,000 USD award from the Urban Communication Foundation
“The reviewers found the dissertation to be sophisticated and nuanced in its analysis of the changing journalism landscape. Dr. Mourão's work was supervised by Stephen D. Reese at The University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation uses a media sociology approach to untangle how multiple influences shaped journalistic coverage of two waves of protests in Brazil. In 2013, small demonstrations against bus fares evolved into a series of large protests expressing generalized dissatisfaction with conditions in the country. Following the reelection of center-leftist Dilma Rousseff, another wave of protests returned in 2015, this time with a clear agenda: the removal of the President. Communication research has long examined the “protest paradigm,” a pattern of news coverage that legitimized social movements. The study departs from an understanding of protest coverage as paradigmatic towards a more complex view of the relationship between protesters and the press. The analysis helps elucidate the conditions under which the protest paradigm fails and how favorable coverage can occur. The experience of Brazil shows that when an elite opposition supports protests, journalistic norms and routines validate demonstrations, regardless of journalists’ own attitudes.”
Committee Chair: Karin Wahl-Jørgensen

Committee members:
- Laura Ahva
- Cherian George
- Folker Hanusch
- Claudia Mellado

7 nominations, representing 6 journals: Communication Theory, Digital Journalism, International Journal of Press/Politics, Journalism, Journalism Studies, New Media & Society

“Systematic analysis of the relationship between journalism and PR that recognises that neither of these fields are monolithic, and that multiple dynamics co-exist between them.”

“An excellent paper that deals with the interrelations between journalists and communication practitioners from environmental NGOs. It contributes in particular to transnational media studies and to how our understanding of some key determinants for the formation of journalist-NGO networks. The empirical basis is an impressive 78 in-depth interviews.”

“Extensive interview-based study which, through careful and systematic analysis, sheds light on the relationship between journalism and PR practitioners in the context of the COP meetings, but also provides broader insights into this relationship of value to the field.”
And the winner is...

Matt Carlson, St Louis University

“This article makes a highly significant contribution to journalism studies on a theoretical level by providing a framework for analysing and understanding metajournalistic discourses in relation to its role in the definitions, boundary control and legitimization of journalism in society. The paper is lucidly written, drawing on a wide range of literature making a substantial contribution to how we can understand journalism. Most importantly, it emphasizes how this model can be applied in the study of journalism over time and space, thus making it universally applicable.”

“Compelling and exceptionally well-written article outlining of key concepts for studying metajournalistic discourses and the authority of journalism, and setting out a new research agenda – set to make a significant contribution to scholarship.”

“Integrates diverse literatures in journalism studies beautifully, around a nicely explicated original concept of metajournalistic discourse, which persuasively justifies the field’s focus on meanings of journalism.”
Top 3 Student Paper Award Winners

- “The birth of facts in the news”
  Yigal Godler; Ben Gurion University of the Negev

- “Issue-specific newsworthiness: The impact of individual specialization and party issue ownership on news coverage of MPs”
  Kirsten Van Camp; University of Antwerp

- “The datafication of newswork: The use of metrics and gamification to motivate journalists”
  Raul Ferrer Conill; Karlstad University
Top 3 Faculty Paper Award Winners

- “The Discussion Value of Online News: How News Story Characteristics Affect the Deliberative Quality of User Discussions in SNS Comment Sections”
  **Marc Ziegele;** Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz
  **Oliver Quiring;** Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

- “Global Agenda Setting: A Big Data Analysis of International News Flow”
  **Lei Guo;** U of Colorado - Boulder
  **Chris Vargo;** U of Colorado - Boulder

  **Claudia Mellado;** Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso
  **Arjen van Dalen;** University of Southern Denmark
Top Poster Award

Selected based on paper reviewer scores

“Covering the Hermit Regime: A Comparison of North Korea Coverage at the AP and NK News”

Soomin Seo, Temple University
Rasmus Kleis Nielsen (Editor of IJPP) presents.
Awards committee: Barbie Zelizer (Chair), Thomas Hanitzsch, Chris Peters, David Ryfe

7 nominated books
And the winner is...

Reception Location: Half Door Brewing
903 Island Ave. San Diego
THE END

Thanks for the attention!