

Call for participation in the post-graduate course and research conference

10th Graduate Spring School & Research conference on Comparative Media Systems

co-organized with the MEDIADELCOM HORIZON 2020 and the ECREA CEE Network
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Media System Characteristics as Risks or Opportunities for Deliberative Communication

IUC, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 11-15 April 2022

What is the relations between deliberative democracy as a normative and pragmatic concept, and political and media systems in Central and Eastern European and Western European countries? How can we analyze if the media in certain specific contexts really contribute, or are detrimental, to the practice of deliberative communication and deliberative democracy? Can this relationship be more that a normative one?

This year's course is inspired by the research in the new HORIZON 2020 project MEDIADELCOM (<https://www.mediadelcom.eu>, a project led by the University of Tartu, Estonia), which aims to answer just these questions. The project consortium members (from 14 European countries) argue that European political and cultural spaces evolve best if specific media related policies enhance the conditions for deliberative communication. The project aims to develop a methodology enabling the assessment and forecast of the risks and opportunities for deliberative communication emerging in the process of European media transformation in 2000-2020. A specific focus of MEDIADELCOM is to evaluate Central and Eastern European new democracies in a comparative fashion with their established Western European counterparts. The departure point for the project was the two-part question: In which domains, and in which ways does existing research depict the risks and opportunities (ROs) regarding the agency of news media in supporting deliberative communication. A broad preliminary literature review on the transformations of the news media during the past two decades, revealed four domains conditional on each other, where the risks and opportunities discourse is most clearly identifiable: journalism, legislation and ethics, media usage, and media competences. This year's course will hear and discuss some of the first theoretical and methodological outputs stemming from the project.

The course includes a one day hands-on methodological workshop on the design and implementation of fuzzy set QCA and the accompanying statistical analysis.

The course is accredited with 3.5 ECTS points from the Faculty of political science, University of Zagreb.

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Monday, 11 April 2022

- 10:00-11:00 **Epp Lauk**, University of Tartu
“Identifying risks and opportunities for deliberative communication: the four domains’
- 11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30-12:30 **Lars Nord**, Mid Sweden University
“Deliberately speaking: Reflections on democracy and communication”

Tuesday, 12 April 2022

- 10:00-11:00 **Mart Ots, & Zrinjka Peruško**,
Jönköping International Business School; University of Zagreb
“Deliberative communication and media systems”
- 11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30-12:30 **Halliki Harro-Loit**, University of Tartu
“Risks and opportunities concerning deliberative communication”

Wednesday, 13 April 2022

10:00-12:00 **Dina Vozab**, University of Zagreb & **Filip Trbojević**, University of Zagreb
Methodological workshop: fsQCA – Qualitative comparative analysis of media systems using fuzzy sets

12:00-14:00 *Lunch break & organized city sightseeing for course participants*

Thursday, 14 April 2022

9:00-9:45 **Maria Antonia Calleja-Reina**, Huelva Public Technical College
“Crisis and Risk communication from the perspective of public institutions: The use of Twitter during the 2016 Flood in Malaga Province”

9:45-10:30 **Aleksandra Dragojlov**, Cardiff University
“The Serbian Mediascape in the Context of Covid 19: An Exercise In Statecraft”

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

Doctoral students' presentations

11:00-11:30 **Yasser AbuAli**, Bournemouth University
“Investigating Six Professional Journalistic Roles in Kuwaiti Media System Across Four Platforms”

11:30-12:00 **Peter Čakš**, University of Maribor
“Factchecking the local media in Slovenia on the COVID 19 pandemic”

12:00 – 12:30 **Virgo Siil**, University of Tartu
“Slow journalism in Estonia”

Friday, 15 April 2022

10:00-10:45 **Miklós Sükösd**, University of Copenhagen (zoom)
“Media Lawfare: Orban’s Populist Propaganda State in Hungary”

10:45-11:30 **Malgorzata Winiarska**, Institute of Journalism and Social Communication, Jagiellonian University (zoom)
“Risks to the practice of deliberative communication – a case study”

12:15 Closing ceremony, course evaluation, awarding of certificates