



# ICA Pre-Conference: Global Media and Human Rights

May 23 - 24, 2018

*The preconference is organized by the Leading Research Environment, “Global Media Studies and the Politics of Mediated Communication”, based at the Department of Media Studies at Stockholm University, Sweden. The Leading Research Environment has a focus on human rights and the media, and has been hosting prominent guest professors focusing on socio-political and cultural dimensions of mediation. Sponsoring ICA Divisions ERIC (Ethnicity in Race and Communication); Political Communication; Environmental Communication; Global Communication and Social Change; Philosophy, Theory and Critique*

**DAY 1 (MAY 23, 2018)**

**(All sessions in Smetana Hall)**

**1230: Registration Opens**

**1300-1315: WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

**1315-1415: MEDIA, HUMAN RIGHTS AND MIGRATION (Chair: Christian Christensen)**

*In the past few years, “the migration issue” and the contested concept “the migration crisis” have permeated public discourse, particularly in Europe and North America. The mediations of this discourse are often characterised by tension between the UN and international law-protected rights of freedom of movement, mobility rights and the right to seek and enjoy asylum on the one hand, and measures taken to tighten restrictions, close borders and control international migration, on the other. Moral aspects and values such as transnational solidarity and hospitality, their mediations and the role of the media themselves as social actors emerge as embedded questions in the context of legal and regulatory scopes.*

**Lilie Chouliaraki, The London School of Economics:** Ethics of Witnessing in the Age of Social Media

**Ekaterina Balabanova, University of Liverpool:** Rights, mobility and the ‘illiberal wind’ in Europe?

## **1415-1515: MEDIA, HUMAN RIGHTS AND POPULISM (Chair: Miyase Christensen)**

*With the rise of the far-right, the media's relations with politics and their role in fueling populism have become questions widely scrutinized over the past decade. The changes in the media environment, such as the growing influence and reach of far-right outlets, as well as the questioning of the legitimacy of the so-called "legacy media" have created an environment in which populist rhetoric has moved from the margins into mainstream discourse. Such developments have far-reaching implications for questions of communication rights and the increasing transnational mobility of nativist discourses.*

**Silvio Waisbord, George Washington University:** Reassessing the fight for communication rights in times of right-wing populism: Analytical blind-spots and new questions

**Christian Christensen, Stockholm University:** The European Far-right and US Imagination of an Ethno-Disneyland

## **1515-1530 COFFEE BREAK**

## **1530-1630: HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION (Chair: Kristina Riegert)**

*With the growing significance of environmental degradation and climate change in all spheres of human life and non-human systems (from marine and rainforest habitats to politics and questions of rights and justice), environmental communication today is a core area of research in media and communication studies with growing critical potential. Climate change threatens the livelihoods of communities in vulnerable areas such the First Nations peoples of Canada and indigenous populations in the Arctic. Environmental discrimination and geo-ethnic regimes in handling both the manufacturing industries and waste place questions of environmental justice and human rights center-stage. This panel addresses a number of emergent and existing issues in the context of environment and communication.*

**Miyase Christensen, Stockholm University:** Media, Communication and the Environment in Precarious Times: Rethinking Questions of Justice and Rights

## **1630-1745: COMMUNICATION RIGHTS UNDER GLOBALIZATION (Chair: Christian Christensen)**

*Media and political theory has long acknowledged that the right to communicate, to information, and to recognize oneself in media representations are key components of citizenship. Under globalization, such human rights are not just universal: they are also challenged, and in some cases increasingly threatened. This may come out, for instance, in the form of acts of terrorism, but also in less acute acts and processes that may nonetheless be threatening in the long-term, e.g. in terms of information inequality and how this may be connected to other forms of inequality. This panel reflects on some of these problems, by focusing on global issues in global and national media as well as in international development cooperation.*

**Kristina Riegert, Stockholm University:** News Discourse on Defending Rights and Values around Terrorist attacks - A contribution to Human Rights Awareness or Rhetoric?

**Alexa Robertson, Stockholm University:** Global Media and Information Inequality

**Florencia Enghel, Jönköping University:** Can your attention save lives? Human rights intervention as digital business + social media as moral fix

## **1745: DINNER (ON-SITE)**

### **DAY 2 (MAY 24, 2018)**

#### **0830: Registration Open**

#### **0900-0910 (Smetana Hall) WELCOME & BRIEF INTRODUCTION (INCL. PRACTICAL INFO)**

**0910-0955 (Smetana Hall) Keynote Silvio Waisbord, George Washington University:** *The media politics of the backlash against rights-based citizenship in Latin America* (Chair: Christian Christensen)

## **1000-1115: Parallel Sessions**

### **Smetana Hall (Chair: Kristina Riegert)**

#### **The spotification of musical World Memory**

Patrick Burkart, Texas A & M University

Susanna Leijonhufvud, Luleå Tekniska Universitet

#### **Disrupting the Public Sphere: The Civic and Participatory Potential of Media Start-Ups**

Elfriede Fürsich, University of Pittsburg

#### **Freedom of expression and children protection within the European political debate concerning audiovisual sexual contents on the Internet**

Agnese Pastorino, Université Paris Descartes - Sorbonne

#### **“Jakarta Unfair” Film Distribution on You Tube: Building Independence Against the Domination of Public Sphere**

Eni Maryani, Universitas Padjadjaran

#### **Popular digital culture, Social change and Feminist Discourse: a reception study on advertising, new media and activism campaigns in Spain**

Eloisa Nos-Aldas, University Jaume I of Castellón, Spain

Alessandra Farné, University Jaume I of Castellón, Spain

### **Eliska Junkova Hall (Chair: Alexa Robertson)**

#### **Media reporting in West Africa: ‘a continuation of conflict by other means’**

Jon Silverman, University of Bedfordshire

#### **The Contested Visibility of War: Actors on the Ground Taking and Distributing Images from the War in Syria**

Nina Grønlykke Mollerup, University of Copenhagen

Mette Mortensen, University of Copenhagen

#### **Beyond the suffering subject: Complex coverage of human rights in American and Finnish mainstream news on South Africa and Brazil**

Kirsi Cheas, University of Helsinki

Whose Rights? Image and representational rights in context and in conflict

Joscelyn Jurich, Columbia University

#### **“If the boat sinks we’ll just swim without our clothes on!”: Humor and collectivity as alternative framing of refugees in (non-)citizen journalism**

Helena Hägglund, Stockholm University

## **1115-1130: COFFEE BREAK**

## **1130-1245: Parallel Session 2**

### **Smetana Hall (Chair: Christian Christensen)**

#### **Regulating Religion in the United States: Mormons, Quakers, and Muslims.**

Kathryn Montalbano, Neumann University

#### **“Nationwide US Coverage of Gun Safety: Testing Community Structure Theory”**

John Pollock, The College of New Jersey

#### **Forced Displacement and Child Sensitive Communication - Connecting Research and Advocacy**

Emanuela Bianchera, UNICEF Office of Research – Florence, Italy

#### **Hayek and the “social justice warrior”**

Sean Phelan, Massey University

#### **Pornscapes of Migration**

Juan Llamas-Rodriguez, The University of Texas at Dallas

#### **Rights and the mediation of migrant deaths at Europe’s borders**

Karina Horsti, University of Jyväskylä

### **Eliska Junkova Hall (Chair: Kristina Riebert)**

#### **El-Jaida. The spark of the Tunisian women rights movement**

Ilhem Allagui, Northwestern University

#### **“The shrinking communicative space of civil society in pursuing gender equality in media**

Bruktawit Ejigu Kassa, Haramaya University, Ethiopia

Katharine Sarikakis, University of Vienna

#### **THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY: Challenges to Media Activism Confronted in Rural *Community Rights* Engagement Projects**

Peter Lemish, Independent Scholar

#### **mHealth and the Igorot: Narratives from Indigenous Mountain Province, Philippines**

Dazzelyn Baltazar Zapata, National University of Singapore

#### **Navigating local sensitivities: Human rights, communications strategies, and international organisations in Sri Lanka**

Madhu Senaratne, University of Sussex

**1245-1345: LUNCH**

**1345-1430 (Smetana Hall) Keynote Lilie Chouliaraki, The London School of Economics: *The rise of lifestyle solidarity* (Chair: Miyase Christensen)**

**1430-1445: COFFEE BREAK**

**1445-1600: Session 3**

**Smetana Hall (Chair: Alexa Robertson)**

**Conceptualizing Newsgathering: Redefining the Human Right to ‘Seek ... Information and Ideas**

Erik Ugland, Marquette University

**Right to post or right to live? “Rights conflicts” in a global hybrid media event of terrorist violence**

Katja Valaskivi, University of Tampere

Johanna Sumiala, University of Helsinki

Minttu Tikka, University of Helsinki

**Human Rights Video Activism Through an Institutional Lens**

Sandra Ristovska, University of Colorado Boulder

**Global Flows, and “Universal” Human and Communication Rights**

Yael Warshel, Penn State University

**‘Good news for humanitarians? Journalist-foundation interactions and the consequences for specialist humanitarian news outlets’**

Martin Scott, University of East Anglia

Kate Wright, Edinburgh University

Mel Bunce, City University of London

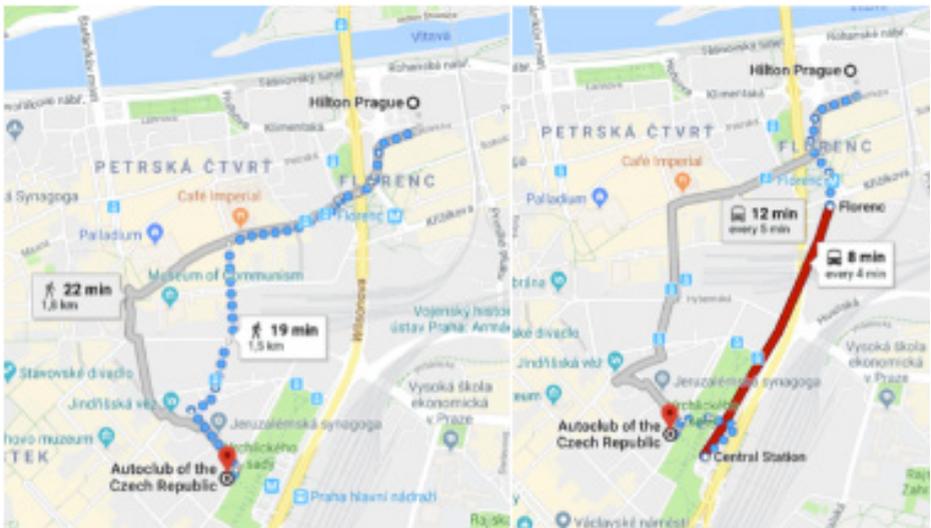
**1600-1630 (Smetana Hall): Concluding words/Wrap-Up (Discussion led by Miyase Christensen and Christian Christensen)**

## Pre-Conference Practical Information

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**Venue:** The Global Media and Human Rights pre-conference will be held at the **Autoklub ČR, Opletalova 29, 110 00, Praha 1**. The location is a 20 min walk from the Prague Hilton, or a 10 minute ride and walk by public transport, and is next to the main railway station. Below: the walking route and the route with public transport.



**Schedule:** The pre-conference is a 1 1/2 day event. The first day (May 23, starting at 13:00) will be made up of pre-arranged panels and talks. We would ask that you arrive by around 12:30 to register so that we can begin at 13:00 sharp. After the conclusion of the first day (around 1800), there will be a reception at the venue with food and wine. This reception is included in the price. All accepted paper presentations will then take place on the second day (May 24), starting at 9:00. The session on Day 2 will end in sufficient time for you to return to the conference hotel to attend the ICA opening reception. Lunch is also provided on-site on Day 2 (also included in registration price).

**Paper presentations:** In order to maximize our time and allow for discussion, each paper will be allotted a maximum of 10 minutes. Out of fairness to all presenters, this time limit will be strictly enforced.

**PowerPoints/Presentations:** Rooms are equipped with laptops and projectors for presentations. Loading the presentations at the start of the session will take too much time, so we would ask that you bring your presentations loaded on a USB stick so we can put them on the laptops in advance of the session.

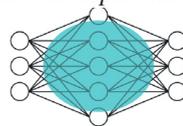
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