CONFERENCE OF THE ECREA POLITICAL COMMUNICATION SECTION

COMPARING POLITICAL COMMUNICATION ACROSS TIME AND SPACE

20TH and 21ST October, 2011, MADRID.

Universidad Complutense de Madrid
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PROGRAMME

Location: Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will take place in the Sala de Conferencias of the new building of the Facultad de Ciencias de la Información. See map for indications.

Sessions will be broadcast live through the Internet, cosponsored by UNIR, Universidad Internacional de la Rioja.

Thursday 20TH October

12.00 Registration.
12.45 Welcome/Introduction
13.00 PLENARY PANEL 1. Communicating politics: professionalization and popularization

Chair: Jesper Strömback, Mid Sweden University, stromback@miun.se

Popularization of politics: a comparative analysis
Gianpietro Mazzoleni, Università degli Studi di Milano
Patricia Moy, Università degli Studi di Milano
Michael Xenos, Università degli Studi di Milano

What factors explain the professionalization of political campaigning? Evidence from a comparison between Swiss cantonal elections
Stefanie Knocks, University of Bern

Dissolved politics: Trends in televised leaders’ debates reports in Canada, 1968-2008
Frederick Bastien, Laval University

A comparative perspective in government communication? Looking at government communication across 13 countries
Maria José Canel, Madrid Complutense University
Karen Sanders, CEU San Pablo University

14.15 PLENARY PANEL 2. Role perceptions and performance of journalists
Chair: María José Canel, Madrid Complutense University. mjcanel@ccinf.ucm.es

Journalists’ trust in public institutions in 18 Countries
Rosa Berganza, University Rey Juan Carlos
Thomas Hanitzsch, University of Munich

Making sense of press freedom. A comparison of journalists’ interpretations of press freedom in six new democracies
Katrin Voltmer, University of Leeds

Perceptions of journalists on the political agenda-setting power of the media in comparative perspective
Peter Van Aelst, University of Antwerp/Leiden University
Arjen Van Dalen, University of Southern Denmark

A comparison of interpretative political journalism in Swedish election campaigns 1998-2010
Lars Nord, Mid Sweden University
Jesper Strömbäck, Mid Sweden University

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 PARALLEL PANEL 3. The mediatisation of political institutions.
Chair: Magdalena Wojcieszak, IE School of Communication, Madrid,
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Comparing newspaper coverage of parliaments across time and space
Rene Jainsch, Dresden University of Technology

Studying the tango: A longitudinal analysis of parliamentary questions and media coverage in the Netherlands
Peter Van Aelst, University of Antwerp/Leiden University
Rens Vliegenthart, University of Amsterdam

Powerful but communicative as well? Similarities and differences in the communicative relationship between the administration and the media in Germany and Switzerland.
Marlis Prinzing, Macromedia University for Media and Communication

How much does communication matter? A comparison between strategies of Italian governments: 2001-2011
16.00 PARALLEL PANEL 4. Constructed realities and public attention.

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Chair: Guillermo Velasco, Universidad Panamericana Guadalajara, México, jgvelas@up.edu.mx

The impact of different political and media systems on European TV programs
Steffen Kolb, University of Fribourg

Good old days or bright futures? A discursive reconstruction of the structural transformation of the British public sphere 1960-2005
Thomas Haeussler, University of Bern

A case of identity: The role of political culture proximity in international newsworthiness
Tamir Sheafer, Hebrew University
Shaul Shenhav, Hebrew University
Elad Segev, Tel Aviv University
Janet Takens, VU University Amsterdam

Tracing differences in media logic: A comparative content analysis of newspapers across six democracies and five decades
Frank Esser, University of Zurich
Andrea Umbricht, University of Zurich

17.15 PARALLEL PANEL 5. Campaign images and campaign agendas.

Chair: Gianpietro Mazzoleni. University of Milan. gianpietro.mazzoleni@unimi.it

Marketing the candidate. Personalization in election posters in Austrian national election campaigns, 1945 – 2008
Lore Hayek, University of Innsbruck

New perspectives on agenda formation: Agenda building processes during election campaigns in Austria, 1970-2008
Gabriele Melischek, Commission for Comparative Media and Communication Studies, Austria
Josef Seethaler, Commission for Comparative Media and Communication Studies, Austria

Mapping political reporting styles. The struggle between journalist-centered and politician-centered election communication in the United States, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, and Spain
Frank Esser, University of Zurich
Florin Buechel, University of Zurich

U.S. and international coverage of the election of Barack Obama: Trends and differences
Salma Ghanem, Central Michigan University
17.15 PARALLEL PANEL 6. Changing technologies-changing politics?

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Chair: Pablo López Rabadan, Universidad Jaume I, rabadan@com.uji.es

Institutionalized political change and mobile phones: Exploring global trends and linkages from the post-war era through the information age
Jacob Groshek, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Alex Farivar, University of Michigan

Comparing online politics: Parties’ and candidates’ websites in seven Western democracies (2006-2010)
Cristian Vaccari, University of Bologna

The effect of elections on the digitisation of political communication. A panel study looking for the role of political interest and cognitive mobilisation
Pablo Porten, Ilmenau University of Technology, Germany
Jens Wolling, Ilmenau University of Technology, Germany

18.30 End of day one

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Friday 21st October

9.30 PLENARY KEY NOTE: Promise fulfilled? Comparative research in political communication systems.

Speaker: Barbara Pfetsch. Free University of Berlin

Chair: Katrin Voltmer, University of Leeds

10.30 PLENARY PANEL 7. Audience responses to political messages

Chair: Claes de Vreese, Claes De Vreese, University of Amsterdam, c.h.devreese@uva.nl

Candidate-voting revisited. A longitudinal analysis of individual media usage and voting behaviour
Reimar Zeh, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Direct democracy and political socialization: Comparing Switzerland and the Netherlands
Judith Möller, University of Zürich
Ruth Kunz, University of Zürich
Frank Esser, University of Zürich
Claes De Vreese, University of Amsterdam

Youth conceptions on elections and mediated democracy: what patterns reveals timeline?
María José Brites, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
María Ponte, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Isabel Menezes, Universidad Moderna de Lisboa

The dynamics of political interest and news media consumption: A longitudinal perspective
Jesper Strömbäck, University of Stockholm
Monika Djerf-Pierre, University of Gothenburg
Adam Shehata, University of Gothenburg

11.45 Coffee break
12.15 Business Meeting
13.15 Lunch. Restaurante Museo del Traje. See map for indications.

15.00 PARALLEL PANEL 8. The mediatisation of European elections.
Chair: Frank Esser, University of Zurich, f.esser@ipmz.uzh.ch

Across time and space. Explaining over-time and cross-country variations in the coverage of European Elections
Hajo Boomgaarden, University of Amsterdam
Claes de Vreese, University of Amsterdam
Andreas Schuck, University of Amsterdam
Matthijs Elenbaas, University of Amsterdam
Rachid Azrout, University of Amsterdam
Rens Vliegenthart, University of Amsterdam
Joost Van Spanje, University of Amsterdam

Framing Europe: A cross-cultural analysis of party-political broadcasts for the 2009 EU elections
Manon Van der Laaken, University of Amsterdam

Transformations in second-order campaigning: A German-Finnish comparison on the occasion of the European parliamentary elections 2004 and 2009
Jens Tenscher, Universität Augsburg
Tom Moring, University of Helsinki
Juri Mykkänen, University of Helsinki

Between European and national public spheres: The Euroelections 2009 in British and German quality newspapers
Hannah Middendorf, University of Muenster

15.00 PARALLEL PANEL 9. Crossing borders: Transnational communications and transnational connections.

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Chair: Andreu Casero Ripollés, Universidad Jaume I, casero@com.uji.es
In or out? A cross-national comparative newspaper analysis of reciprocal perceptions between Western Balkan countries and the EU against the background of a future EU accession
Romy Wohlert, University of Bielefeld, Germany

City-diplomacy in the EU context
Teresa La Porte, Universidad de Navarra

Mediating alliance: The role of the press in sustaining reciprocity in the US-Canada relationship
Katherine Dunsmore, Fairleigh Dickinson University NJ

Migrant minority media in Madrid and London: political actors in the migratory transnational field
Alicia Ferrández Ferrer, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

16.15 Coffee Break

16.30 PLENARY PANEL 10. The art of comparing political communication: methodological issues.

Chair: Barbara Pfetsch. Free University of Berlin. pfetsch@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Political vs. media logic or simply different worlds? A typology of political communication cultures across Europe
Barbara Pfetsch, Freie Universität Berlin
Eva Mayerhöffer, Freie Universität Berlin
Tom Moring, University of Helsinki

Media attention cycles
Steffen Kolb, University of Fribourg
Sünje Paasch-Colberg, University of Fribourg

Politicians’ peccadilloes in comparative context: Using fuzzy set qualitative case analysis (fsQCA) to explain the frequency of political sex scandals in eight democracies
James Stanyer, Loughborough University
John Downey, Loughborough University

5.45 Final Remarks
6.00 End of workshop

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