

Network Representative Election ECREA EB

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As the Chair (2016-18, and vice chair 2014-16) of the CEE Network, I would like to stand as candidate for the representative of the Networks in the ECREA Executive Board. If elected I would be proud to work to the advancement of the Central and Eastern European scholars network as well as the interests of the Woman's network and Young scholars network. The networks, in my mind, represent ECREA membership vulnerable or "minority" in respect to power, and in need of special support to enhance their full participation and contribution. This is especially true for the CEE scholars (including women and young scholars from this part of Europe) who, due to structural historical circumstance, are still underrepresented in published research in international journals, in visibility and prominence of their work, and in the management of ECREA thematic sections (only three vice chairs are affiliated at CEE universities, while for instance, almost half of the sections also have a YECREA representative in their management teams).

If elected, I will primarily work to advocate ECREA policies that would help to counter the reasons for the still apparent disciplinary divide between East and West and advance the communication and research cooperation among scholars in the region and those interested in the region, and among universities and other institutional players, with special emphasis on including young scholars and in a gender balanced way, and in increasing the visibility and cooperation of CEE scholars with the wider academic community. I would be happy to be the voice also of the Women's network and the YECREA and facilitate their access.

I would regard it as a great privilege to serve as the Network representative in the next term.

My short CV: I am Professor of Media sociology and Mass communication theory at the University of Zagreb (with a Ph.D. in sociology, which was also my original BA (hons.) degree, and a MSC in Communication), Founder Chair of the Centre for Media and Communication Research (www.cim.fpzg.unizg.hr) at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb. I am Director of the Media and Politics Stream in the Doctoral Program in Political Science at the University of Zagreb, and Founder Co-director of the international post-graduate course Comparative Media Systems at the Inter University Centre Dubrovnik. I was visiting professor in the Master of applied media research at the Department of Journalism and Audiovisual Media, Faculty of Humanities, Communication and Documentation, University Carlos III Madrid, in the Spring 2014 (also in 2017), Fulbright scholar at the Indiana University, Bloomington (2001/2), and discussed my work also at the University of Florida and at Roskilde University.

I was lucky in receiving research funding from the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport in Croatia, the University of Zagreb, Croatian Foundation for the Development of Civil Society, the Open Society Institute, Budapest, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Council of Europe, UNESCO. As a member of the CEECOM consortium, I was Chair to the 8th CEECOM Conference which took place in Zagreb in 2015. In these efforts, I was happy to cooperate with great research teams and colleagues.

In terms of past (and present) service, in addition to several Croatian media policy or regulatory/advisory bodies, I was member in the Advisory Panel on Media Diversity (AP-MD, 2000-2004), was elected the chair of the Group of Specialist on Media Diversity (MC-S-MD) of the Council of Europe in 2006 and 2007, and was Croatian representative in the UNESCO IPDC (intermittently since 2000). I serve on the editorial boards of the Nordicom Review (2016-), Javnost-The Public (2015-), Central European Journal of Communication (2014-), Zurnalistikos tyrimai (Journalism Research) (Lithuania) (2010-) and Croatian journals Politička misao (Croatian Political Science Review) (2009-2017), Medijska istraživanja (Media Research, founding member, 1994-2014), Revija za sociologiju (Review of Sociology) (1996-2004), Culturelink (1989-2006).

I have authored and edited four books (on media and democracy, media and civil society, the Croatian media system, and an introductory textbook on the media) and articles and chapters published in domestic and international journals and books, mainly focusing on comparative media systems, audience dynamics, cultures and media reform in Central and Eastern Europe. Recently I developed an additional interest in the disciplinary history of media and communication studies in CEE in pre,

socialist, and post-socialist times. My most recent research approach is from the mediatization perspective.

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