

ECREA EB TWG Representative
CV and mission statement

Michael Harnischmacher

Since 2015, Michael Harnischmacher works at the Centre for Media and Communication at the University of Passau, Germany, teaching a wide variety of courses ranging from practical journalism to empirical research methods and communication theory. Previously, he has worked at the Department for Media Studies at the University of Trier, Germany, and as a Research Assistant at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt's School of Journalism from 2001 to 2007. From 2007-2010, he was the personal assistant to the president of said university. He has earned a degree in journalism at the same school in 2001 and his PhD in 2010. In addition, he has studied political science at the University of Bologna, Italy, and the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. During the late 90s and early 2000s, he has worked as a journalist on a television news program and a film/movie editorial staff for a major online publication.

His PhD-Thesis dealt with the comparison of US and German journalism education programs and the expectations towards the programs from the media.

Since 2014, he is chair of the ECREA Journalism & Communication Education TWG.

Mission Statement

As EB representative for the Temporary Working Groups I would see two focuses of my work (besides the obvious role of communicating and representing TWG interests within the EB):

First, to improve the communication between TWGs and sections in order to enable more collaboration in terms of research projects, joint conferences etc.

Second, to help and advocate the transition to section for Working Groups that fit the necessary criteria.