# Executive Board Annual Report 2021

## Communication and Democracy Section

## Management team:

Chair: Christina Neumayer, University of Copenhagen

Vice-chair: Delia Dumitrica, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Vice-chair: Dan Mercea, City, University of London

## Social media:

Public Facebook group, ECREA Communication & Democracy, 769 members.

## Activities in 2021:

For the 8th ECC 2020 taking place online in 2021 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic), the section received 130 individual papers and 7 panel submissions. At the conference, the section organised 14 sessions with 59 paper presentations; 4 panels with 13 paper presentations; and a business meeting. The previous management team (chair: Anne Kaun; vice-chairs: Emiliano Trere, Christina Neumayer) decided to remain in office until elections were held during the Business Meeting at the 8th ECC, when the new management team was elected. Ally McCrow-Young stepped down as the YECREA representative for the Communication & Democracy section, and the new YECREA representative is Jan Hinnerk Freytag.

## Plans for 2022:

The work of the section during 2022 focuses primarily on preparing the 9th ECC 2022 taking place at Aarhus University, 19 - 22 October 2022. In addition to the main conference, the Communication & Democracy section will organise a hybrid pre-conference in collaboration with and the two research projects, Datafied Living (PI: Stine Lomborg, University of Copenhagen) and Data Publics (PI: Jannie Møller Hartley, Roskilde University) provisionally titled ‘Datafied Welfare States’. The pre-conference will take place online and at the University of Copenhagen, on 18 October 2022.