

Communication Law and Policy Section Report of Activities 2012

After a successful 2012 with a section workshop, an ECC pre-conference and the ECC itself, the CLP section heads into 2013 with a new section management team.

Publications

In spring 2012 the volume “Trends in Communication Policy Research” (edited by Natascha Just and Manuel Puppis) – and outcome of the 2009 ECREA-CLP workshop in Zurich – was published as part of the ECREA Book Series. The book was completely funded by ECREA and distributed to all institutional and second year individual members of ECREA.

New publications are currently being worked on, for instance a volume resulting from the 2012 section workshop in Munich, edited by Maria Löblich and Senta Pfaff-Rüdiger.

Events

The most recent workshop of the CLP section took place in Munich on March 15-17. The topic of the workshop was “**New Approaches to Media Policy for the Digital Age at the Munich ECREA CL&P Workshop**”. It was hosted and organized by the Department of Communication Science and Media Research (IfKW) of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität and supported by the Munich Center on Governance, Communication, Public Policy and Law (MCG).

Together with its ICA and IAMCR sister sections, ECREA-CLP organized a pre-conference of the ECC in Istanbul on „**Imposing Freedoms: Privacy, Copyright and Censorship in the digital era**“. Totally, 27 speakers from 14 different countries presented their work. Among them were Sandra Braman (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, US), Loreto Corredoira (Complutense University, Spain), Jo Pierson (Free University of Brussels, Belgium), Adilson Cabral (Fluminense Federal University, Brazil), Laura Stein (University of Texas, US), Karen Markin (University of Rhode Island, US), Asli Tunc (Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey).

The CLP section was also supporting the symposium “**The European Public Sphere: from critical thinking to responsible action**”, organized by the ECREA Intercultural and International Communication Section in Brussels on February 2. Carmina Crusafon attended the event as a CLP representative.

Last but not least, the CLP section offered a wide selection of panels, presentations and social events at this year’s **European Communication Conference** in Istanbul. Poster presentations and seven sessions discussed a wide range of topical issues in communication policy. To celebrate the publication of “Trends”, a special panel session dedicated to a critical discussion of the book was organized. The session was followed by a successful and well-attended reception at Simdi-Bar, sponsored by the Swiss Association of Communication and Media Research (SACM; main sponsor) and the University of Zurich’s Institute of Mass Communication and Media Research (IPMZ).

Business Meeting

A section business meeting was held at the ECC in Istanbul. The outgoing management team reported on the last year and the process of putting together the section program for the ECC.

Yet the business meeting mainly dealt with the **election** of a new section management team. During the meeting, Manuel Puppis (Chair), Hilde van den Bulck and Sarah Broughton-Micova (Vice Chairs) were elected. The section thanks wholeheartedly Katharine Sarikakis and Carmina Crusafon for all their work for the CLP section. Moreover, Sarah Ganter was introduced as YECREA's representative for the section.

Moreover, members approved the decision to hold the next **workshop** in fall 2013 at the University of Salford (Manchester). It will be organized by Seamus Simpson. The section will try to strengthen collaboration with policy-makers and to invite representatives of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) to its next workshop. Moreover, a special YECREA session for young scholars is planned.

Finally, the Central European University in Budapest, represented by Kristina Irion, expressed an interest in organizing a section workshop which is now tentatively scheduled for 2015.

Up-to-date information about the section is always available at <http://commlawpolicy.wordpress.com/>

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