

GENDER AND COMMUNICATION YEAR REPORT 2009

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1. SECTION HISTORY/ORGANISATION

The Gender and Communication Section was approved by the ECREA's executive board in December 2006. The section has one chair and two vice chairs:

- Claudia Alvares, Lusofona University - Department of Communication, Arts and Information Technologies - Portugal
- Sofie Van Bauwel; Ghent University - Department of Communication Studies - Belgium
- Tonny Krijnen; Erasmus University of Rotterdam - Department of Media and Communication - The Netherlands

The chair and both vice-chairs were reelected for a second term in November 2008 during the 2nd ECC conference in Barcelona. The chairs have regular communication exchange with each other. The section itself now has 95 members from 27 different countries.

2. ACTIVITIES

In the year 2009 the section has:

- a. **SUCCESSFULLY COMPETED IN THE CALL FOR BOOK PROPOSALS FOR ECREA BOOK SERIES.** The book proposal consisted of 12 chapters on gender and media, written by either section-members or participants in section-panels during the 2nd ECC-conference in Barcelona, 2008. Furthermore, the introduction was written by Liesbet van Zoonen and the conclusion by the chairs of the section. The first draft of the manuscript will be finished in early January 2010.
- b. **CO-ORGANISED A SMALL CONFERENCE 'MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND THE SPECTACLE'** with the Communication and Democracy Section, the Film Studies Section, the Young Scholars Network and the Erasmus Research Centre for Media, Communication and Culture(ERMeCC). The conference was hosted by the ERMeCC. For the opening plenary session three keynote speakers: Nick Couldry, Douglas Kellner, Liesbet van Zoonen were invited to give their view on the importance of the Spectacle for their own field of work. For the closing plenary session three speakers, Denise Bielby, Nico Carpentier and Erik Hitters, were invited to comment on their experiences during the conference. The call for papers drew 131 abstracts of which 120 were selected. The conference itself was attended by 130 participants, representing around 15 countries.
- c. **ORGANISED THE 4TH BUSINESS MEETING** of the section during the 'Media, Communication and the Spectacle' conference in November 2009.
- d. **INVOLVED SECTION MEMBERS IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION**, for example during the Media, Communication and Spectacle Conference, but also in the reviewing of abstract submission for the 3rd ECC conference.

3. FUTURE PLANS

- a. Co-editing a special issue for the Journal of Popular Communication with the Film Studies Section and the Communication and Democracy Section.
- b. Organisation of section panels for the 3rd ECC conference in Hamburg 2010.
- c. Organisation of the election for the Gender and Communication Section Team in 2010.
- d. Submitting a proposal to launch a journal with ECREA/Intellect.