**Report of the Key Activities/Media and Religion TWG 2014**

**Chairs: Johanna Sumiala (Univ. of Helsinki), Knut Lundby (Univ. of Oslo) & Mihai Coman (Univ. of Bucharest)**

**Conferences and workshops (organizing, collaborating and participating):**

- Workshop on Sacred and Profane organized by prof. Gordon Lynch (Univ. of Kent) 24 January 2014, LSE, London.

- Conference on Media, Religion and Language 28-30 April 2014

Organized by The Department of Journalism of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Catholic University in Ružomberok, along with ECREA Media and Religion TWG

Terézia Rončáková (organization team director)

- Pre-Conference ICA Seattle “Media and Religion”: Betwixt and Between, 22 May 2014 at University of Washington

Philosophy, Theory and Critique Division of the International Communication Association in collaboration with ECREA Media and Religion TWG

Heidi Campbell and Günter Thomas (organization team directors)

- Workshop on Media, Religion and Gender in Europe, 13 June 2014. Organized by Observatory of Blanquerna Media, Culture and Religion, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona

Miriam Díez Bosch (organization team director)

- International Society for Media, Religion and Culture (ISMRC) conference 4-6 August, 2014, Canterbury.

- The Norwegian Medieforskerkonferansen in Trondheim October 2014.

- The Sigtuna network conference on media and religion 27–29 October. Theme Representation of Religion in Newspapers.

**Publications:**
Special issue on Media and Religion. The Romanian Journal of Journalism and Communication. 4 (43). (editor-in-chief Mihai Coman)

The handbook on Mediatization of Communication edited by Knut Lundby (2014, de Gruyter). Includes a chapter on mediatization of religion by Mia Lövheim and Mediatization of Death by Johanna Sumiala

[http://www.degruyter.com/view/product/180158?format=G](http://www.degruyter.com/view/product/180158?format=G" \t "_blank)

Sumiala, Johanna (2014) Mediatized ritual – Expanding the field in the study of media and ritual. *Sociology Compass* 8(7), 939–947. (e-journal)

Lövheim, Mia, Jansson, André, Paasonen, Susanna & Sumiala, Johanna (2013) Social media: Implications for everyday life, politics and human agency. *Approaching Religion*. 2(3), 26–37.

Sumiala, Johanna (2014) Ritualising Public Death in the Nordic Media, in *Mediating and Re-Mediating Death*. Dorthe Refslund Christensen & Kjetil Sanvik (eds.) Farnham, Surrey:Ashgate, 91–110.

**Projects:**

The new *Engaging with Conflicts in Mediatized Religious Environments*(CoMRel) project - approved in April, started in October this year. (Knut Lundby)
[http://www.hf.uio.no/imk/english/research/projects/comrel/index.html](http://www.hf.uio.no/imk/english/research/projects/comrel/index.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

Religion and Media group of the NOREL-project (-2014) (Knut Lundby) [http://www.religioninpublicsphere.no](http://www.religioninpublicsphere.no" \t "_blank)