

ECREA REPORT

MEDIA AND RELIGION TWG ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

Conferences:

Organization of two panels in ECREA Prague conference chaired by Johanna Sumiala and Knut Lundby (see more detailed information, ECREA conference program).

Organization of panel *Religion in European Discourse, Europe in religious Discourse*, in Europe in Discourse conference, Athens, 23-26 September 2016, <http://europeindiscourse.eu/> (chaired by vice chair Mihai Coman)

Conference presentation on Religious Controversies, Sigtuna Foundation 31. Oct – 2 Nov, 2016. (chair Johanna Sumiala)

Conference presentation “Cow Girl or a Suicide Bomber”. Nordic Conference of Sociology of Religion, University of Helsinki, 17-19 Aug, 2016. (chair Johanna Sumiala)

Participation in 4th Congress of Polish Communication Association which took place in Poznań, 15-17 of September 2016; during the Congress Damian Guzek (YECREA representative) presented the working group and invited people to join the ECREA and TWG Media and Religion. (Damian Guzek)

Co-organization of «Researching Religious Controversies Conference" with the Sigtuna Foundation there 31 October – 2 November. (Knut Lundby and Mona Abdil Fadir)

Co-organization with TWG on Media and Religion for NordMedia2017 in Tampere: <http://www.uta.fi/cmt/en/Conferences/NordMedia2017/Divisions/TWG1.html> (organized by Knut Lunby and Line Nybro Petersen)

Projects:

Knut Lundby (vice chair) **directs project** on «Engaging with Conflicts in Mediatized Religious Environments. A Comparative Scandinavian Study» (CoMRel) <http://www.hf.uio.no/imk/english/research/projects/comrel/index.html>

Publications:

Sumiala, Johanna & Korpiola, Lilly 2016. Mediatized Martyrdom? Witnessing global compassion and solidarity during the ‘Arab Spring’. *New Media and Society*, 1461444816649918, first published on June 6, 2016.

Sumiala, Johanna & Korpiola, Lilly 2016. Tahrir 2011: Contested Dynamics of a Media Event, in *Media Events: A Critical Contemporary Approach*, Bianka Mitu & Stamakis Poulakidakos (eds.) London: Palgrave MacMillan.

Coman, Mihai 2016. *Myth*. in The International Encyclopedia of Communication Theory and Philosophy. Editor(s): Klaus Bruhn Jensen (Editor-in-Chief), Robert T. Craig (Editor-in-Chief), Jefferson D. Pooley (Associate Editor), Malden, Wiley-Blackwell, 2016 (vice chair Mihai Coman)

Coman, Mihai 2016. *Structuralism*. in The International Encyclopedia of Communication Theory and Philosophy. Editor(s): Klaus Bruhn Jensen (Editor-in-Chief), Robert T. Craig (Editor-in-Chief), Jefferson D. Pooley (Associate Editor), Malden, Wiley-Blackwell, 2016 (vice chair Mihai Coman)

Guzek, Damian and Bartłomiej Secler 2016. **Paper proposal** for an edited volume "Dynamics of religious media in Europe."

Guzek, Damian and Bartłomiej Secler 2016. **Book proposal** of the volume to the 14th wave of ECREA Routledge Series/ or one of CEE Series in Peter Lang.

The blog "Religion: Going Public" <http://religiongoingpublic.com> (contributions by the members of Media and Religion TWG, blog is created in collaboration with CoMRel project, moderated by Mona Abdil Fadil and her colleagues)

Networks:

Open **Facebook** group for The Nordic Network on Media and Religion
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/308536162506388/> (moderated by Mona Abdil Fadil)

In December 2016, the TWG Media and Religion had 90 active members.