

Program

WE, 23.09.2026

18:00 - 18:15 | JOHANNESSAAL

Opening

Matthias Karmasin, Director of the CMC,
Austrian Academy of Sciences | University of
Klagenfurt, Austria

18:15 - 19:30 | JOHANNESSAAL

Keynote

Robin Mansell, London School of Economics
and Political Science, United Kingdom

Moderation: Krisztina Rozgonyi & Eva T.
Asboth, Austrian Academy of Sciences |
University of Klagenfurt, Austria

19:30 - 21:00 | AULA

Reception

TH, 24.09.2026

08:30 - 09:00 | AULA

Registration

09:00 - 10:30 | JOHANNESSAAL

Panel 1: Journalistic Practices in Synchronic and Diachronic Comparison

Chair: Tobias Eberwein, Austrian Academy of
Sciences | University of Klagenfurt, Austria

Andreas A. Riedl, University of Augsburg,
Germany
Reconsidering National Context in Comparative
Research: Lessons from Peripheral Actors in
Journalism

Thomas R. Schmidt, University of Vienna,
Austria

Conceptualizing Variation over Time: Comparative
Cultural History as Method

Eva T. Asboth, Andreas Schulz-Tomančok,
Christian Oggolder, Austrian Academy of
Sciences | University of Klagenfurt

Diachronic perspectives on Austrian party media:
Journalistic role perception & functions and
structures in (dis-)continuity

10:30 - 10:45 | COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 12:15 | JOHANNESSAAL

Panel 2: Political Communication in Different Contexts

Chair: Maren Beaufort, Austrian Academy of
Sciences | University of Klagenfurt, Austria

Maxym Gardus, European Humanities
University, Lithuania

From "Limited Measures" to "Existential Energy
Security": A Comparative Analysis of EU Sanctions
Narratives in 2014 and 2022

Peter Berglez, Lea Hellmueller, Marcel
Garz, Mart Ots, Örebro University, Sweden,
Jönköping University, Sweden, City St
George's, University of London, United
Kingdom

Political Polarization Across National Media
Systems: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
Toward a Comparative Typology (2004–2025)

Diana Liparteliani, Georgian National
University SEU, Georgia
Artificial Intelligence and Comparative Media
Research: Detecting Manipulative Political
Narratives in Small-Language Media Systems
(Evidence from Georgian and Baltic Media)

12:15 – 13:30 | LUNCH BREAK

13:30 – 15:00 | JOHANNESSAAL

Panel 3: Governing Communication through Ethics and Infrastructures in Europe

Chair: Andreas M. Scheu, Austrian Academy of Sciences | University of Klagenfurt, Austria

Konrad Bleyer-Simon, Zsuzsa Detrekői, Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom of the European University Institute, Italy & Media and Journalism Research Center, Spain
Can Comparative Research Assess Regulatory Impact? The Case of the European Media Freedom Act

Marie Rathmann, Tobias Eberwein, Sandra Förster, Krisztina Rozgonyi, Marina Lindmeyr, Christina Krakovsky, Austrian Academy of Sciences | University of Klagenfurt, Austria
Dialogic Communication Ethics in Europe – A Comparative View

Halliki Harro-Loit, University of Tartu, Estonia
Technology vs. Science Policy: Challenges of Comparative Research Across European Countries – The Case of Journalism and Media Studies

15:00 – 15:15 | COFFEE BREAK

15:15 – 16:45 | JOHANNESSAAL

Panel 4: Meta-perspectives on Comparability in Cross- and Transregional Research

Chair: Andreas Schulz-Tomančok, Austrian Academy of Sciences | University of Klagenfurt, Austria

Aleksa Mitić, Nikola Doderović, University of Niš, Serbia

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Ethical Implications of AI Use in Comparative Communication Research

Tea Koneska-Vasilevska, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, North Macedonia
Comparison as integration: Convergent mixed-method and participatory approaches in research on institutional communication and older audiences

Carsten Wilhelm, Université de Haute-Alsace, France

Between Implicit Practice and Explicit Method: International Comparison in French Communication Studies

16:45 – 17:15

Farewell

17:15 – 18:15

Guided Tour through the historical Premises of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

18:30 | CONFERENCE DINNER

Zum Roten Bären, Berggasse 39, 1090 Vienna