

Preconference for ICA's 2016 Annual Conference

Media Performance & Democracy: Defining and Measuring the Quality of News

Thu, June 9, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk

Preliminary Program

Sponsor

Political Communication Division

Organizers & Chairs

Josef Seethaler, Austrian Academy of Sciences; Linards Udris, U of Zurich

1:00 p.m. | 13:00 Welcome

1:05 p.m. | 13:05 Keynotes

Rodney Tiffen, U of Sydney: *Measuring Trends in the News Media's Democratic Performance*

Amy Mitchell, PEW Research Center, Washington, DC

1:40 p.m. | 13:40 Normative Standards of Media Performance Research

Measuring Mediated Contestation: Four Dimensions of Democratic News Cultures - *Charlotte Löb, U of Mannheim; Eike Mark Rinke, U of Mannheim; Hartmut Wessler, U of Mannheim*

Democratic Theory as a Rationale for Normative Standards and Benchmarks of Media Performance - *Raphael Kösters, Heinrich Heine U Düsseldorf*

The Evolution of the VAP Method for Journalism Quality Measurement: Its Specific Adaptations to News Budgets and Natural Disasters Coverage - *Silvia Pellegrini, Pontificia U Católica de Chile; Constanza Mujica, Pontificia U Católica de Chile; Soledad Puente, Pontificia U Católica de Chile; Daniela Grassau, Pontificia U Católica de Chile*

Putting the "demos" back in Democracy: Methodological Implications and Empirical Evidence for Measuring Media Performance - *Josef Seethaler, Austrian Academy of Sciences; Maren Beaufort, Austrian Academy of Sciences*

2:40 p.m. | 14:40 Coffee Break

3:00 p.m. | 15:00 Measuring Media Performance on Different Levels

Analyzing the Quality of the News Media – Lessons from a Large-scale Empirical Project in Switzerland (Yearbook Quality of the Media) - *Linards Udriš, U of Zurich; Mario Schranz, U of Zurich; Mark Eisenegger, U of Zurich*

Diversity as Proxy for Measuring the Quality of News: Operationalizations for a Large-Scale Research Project on the Norwegian Media Landscape - *Helle Sjøvaag, U of Bergen; Truls André Pedersen, U of Bergen; Eirik Stavelin, U of Bergen*

Sharing News Online: Using Computational Data Metrics for Social Media News Quality and Voice Plurality Assessments - *Tim Dwyer, U of Sydney; Fiona Martin, U of Sydney*

The Environmental Reports of Chinese Traditional Media and the Public Expectations Gap - *He Huang, Renmin U of China; Linlin Liu, Renmin U of China; Zhihao Weng, Renmin U of China*

4:00 p.m. | 16:00 The Role of the Citizen in Research on Media Performance

Media Performance & Democratic Entitlements: The 2015 UK Televised Election Debates - *Giles Moss, U of Leeds; Stephen Coleman, U of Leeds; Jay G. Blumler, U of Leeds*

Between Proximity and Distance: The Balance in the Transforming Journalism-Audience Relationship as a Criterion for Media Quality? - *Wiebke Loosen, Hans Bredow Institute Hamburg; Julius Reimer, Hans Bredow Institute Hamburg*

Measuring News Media Quality and Credibility from the Audience's Perspective - *Diana Inghoff, U of Fribourg; Philipp Bachmann, U of Fribourg*

Knowledge, Ignorance, and Media Performance: Audience Evaluation of Portrayals of Undocumented Immigrants - *Sarah Bishop, City U of New York, Baruch College*

The preconference is open both to presenters and non-presenters. Participation fee (including coffee break) is \$ 40 USD. Please register at <https://www.icahdq.org/shopping/store.asp>