Professor Urszula Doliwa Wins The Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award 2022



The Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award 2022 was granted to prof. Urszula Doliwa (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland) for her recent book, "The Pirate Waves. Polish Private Radio Broadcasting in the Period of Transformation 1989–1995" (Berlin, Bern, Brussels, New York, Oxford, Warszawa, Wien: Peter Lang).

The Selection Committee, which includes the Editors and Associate Editors of the "Central European Journal of Communication" and the Executive of the International Association of Public Media Researchers.

noted that the most recent book by prof. Urszula Doliwa presents an original, media policy-driven approach to the identification and systematization of the stages of media market development, at the same time pointing to the main problems and challenges for the transition from the monopoly to the dual model in the media market. The topics discussed in the monograph are part of the broadly understood studies on the transformation and democratization of the media and are followed by a comparative perspective on radio evolution in Central and Eastern Europe. "The Pirate Waves" was also acknowledged for pointing out the discrepancy between market demand and media regulation—something of potential value to scholars, policy-makers and the public.

Urszula Doliwa is Associate Professor and Head of the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication at the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland. Since the start of her academic career, her research interests have been centered on radio and non-profit media, which is why her previous publications include monographs, edited collections and scholarly papers on media systems, community media, and radio broadcasting.

The Award ceremony took place in Gdańsk, Poland, on September 22, 2022, during the opening of the Polish Communication Association's VI Congress "Media and Society in the Age of Platforms, Algorithms and Data".

Photo 1. The Award Ceremony in Gdańsk, Poland, on September 22, 2022: prof. Katarzyna Konarska, prof. Urszula Doliwa, Małgorzata Semil-Jakubowicz and prof. Iwona Hofman.



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Every year, the Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award recognizes novel methodologies and the societal impact of scholarly publications in media systems, media policies, media ethics, and public service media in Central and Eastern Europe, and beyond. A full list of this year's nominees can be found on the Award's website: https://www.ptks.pl/en/awards/the-media-and-democracy-karol-jakubowicz-award.

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