

## The 9<sup>th</sup> ECREA's European Communication Conference “Rethink Impact”, Aarhus (Denmark), October 19–22, 2022

Media and communication scholars from Europe participated in the 9th European Communication Conference of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA). The theme of the conference, “Rethink Impact”, was suggested as a frame for discussing how research, academic education, and training do interact with and impact on and reflect society. This year ECREA received 1711 individual and 62 joint panel submissions to various research sections, marking the highest number of submissions in ECREA events history.

Picture 1. Special Issue 2022 launch party – ECREA Conference, Aarhus



Overall, researchers from Poland presented their findings in several panels, including an international book panel “The Matrix of Media Culture. Central and Eastern Europe Beyond Institutions and Systems” (Michał Głowacki, University

of Warsaw) and sessions organized by the research sections. Specifically, Polish scholars participated actively in sessions of Political Communication section (Agnieszka Stepińska and Kinga Adamczewska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań; Tomasz Gackowski and Anna Mierzecka, University of Warsaw), Gender, Sexuality and Communication section (Greta Gober, University of Warsaw), Audience and Reception Studies section (Denis Halagiera, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań), Diaspora, Migration and the Media section (Rafał Leśniczak, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw), Mediatization section (Jakub Nowak, Maria Curie Skłodowska University in Lublin), Journalism Studies section (Agnieszka Stepińska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań), the CEE-Network (Jacek Mikucki and Łukasz Szurmiński, University of Warsaw; Ilona Biernacka-Ligięza, Maria Curie Skłodowska University in Lublin), and the poster session (Karolina Brylska, University of Warsaw).

Picture 2. Editors of the Special Issue 2022: Nico Carpentier, Vaia Doudaki, and Michał Głowacki



The conference was accompanied by the General Assembly of ECREA, Executive Board Elections and voting on General Assembly agendas. Elections followed in research sections, temporary working groups and research networks. Four Polish scholars were elected to serve as either a chair or vice-chair of the following sections and networks: Dominika Popielec (Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz) – Vice-chair of the Interpersonal Communication and Social

Interaction Section, Małgorzata Winiarska-Brodowska (Jagiellonian University) – Chair of the Central and East-European Network, Greta Gober (University of Warsaw) – Vice-chair of Gender, Sexuality and Communication Section and Agnieszka Stępińska (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań) – Chair of the Political Communication Section. Also, Nicoleta Corbu, one of our Associate Editors of the “Central European Journal of Communication” (CEJC), was elected the vice-chair of the Political Communication Section. Congratulations!

Thanks to Nico Carpentier and Vaia Doudaki from Charles University in Prague, the the “Central European Journal of Communication” co-organized the Special Issue 2022 launch party to mark the 30th issue of CEJC. The issue, entitled “Mediating Change. Changing Media”, produced in collaboration with Nico and Vaia, brought together European scholars representing transdisciplinary views on today’s communications and media studies. Similarly, scholars from various disciplines showed up at the informal CEJC gathering in Aarhus with snacks and beverages. Thank you Nico, Vaia and all the editors, contributors, reviewers, book referees and other scholars who showed up at ECREA – and all scholars who supported the “Central European Journal of Communication” over the last 15 years.

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