# Executive Board Annual Report 2022

## Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group: Communication and democracy

## Management team:

Chair: Giuliana Sorce, University of Tübingen (Germany)

Vice-chair: Delia Dumitrica, Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands)

Vice-chair: Jun Liu, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)

YECREA representative: Jan-Hinnerk Thür, Europa University Flensburg (Germany)

## Social media:

* Public Facebook Page “ECREA Communication & Democracy”: 796 members
* *new*: Twitter Account “@ComDem\_ECREA”: 96 followers

Both accounts are managed by our YECREA representative and allow members to post relevant calls for publications, conferences, and jobs.

## Activities in 2022:

The hybrid Preconference “Datafied Welfare States” at the University of Copenhagen was co-organized by the Communication & Democracy section, the ERC-funded Datafied Living project and the Data Publics project, funded by the Velux Foundation. The Preconference took place on October 18th, 2022 and featured 4 thematic sessions with a total of 14 presentations, a keynote on welfare automation by Professor Anne Kaun (Södertörn U), a closing panel on future research in datafied welfare, and a networking farewell.

For the 9th ECC 2022 in Aarhus, the section received 170 individual paper submissions and 5 panel submissions; we accepted 150 papers and all 5 panel submissions. At the conference, the section organized a total of 17 panels. During the business meeting of the section, a new management team was elected, representing four institutions from across the EU: Giuliana Sorce as Chair, Delia Dumitrica and Jun Liu as Vice Chairs, and Jan-Hinnerk Thür as YECREA representative.

## Plans for 2023:

The 2023 section conference titled “Technology in Movement, Movement in Technology” will be held at the University of Copenhagen from May 08th to 10th, 2023. The event, which includes a for-credit PhD course, is co-organized by the grant project "To Use or Not to Use? A Relational Approach to ICTs as Repertoire of Contention" (Independent Research Fund Denmark) and The Center on Digital Culture and Communication (Annenberg School for Communication, U of Pennsylvania). The conference features four keynotes by Professors Donatella della Porta (Scuola Normale Superiore), W. Lance Bennett (U of Washington), Hazem Kandil (Cambridge U), and Guobin Yang (U of Pennsylvania). The organizers received 68 individual paper submissions and 26 submissions to the PhD course.