

## **ECREA - COMMUNICATION AND DEMOCRACY SECTION**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

A management team elected in Lugano consisting of Anne Kaun (Södertörn University), Christina Neumayer (IT University Copenhagen) and Emiliano Trére (Cardiff University) acting as Vice-Chairs continued their work. A new team will be elected during the ECC in Braga. Ally McCrow-Young (University of Copenhagen) is the section's YECREA representative.

The work of the section during 2019 focused on two main endeavors.

The first endeavor was the preparation of the off-year event that took place in Helsinki (October 2019) organized together with the Digital Culture and Communication and the Media Industries and Cultural Production Sections. The event Infrastructures and Inequalities was well-attended and attracted around 98 registered participants from 25 different countries and 74 presented papers over two days with two keynotes (Prof. Lisa Parks and Kaarina Nikunen as well as plenary closing panel including in addition to the keynotes David Hesmondhalgh and Jean-Christophe Plantin). Additionally, two sessions for young scholars were organized by the YECREA network. Currently, an edited volume is prepared to be submitted to MIT Press.

The second endeavor was a smaller workshop dedicated to the politics of privacy at the University of Mainz (December 2019, main organizer Johanna Möller). The workshop attracted around 30 participants and the organizers are currently preparing a special issue publication with Media and Communication

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Beyond the section events the management has prepared the ECC in Braga currently reviewing submissions (130 individual papers and 7 panel submissions).