

European Communication, Research and Education Association (ECREA)

Communication and Democracy Section 2011 Report

The organization of the section's conference (London, December 2011) on "The mediation of scandal and moral outrage" has been the main activity for the section management team during the last year. The section speakers acted as the programme coordinators. The conference was jointly organized with the section management team of the Gender & Communication Section. Both sections finally selected over 50 papers, resulting in 14 panels being held. Highlights of conference were the keynotes of John B. Thompson and Jo Littler. The Yecrea provided a workshop on writing academic applications. The section management team would like to thank the scholars who submitted their work to the section, as well as the section members who acted as anonymous reviewers during the peer review process which was designed for selecting the papers.

The section management team took an active part and supported several academic conferences on media and democracy (e.g. "Public sphere reconsidered" in Covilha, Portugal, May 2011, or on "Mobilisation – Mobile Media – Communicative Mobility", in Erfurt, Germany, December 2011)

Since spring 2011 the section disposes of a new homepage. The section's membership is invited not only to visit it, but also to contribute with content that may be of the interest of other members. A new facebook profile aims to boost the section's online presence, while also constituting a communication platform for the section's membership.

The section would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Julie Uldam, who served in this period as the YECREA representative for the C&D section and welcome Tina Askanius as the new representative.

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