

Yearly report of the Digital Culture and Communication section 2019

The DCC section is the largest section in early 2019, with 622 members.

The annual report includes updates about the following:

1. Midterm section event: Helsinki 21-22 October 2019
2. Business meeting Helsinki 22 October 2019
3. YECREA Representative
4. Next steps: ECC Braga 2020
5. Next steps: pre-conference Braga 2020
6. Social Media presence

1. Midterm section event, University of Helsinki, 21-22 October 2019

- The section co-organised a joint section event (with the Communication and Democracy and Media Industries and Cultural Production Section), entitled “Infrastructures and Inequalities: Media industries, digital cultures and politics”.
- The event included two keynote speakers: Kaarina Nikunen and Lisa Parks, as well as a closing panel. The closing panel included the keynote speakers who were joined by David Hesmondhalgh and Jean-Christophe Plantin.
- The event included two early career workshops organized by the YECREA representatives of the three sections. The early career workshops were very well attended and received very positive feedback of the early scholars being present.
- The event hosted 98 participants from 25 different countries and included 74 paper presentations. Panels were divided across the specific themes emphasized by each of the organizing sections.

2. Business meeting at the University of Helsinki, 22 October 2019

- In total 5 people attended.
- The business meeting discussed the 2018-2019 activities of the section. The joint section event in Helsinki was particularly well received amongst the members. Co-organizing this event with the Communication and Democracy and Media Industries and Cultural Production Section was seen as an added value. Yet we discussed that the next midterm section event (2020-2021) should be smaller in scale and preferably not a joint section event.
- The idea of a special issue that related to the midterm event has been discussed.
- Section member Steffen Krüger from the University of Oslo made clear he would be open to discuss being the local organizer of the next midterm section event in 2020-2021
- Section member Eline Pilipets (University of Klagenfurt) mentioned she is open to join the section management team after the ECC Braga.

3. YECREA Representative

After the ECC 2018, Sofia Caldeira (Ghent University, Belgium) filled the candidacy of the

YECREA position. Sofia Caldeira works on the communication and visibility of the section. Further Sofia has co-organized two YECREA events at the midterm event in Helsinki.

4. Next steps: ECC Braga

- Vice-chair Ana Jorge is the program chair for the section.
- The section received 122 individual paper submissions and 5 panels.

5. Next steps: pre-conference Braga 2020

The section co-organizes the ECC Braga pre-conference workshop “Advancing Digital Disconnection Research”, taking place on October 2, 2020.

6. Social Media presence

The section makes active use of a blog (<https://dcecrea.wordpress.com>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/DCCECREA>) and Facebook account (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1005132429597657/>) to communicate to its interested parties and members.

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