

## GENDER & COMMUNICATION SECTION

### **Section organization**

Since ECC 2019 (Lugano) the team is composed by Cosimo Marco Scarcelli (University of Padova) as chair of the section, Despina Chronaki (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Hellenic Open University) and Sara De Vuyst (Ghent University) as vice-chairs.

### **Publications**

The managing team with, in collaboration with Film Studies Section vice-chair (Sergio Villanueva Baselga), are editing the book "Gender and sexuality in the European media. Exploring different contexts through conceptualisations of age" for Routledge Studies in European Communication Research and Education Series.

Cosimo Marco Scarcelli, with Tonny Krijnen and Paul Nixon are invited editors for a special issue of Information, Communication and Society "Sexuality, Gender, Media. Identity articulations in the contemporary media landscape"

### **Events: midterm Section event – University of Padua 2019**

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, the Gender and Communication Section organized, together with Women's Network and Film Studies Section, a conference entitled "Media, Gender and Sexuality in contemporary Europe. Resistances and redefinitions through performances, productions and consumption" in Padova (Italy), at the University of Padova. The conference hosted 2 keynote speakers: Karen Ross (University of Newcastle) and John Mercer (City University of Birmingham).

We were able to accept 44 papers. We underscore the high quality of the presentations and found the topical focus valuable. The conference hosted also an interesting roundtable (organized by Women's network) on gender and knowledge Production in contemporary Academia and a workshop organized by Agemi. We and Women's Network evaluated the collaboration as productive, highly enjoyable and hope to be able to work together in the future.

### **The eight European Communication Conference - Braga**

Cosimo Marco Scarcelli was appointed program chair of the gender and communication section. With the help of 35 international scholars/members of the section who kindly agreed to help reviewing the 94 received abstracts (including one panel proposal).

### **Social Media presence**

We created a new website: <https://gcecrea.wixsite.com/gendercommunication>

The section makes quite active use of:

Twitter: @GC\_Ecrea

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1511687835825667/>

Instagram: gc\_ecrea

to communicate to its interested parties and members.