

## **ECREA Journalism Studies Section (JSS) Annual Activity Report 2019**

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### **Membership**

In January 2020, 492 ECREA members subscribed to the Journalism Studies Section (down from 569 in January 2019, but up from 416 in January 2018). The Section has the second largest number of members, following 'Digital Culture and Communication'.

### **Management team**

The Section Management Team consists of Folker Hanusch (University of Vienna, Austria, Chair). Vice-Chairs are Evelyn Runge (Cologne University, Germany) and Sergio Splendore (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy). Since February 2019, the Section's YECREA representatives are Sandra Banjac and Phoebe Maares (both University of Vienna).

### **Conferences**

The biennial sectional conference took place in Vienna (Austria) on 14-15 February 2019. The conference was a great success with 109 registered participants. Acceptance rate was 61% (72 full papers, 10 high-density). The conference will feature one themed panel session, one high-density session, 17 regular paper sessions. With a theme of "Breaking Binaries: Exploring the Diverse Meanings of Journalism in Contemporary Societies" the organizers put together an interesting program of full paper as well as high-density presentations discussing how journalism studies can help to address the increasingly complex journalistic field, and to propose theoretical and empirical ways that go beyond previous, simplistic binaries that have at times defined the field. The conference also included a keynote address by Karin Wahl-Jorgensen titled "Breaking boundaries: Journalism studies, emerging media ecologies and the new emotional politics". One day prior to the conference, Corinna Lauerer organized a YECREA PhD workshop, which featured PhD students presenting their work and receiving in-depth feedback from established scholars in a constructive atmosphere. Following the conference, Corinna stepped down as the section's YECREA representative due to her recent election as YECREA Vice-Chair. Sandra Banjac and Phoebe Maares (both University of Vienna) were appointed new section YECREA representatives.

### **YECREA activities**

As noted above, YECREA hosted a Phd-workshop in Vienna on 13 February 2019. 16 submissions from 11 countries were received following a Call for Papers. The submissions underwent blind-peer review and six candidates from six countries were accepted. The workshop was sponsored by the Journalism Studies Center in Vienna and the Worlds of Journalism Study. Following the workshop, Sandra Banjac and Phoebe Maares took over. The Section Management Team thanks Corinna for her work and welcomes Sandra and Phoebe as new representatives. In 2020, the JSS YECREA team will organize a workshop on 'Academic Labour and Health' a day before the main ECREA conference in Braga.

### **Communication**

The first means of communication of the section is through ecrea.eu. Here one can find information about the working of the section. Section members will receive the Institutional mailing list. This mailing list is used to spread news which is relevant for the section as well as conference calls, call for publications and position openings. On the forum on the ECREA website it is possible to discuss the topics of mailing list.

The second means of communication is a public Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ecreaJSS/>), which currently has 750 members (up from 403 in February 2018). This group is not limited to ECREA section members and can be used for immediate dissemination. The Facebook group aspires to serve as an interactive meeting place between the Section's members, and also serves to attract new ones. The group regularly features calls for papers, announcements of conferences and positions.