**CALL FOR PAPERS**

5TH CONFERENCE MEDIA AND GOVERNANCE IN LATIN AMERICA

COMMUNICATION IN CONTESTED POLITICAL SCENARIOS

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION – JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY

We are very pleased to announce that we are re-opening the call for papers for the postponed 5th edition of “Media and Governance in Latin America, Communication in Contested Sociopolitical Scenarios”. The conference will take place at the School of Education and Communication (HLK) – Jönköping University and online

\*\*\* Abstracts accepted for the canceled 2020 edition of the conference are pre-accepted\*\*\*

**Important Dates:**

Submission deadline:15/03/22

Decision on acceptance: 25/03/22

Registration opens: 30/03/2020

Program release: around 20/05/2020

Conference fees: Student and casual staff €20, Online participation €20, Faculty members €40

**Description:**

The conference “Media and Governance in Latin America” promotes intellectual exchange on the way the media interact with social, political, symbolic and technological changes in Latin America. In 2022, with the theme “Communication in Contested Sociopolitical Scenarios”,the conference will discuss how media and communication play a role in contexts of political polarization, conflict, increased threats to minority groups, the threat of anti-democratic movements and public health emergencies.

The conference will analyze the role of media and communication in contested sociopolitical scenarios, exploring the interplay between communication and political conflicts, the role of media in processes of political polarization and the interplay between media structures and democratic institutions. We welcome submissions that analyze these aspects through theoretical and methodological approaches, country-based case studies, comparative projects and academic collaborations in a multidisciplinary setting.

The conference encourages a multidisciplinary approach to media and governance from a range of fields in social sciences and humanities, such as journalism studies, political communication, global communication, digital media, LGBT studies, political science, discourse analysis, anthropology, film studies and international relations, among others.

**Goals:**

The goal of Media and Governance in Latin America is to promote an intellectual debate on the role of the media and different forms of communication in the promotion of good governance in Latin America. By bringing together senior scholars and young researchers, this initiative seeks to provide a space of exchange about the theoretical and methodological relevance of current debates in Latin America. The aim is to go beyond a regional outlook and to integrate our research within broader academic debates.

**We are interested in presentations that address, but are not limited to, the following topics**:

• **Theories and Methods**: In which ways can comparative studies reinvigorate academic debates beyond the region? How can scholars build stronger theoretical and methodological tools to research global audiences with local or regional data? What are the similarities and differences between the study of media and governance in Latin America and in the rest of the Global South? How can Latin American scholarship contribute to de-westernizing media studies?

• **Media Systems, Pluralism, and Good Governance**: How are current media systems in the region fostering or hindering dialogue? What is the relationship between media, governance and processes of political polarization? How are both legacy and new media interacting with the state, the private sector, civil society and the public for the promotion pluralistic debates? How are the media in the region representing marginalized groups? What is the role of the media in overcoming pervasive problems that hinder good governance, such as censorship, clientelism, populism, or the concentration of media ownership?

• **Media and Political Representation**: What journalistic practices and organizational dynamics favor dialogue, tolerance and diversity in Latin America? How are the news media addressing topics related to unequal power relations in the region, such as violence, inequality, or corruption? How are media representing protest and social unrest? To what extent are digital communication platforms incorporating previously marginalized themes (such as racial, gender and class-based inequality) and actors (indigenous communities, women, LGBT minorities)? How are the media dealing with the surfacing of extremist positions? How are media fostering dialogue, pluralism and depolarization?

• **Communication for Social Change**: What impact are agents of change (such as civil society groups or independent media outlets) having in the public visibility of diverse voices and contested issues (such as the role of vaccines and other public health measures during the COVID 19 pandemic)? What is the impact of digital technologies in contested political scenarios? How are digital media being appropriated by marginalized actors?

**Post-conference activities:**

22/06

Morning – Network meeting – Media and Governance in Latin America International Research Network

Afternoon – Workshop on publication and dissemination from a de-westernizing perspective, facilitated by Dr. Flor Enghel, Jönköping University. Limited to 15 places, subject to registration.

**Submission Process and attendance:**

Abstracts (350 words max) should be emailed to **conference.mediagovla@gmail.com** by March 15, 2022. Authors will be informed of acceptance/rejection decisions by March,25. Abstracts accepted for the cancelled 2020 conference are automatically accepted for the 2022 edition.

Authors who want their accepted abstract to be considered for publication should submit the full paper in English May 30, 2022 to: **conference.mediagovla@gmail.com**. Paper submission details will be provided at a later date. Following the conference, selected papers will be invited to contribute to a special issue of a peer-reviewed journal.

Please direct any questions on submissions to **conference.mediagovla@gmail.com**

The cycle of conferences “Media and Governance in Latin America” was created in 2014. The four editions of the conference brought together over two hundred researchers, building a strong network network that has led to meaningful collaborations between academics based in Europe and the Americas.

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