

**The AEJMC International Communication Division** is now accepting panel proposals for the 2013 Convention in Washington, D.C., Aug. 8-11.

The deadline for panel proposals is **October 15**. Panel proposals must include:

1. A working title and panel description.
2. A statement of whether the panel would be a Teaching, Research or Professional Freedom and Responsibility panel. PF&R panels focus on free expression, ethics, media criticism and accountability, racial/gender/cultural inclusiveness or public service.
3. Suggestions for divisions or interest groups that might be interested in co-sponsoring the panel. Panels that include co-sponsoring divisions/interest groups **have a better chance of being accepted**, because they are likely to be of wider interest at the convention and give the division a chance to take part in more sessions.

You should submit your proposal to only one division, and we invite you to submit it to the **ICD**.

For ideas on co-sponsoring opportunities, you can find a list of divisions and groups at [http://www.aejmc.com/?page\\_id=190](http://www.aejmc.com/?page_id=190).

4. A statement of why the topic is important.
5. A brief description of issues the panelists could discuss.

If your panel is chosen for presentation with a co-sponsoring division or interest group, you will work with a representative from the co-sponsor to make sure that the interests of both divisions/interest groups are represented on the panel.

6. Names or descriptions of possible panelists. If you have specific people in mind, please identify them. Firm commitments are not needed, but it helps to know if those people would be willing to serve. If you don't have names, say what type of panelist you are aiming for – a scholar with a particular expertise or someone from a particular media company. AEJMC tracks diversity among panelists, moderators and discussants, so please keep that in mind when planning.

Limited funds for travel reimbursement are available for panel participants who are not AEJMC members. The deadline for those requests is late January. Whenever possible, please try to find local panelists or AEJMC members whom you expect will be attending the convention anyhow.

7. Your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

Please send proposals as attachments to: **Celeste González de Bustamante, ICD Vice-Head**, at [celesteg@email.arizona.edu](mailto:celesteg@email.arizona.edu)

Here are some ideas for panels:

- Citizen and public journalism
- Global Digital Divide
- Media Globalization
- Challenges faced by news organizations in non-democratic countries
- Internet, online media issues around the world
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) in developing nations/developed nations
- Profiles of journalists around the world
- Press freedom, information flow around the world
- Coverage of presidential elections in different countries
- Ethical issues & controversial cases in international media
- Development communication
- Presence of important issues such as terrorism, narco-war and immigration in entertainment media (telenovelas, etc)
- International coverage of key events/people/political leaders
- Gender and cultural studies issues
- Advertising, Public Relations, marketing issues around the world

The division's main focus has been the study of processes and effects of mass communication in the international arena. With increasing globalization and rapid technological convergence, and shifting geopolitical realities, the division has expanded its interests that now span the discourses of international and global as they pertain to journalism and mass media. The ICD sponsored or co-sponsored panels on the following subjects at the 2012 convention in Chicago:

- Global Journalism and Mass Communication: Effective Teaching and Research Strategies
- Teaching Journalism in Developing Countries
- Press Freedom, Democratic Accountability and Global Information Flows
- Framing of the Middle East
- Emergence of Citizen Journalism
- Journalism in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Global Ethics
- Research and Innovation in International and Mass Communication
- Immigration and Diaspora
- Media Production and Consumption

For the complete AEJMC 2012 program, go to the following link:

<http://www.aejmcchicago.org/schedule/>

Selection of panel proposals will be made based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance of the proposal to the ICD
2. Diversity of the proposal including: institutional, regional, gender, methodology, etc.
3. Originality and creativity of the proposal
4. Potential for co-sponsorship
5. Number of panel proposals that the ICD is allowed to include in the conference program

Thank you, and we look forward to your submissions.

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