



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION DIVISION, AEJMC

ICD Newsletter

A message from the ICD Division Head to our Members By Delaware Arif



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are doing well and your summer is off to a great start.

Please join me in congratulating all of our ICD officers for completing a very successful year. We, the ICD members, are grateful for their service.

As we are preparing for the annual conference in Washington, DC, I would like to give you a heads up about the programs and some news about our members.

We received 69 faculty papers and 47 student papers for consideration—up slightly from last year (60 faculty and 41 student). I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to our amazing Research Chair Vanessa Higgins and Student Competition Chair Ruth Moon. In addition, our Reviewer Recruitment Chair, Lindsley Blumell, has done a great job in recruiting reviewers for the reviewing papers. Special thanks to all of the reviewers for their time and commitment in completing the reviews on time.

This year, we initiated the Mentorship Program. We appreciate the leadership of Sonali Kudva in successfully leading the first year of Mentorship of our division. Sonali provides more details about the Mentorship program later in this newsletter. Our ICD-at-Home also was very successful and you will hear more from Volha Kananovich.

Our past ICD Head, Jatin Srivastava, along with Jesper Fressmann led our by-laws revision and we will vote on some changes during our annual meeting next month.

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Midwinter AEJMC provides a glimpse of the future of international and global communication research

By Vanessa Higgins

The University of Oklahoma hosted the AEJMC midwinter conference for the 15th consecutive year at the beautiful facilities of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication. Staying true to its name, in an unseasonably cold late February (24-25), the conference included several sessions and workshops on current topics, including many with emphasis on global and international communication.

The International Communication Division (ICD) presented four sessions including 17 individual papers: Western newspapers coverage of global issues, Social media's effect on interpersonal and social interactions internationally, International politics, public opinion, and image, Mediating and news coverage in India, Bangladesh and USA. ICD accepted 40 faculty papers out of 69 papers entered for the Robert L/ Stevenson Open Paper Competition. ICD received 47 student papers, entered for the James Markham competition. Of those, ICD accepted 23 papers.

The conference provided an excellent setting for thoughtful discussions, which often spilled from the presentation rooms to the coffee breaks and lunches. ICD awarded the top paper/abstract to Md Mahbulul Haque Bhuiyan from the University of Houston, for his study Weaponizing the religion in Facebook against the women in Bangladesh.

With abstract submissions at the end of the fall semester, Midwinter conference provides grad students and faculty a great chance to present their research with extensive opportunity for feedback and collaboration. The 15th edition of Aejmc midwinter gave our division excellent visibility to the work of up-and-coming scholars in international and global communication, and a glimpse of things to come.



Picture: ICD session presenters and attendees at Aejmc Midwinter conference

ICD-at-Home wraps up with panel on navigating international job market

By Volha Kananovich

The 2022-2023 cycle of the ICD-at-Home virtual panel series wrapped up on June 5 with a conversation on navigating the international job market.

Co-organized by the AEJMC International Communication Division and the Commission on the Status of Graduate Education, the panel brought together an international group of communication scholars who received their Ph.D.s in one country and pursued academic job opportunities in another -- from the United States to the United Kingdom to Switzerland to the United Arab Emirates to Spain -- and who shared their experiences and strategies for navigating the international job market with colleagues who may be considering a similar path.

Our panelists included:

Dr. Rana Arafat (City, University of London, United Kingdom),
 Dr. Yulia Medvedeva (Zayed University, United Arab Emirates),
 Dr. Lea Hellmueller (City, University of London, United Kingdom),
 Dr. Robert (Ted) Gutsche, Jr. (Florida Atlantic University, United States),
 Dr. Joy Jenkins (University of Tennessee, Knoxville, United States),
 Dr. Subin Paul (IE University, Spain).

The panel was moderated by Patrick R. Johnson (University of Iowa, United States).

To learn more about our panelists' background, go to <https://bit.ly/icd-job-market> and follow the ICD Twitter account for information about our future events.

NAVIGATING THE INTERNATIONAL JOB MARKET

Monday, June 5, 2023 | 10-11:30 a.m. Eastern Time | Zoom






Dr. Rana Arafat
City, U. of London



Dr. Yulia Medvedeva
Zayed U., UAE



Dr. Lea Hellmueller
City, U. of London



Dr. Ted Gutsche, Jr.
Florida Atlantic U.,
USA



Dr. Joy Jenkins
U. of Tennessee,
Knoxville, USA



Dr. Subin Paul
IE University,
Spain

Join a panel of communication scholars as they share their experiences and strategies for navigating the international job market.

The event is FREE.
For the Zoom link and to learn more, go to <https://bit.ly/icd-job-market>

Hosted by the AEJMC
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ICD Mentorship program

By Sonali Kudva

This year, ICD piloted its first mentoring program. Members of ICD were sent an invitation to sign up, and we had 19 people sign up. It has been almost a year since we first began the program, and we hope those involved found the experience congenial and productive.

The International Communication Division's asset is its membership, which is large, global and diverse. Our mentorship program has a great deal of potential for PhD students, junior faculty and senior faculty to come together as a community. Academia can be intimidating for those coming into it, and this program will hopefully assist those coming into it to feel more supported, to find new collaborations, and simply to have the space to talk to someone more experienced than them.

In 2023-24, we hope to have more participation in the program, and intend to have more group meetings and events throughout the year to provide more opportunities for interaction.

We'd like to thank Dr. Sonali Kudva for her initiative in piloting this program. Dr. Kudva is currently an Assistant Professor in Communication at The University of Tampa, Florida.



Book Project

Are We There Yet? Journalism Education During the Social Media Age in South Asia

Edited By
Neelam Sharma
Delaware Arif

Social Media have brought a paradigm shift in journalism and journalism education is in transition in this ever-changing media landscape in the Global South. The process of news has been getting complex and challenging as the journalists have to adapt with the social media tools from gathering to disseminating news. With the advancement of digital media, South Asian journalism educational institutions have been trying to adopt new pedagogy, redesign curricular alongside utmost struggle to adapt with the new and changing scenario.

The process of news has been ever evolving as social media provides unlimited opportunities to get information from the digital sphere. In addition, the traditional model of getting information from the mainstream media is withering away and the economic existence of journalism is in jeopardy. Access to the sources has become much easier and journalists could reach new audiences and increase the visibility of news. On the other hand, the social media landscape has also been putting pressure on journalists to keep up with the pace of breaking the news. Given the ever evolving South Asian journalism education landscape, this book aims to address the following questions: Are South Asian journalism educational institutions ready and equipped to train journalists in the social media age? What are the challenges of journalism education and how should those challenges be addressed?

In this book, the authors from the South Asian countries will highlight the challenges and opportunities of journalism education in the digital and social media age in South Asia. The book aims to house scholars from various backgrounds who have experience in journalism education in all South Asian countries. It tends to cover the scenario of journalism education in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The book aims to cover the issue in the methodological and theoretical discussion and challenges regarding the reciprocal engagement between journalism educational institutions and journalists from both local and regional perspective.

Important Deadlines

Abstract submission (500 words): June 30, 2023 (Please include a short bio - 150-200 words with the abstract).

Final manuscript (6000-8000 words): October 31, 2023

Tentative Publication: January 2024

Potential publishers: Duke University Press, Chicago University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press
Or Palgrave MacMillan, Routledge, SAGE, Springer, Rowman & Littlefield

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Notes on editors

Neelam Sharma (Ph.D.) is an Assistant Professor of Journalism and Media Studies and the Director of Graduate Program in the Department of Communication, Media and Persuasion at Idaho State University, USA. Dr. Sharma earned her Ph.D. in Public Communication and Technology from Colorado State University, Fort Collins. She also received her M.A. from Panjab University, India. Dr. Sharma teaches courses in Media Writing, Business Journalism, Social Media, and Research Methods. Her research interests include social media, journalism, and the South Asian news and entertainment media.

Dr. Sharma's research appears in journals including the International Journal of Communication, Psychology of Popular Media, Journal of Communication Inquiry, Global Media and Communication, and Atlantic Journal of Communication, among others. She is currently working on her sole-author book project, Online Abuse, hatred and women journalists in India. Currently, Dr. Sharma serves as the PF&R chair of the International Communication Division (ICD), AEJMC. Dr. Sharma worked as a journalist with the two leading media, The Times of India and The Indian Express, in India.

Delaware Arif (Ph.D.) is a digital journalism associate professor in the Department of Communication at the University of South Alabama, USA. He teaches Digital Writing & Production, Multimedia Storytelling, Social Media, and Ethics and Social Responsibility. Dr. Arif also taught mass communication courses at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for one year. Dr. Arif was an assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of Chittagong in Bangladesh. He also served as chairman of the department until coming to the U.S. to pursue his Ph.D.

Before joining teaching in 2002, Delaware worked for Reuters, Bangladesh National News Agency (BSS) and an international NGO, the Hunger Project. Dr. Arif earned his Ph.D. in Mass Communication and Media Arts at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) focusing on the patterns of usage of social media among the South Asian diaspora group in the U.S. He also received his M.A. in media theory & research from SIUC. Dr. Arif completed the Training for Trainers course at the International Institute for Journalism (IJJ) in Germany. He received his B.A. and M.A. in mass communication and journalism from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh. His teaching and research areas revolve around social media, new media, political communication, international communication, journalism studies, race and media, and mass media ethics.

Member Accomplishments

Global Journalism: Understanding World Media Systems now has a dedicated website with free selected resources such as sample syllabi, in-class activities, current case studies from the US and abroad, and video documentaries with discussion questions for the students. All are welcome to utilize these resources as they fit with your own teaching activities:
<http://www.globaljournalism.org>



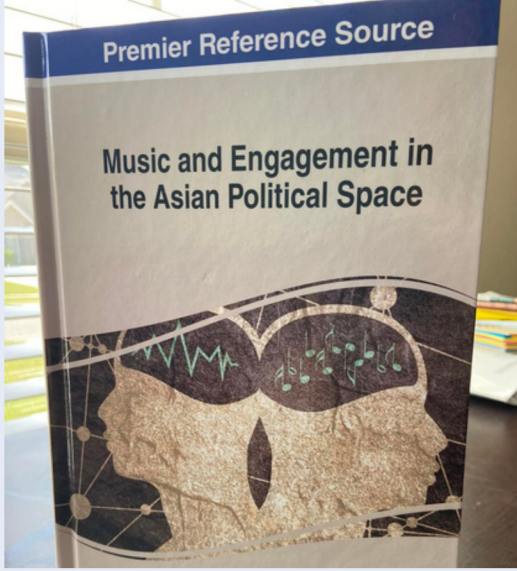
Book Summary

Global Journalism: Understanding World Media Systems provides a comprehensive overview of the key issues in global journalism today and traces how media systems have evolved over time in different world regions. With topics ranging from global media freedom and journalistic cultures to foreign news reporting and public diplomacy, conceptual content is presented in accessible style and supplemented by timely case studies. The book features contributions by 22 media scholars from 14 countries and includes chapter summaries as well as discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

Book Editor



Daniela V. Dimitrova is professor in the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication at Iowa State University and Editor-in-Chief of *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*. Her research on global media has been supported by grants from the International Research Exchange Board and the Arthur W. Page Center for Integrity in Public Communication. She has received multiple recognitions, including CAS Visiting Fellow at the University of Munich, AEJMC Senior Scholar, and Fulbright Fellow at the University of Vienna.

New Books by Dr. Delaware Arif



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