

The logo features the letters 'i', 'c', and 'D.' in a stylized, blocky font. The 'i' is green, the 'c' is white with a green outline, and the 'D.' is orange with a green outline. The letters are set against a dark grey rectangular background.

**i  
c  
D.**

A photograph of a market stall filled with various fruits. In the foreground, there are several pineapples wrapped in clear plastic. Behind them are wooden crates overflowing with oranges and grapefruits. Some of the grapefruits are cut into decorative, star-shaped slices. The background shows more crates of fruit and a pattern of white dots on a dark purple background.

*AEJMC International  
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# Welcome from the Division Head

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*Dear all,*

*As we approach our holiday break, I am honored to reach out to you.*

*Assuming the role of the division head of the International Communication Division (ICD) has been a wonderful highlight in my academic career. Whether serving as the newsletter editor, teaching standard chair, research chair, or vice head, my journey with ICD has consistently filled me with pride and joy.*

The collective efforts of our community in globalizing communication and journalism studies are commendable, and I am grateful for the dedication and passion each one of you brings to this endeavor. Leading this division is by no means an easy task and requires a collaborative effort from all of us. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for sharing your wisdom, ideas, and constructive criticism with our division, contributing to the growth and impact we have on international outreach. Very special thanks to



Marina Petric who worked very hard to redesign our logo and newsletter design. It looks fantastic!

In my capacity as the division head, I have outlined goals for the current year. First and foremost, I believe we must invest in the future of our division, and to achieve this, I am working closely with our graduate students and early career officers to involve more students and early-career scholars with our division. Exciting plans are underway for the upcoming year, including ICD-at-home panels focusing on the international job market, conference preparation, and the launch of a new WhatsApp group.

I am thrilled to announce a new Best Paper Award in collaboration with the Online Media and Global Communication journal for 2024. This award aims to promote online media and global communication research, particularly cross-national comparison research and online media research with global communication implications. Concurrently, we will continue our partnerships with the African Journalism Studies Award and the LARA Award, expressing our gratitude for these opportunities benefiting our members.

This newsletter is a joint effort by our ICD officers for the term 2023-2024, and you can delve into their ideas and initiatives for ICD below. We encourage our members to keep us informed about recent publications, awards, initiatives, or anything you believe could be valuable to our community and include your news in our newsletter.

As we enter the festive season, we extend our best wishes for the new year. I eagerly anticipate the chance to reconnect with many of you in August and, hopefully, even sooner during one of our ICD-at-home virtual sessions. With heartfelt thanks,

*Lea*





# New Initiatives: Graduate Students and Early Career Scholar Outreach

*The ICD Graduate Student Interest Group (GSIG) is excited about new plans to engage students and early-career scholars this year. From resources addressing conference preparation to the job market, keep your eyes peeled for several exciting events and opportunities in the coming months.*

## Join Our WhatsApp Group

Want to stay up-to-date with the latest ICD GSIC events and news? Join our WhatsApp group! The group is open to junior and early-career scholars. You may join the WhatsApp group by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code. All announcements will continue to be distributed via ICD social media and list-serv emails.

**[Click Here to Join AEJMC ICD Student & Early Career Scholar Group on WhatsApp](#)**



# New Journal Affiliation and Award



*Online Media and Global Communication, the English language quarterly journal founded in 2022 by former editor of Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly, Louisa Ha, will begin sponsoring a new faculty paper and a student paper award for ICD annually starting 2024.*

The total amount of the award is \$500: \$300 for faculty paper and \$200 for student paper. The journal is sponsored by Shanghai International Studies University School of Journalism and Communication Studies and published by Walter de Gruyter in Germany. Read the journal at <https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/omgc/html> and its seven non-English language abstracts (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish) and activities at <https://omgc.shisu.edu.cn/12335/list.htm>.

The award aims to promote online media and global communication research especially cross-national comparison research and online media research with global communication implications. Preference will be given to paper collaboration between Global North and Global South scholars. There will be two awards. All papers submitted to ICD's Stevenson open paper competition are eligible for the OMGC Best Open Paper Award and all papers submitted to the ICD's Markham student paper competition are eligible for the OMGC Best Student Paper Award after committee selection. All research methodologies are welcome. OMGC has the first right of refusal to publish the paper in OMGC. Please note that only authors who agree to submit the paper for OMGC review and publication will receive the award.



# Planning for Midwinter

Coming up: AEJMC Midwinter with a message from our Vice Head: Vanessa de Macedo Higgins Joyce, Texas State University, TX.

*Looking for a conference to showcase a new idea or project with feedback and manageable size, or a place where your grad students can submit their end-of-semester papers?*

We all know Aeajmc's annual conferences are top forums for our research presentations. But have you ever participated in one of the **regional** meetings? The Gaylord College at University of Oklahoma in Norman will host **Aejmc Midwinter** for the 16th consecutive year between March 1st and 2nd, 2024. The meeting is a great venue to showcase a new idea or project with feedback and manageable size, or a place where your grad students can submit their end-of-semester papers and get acquainted with presenting in a professional environment. Deadlines to submit are always towards the end of the fall semester, this year it was December 15th.



# Planning for the 2024 Research Competition

Hello / Bonjour / Hola / こんにちは  
(Konnichiwa) / مرحبا (Marhaba)  
/shalom/ 你好 (Nǐ hǎo),

We are pleased to announce the call for papers for this year's ICD conference. Coordinated by Ruth Moon and Maha Bashri, this is an excellent opportunity for scholars in the field of transnational and global communication to present their research. We are accepting both abstracts and full papers until April 1. This is a chance for you to receive valuable feedback on your work and contribute to the rich academic discourse within our division.

Your expertise and insights are also sought as reviewers. This role is instrumental in shaping the quality and direction of scholarly discussions within our community. If you submit your work, you will automatically be involved in the review process, but we also encourage voluntary participation as reviewers. Details for reviewer registration will be provided soon.

We particularly emphasize the James Markham competition, dedicated to graduate student researchers. This platform showcases the innovative work of our future leaders in the field.

The vibrancy of our division is a testament to your contributions and engagement. We eagerly anticipate the rich dialogues and advancements that will emerge from your participation.

In the spirit of global communication and shared knowledge,

Ruth and Maha





# News from our members

**Rasha El-Ibiary**, Associate Professor and Chair of the Political Mass Media Department, Future University in Egypt, has been elected Vice Chair for ICA's Activism Communication and Social Justice interest group, 2024-2025.

**Meghan Sobel Cohen**, Associate Professor at Regis University, and Karen McIntyre Hopkinson, Associate Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, published a new book:

*Sobel Cohen, M., & McIntyre, K. (2023). Press Freedom and the (Crooked) Path Toward Democracy: Lessons from journalists in East Africa. Oxford: Oxford University Press.*

## **Another new book:**

Pain, P. (Ed.). (2023). *Global LGBTQ Activism: Social Media, Digital Technologies, and Protest Mechanisms*. Taylor & Francis.

Focused on understanding and analyzing LGBTQ activism and protest globally, this edited collection brings together voices from different parts of the world to examine LGBTQ protests and their impact. Through the lens of media, culture, and sociopolitical structures, this collection highlights how cultural and technical factors like the emergence of social media and other digital platforms have impacted LGBTQ activism. This book draws on studies from countries as varied as Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Hungary, Morocco, China, and the US. This book is suitable for media, communication, and cultural studies students; researchers; academics; and LGBTQ activists, as well as students and scholars from related academic disciplines.

## **Special Issue Journal of Communication**

“Time in Communication Research and Theories”

The editors welcome contributions from all areas of communication research and encourage interdisciplinary collaborations. The deadline for submitting extended abstracts is March 15, 2024.

**Special Issue: Online Media and Image Studies under Conflicts** deadline of January 15, 2024 [here](#).





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