

IAMCR 2015 PRE-CONFERENCE

JOURNALISM & OPEN GOVERNMENT

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11th CIEDI 2015 (Montreal, July 11, 2015)

Dear Colleagues:

The IAMCR Law Section and the Ethics Working Group are co-sponsoring a preconference in association with the 2015 conference in Montreal, in collaboration with and serving as the 11th edition of the International Congress of Ethics and Communication Law (CIEDI 2015). Chaired by Loreto Corredoira and with Maria Teresa Nicolas Gavilan as Vice Chair, the preconference theme is “Media and Journalists in the Age of Open Government and Transparency”:

Europe and North America struggle to develop and implement law and policy for transparency, access to information, and good governance. These principles affect the fundamental nature of governments and corporations, but they are difficult to achieve. Corruption (both political and financial), and political system and electoral fraud, make us think that real transparency, for example, is still far away. Traditional governance models may no longer work and legislative processes can lack legitimacy irrespective of the use of more, or more innovative, technologies. At the same time, what we mean by "transparency" is undergoing change, with experiments underway based on the assumption that genuine access to information about government activities must include access to a variety of ways of contextualizing and interpreting the data as well as the data themselves.

Open Government is, of course, all about who holds and can use different kinds of power. Actors in addition to those inside of government, working policy-makers, also play a role in ensuring effective access to information, monitoring adherence to good governance practices, and testing the extent to which there is useful transparency. As members of civil society demand more participation, the activities of those in the media -- particularly journalists -- in facilitating and making use of access to information on behalf of the public ever-more important. In ways that complement communications through which social movements and online political campaigns develop via social networks, journalists have a key role in the relation between Government and Citizens, and in real democratic controls.

The stakes are high. There are risks of social fracture and of paralyzing bipartisanship in many countries. and that is why, in this preconference, we will take on the debate over the present and future of Open Government. We have many topics to reflect upon: political information, Government office, professional ethics, and means to achieve better Transparency. We will examine the progress of electronic government, official websites, political use of social media, and other developments through the lenses of communications law and policy

After two great experiences in Guadalajara (Mexico) in 2010 and Concepción (Chile) in 2012, the Congress will take place in the American continent again. This time, we will meet in Montreal (Canada) on July 11, 2015, thanks to a collaboration with the Law section of IAMCR and their Ethics Working Group.

CIEDI 2015 will be organized as a pre-conference of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) Congress, to be held on July 12-16 at the Communications School of the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).

ABSTRACTS / HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Submissions are welcome from scholars at all stages of their careers, from any theoretical and methodological approach. If desired, each author may submit one sole authored work and one or more co-authored works, but each individual can only make one presentation at the pre-conference so additional submissions would have to be presented by another member of the co-authorship team.

Please include the following information in your submission:

- Title of presentation
- Name(s), affiliation(s), and email address(es) of author(s)
- On co-authored submissions, the name, affiliation, and email address of the author who will be presenting the work at the Preconference
- A 1 page (250 words excluding notes and references) abstract in 12 pt. Times New Roman in Word doc/docx format
- For each author, a 100-word-maximum description of the author's area(s) of research interest related to the digital divide in 12 pt. Times New Roman in a separate Word doc/docx format file

Important Dates & Deadlines

November 7, 2014

First call for abstracts

December 1, 2014

Abstract submission starts

February 9, 2015

Abstract submission period closes

February 10-19, 2015

Initial review of submissions

March 23, 2015

Notification of acceptances of abstracts

April 14, 2015

Confirmation of participation deadline

May 6, 2015

Deadline for early bird registration

May 14, 2015

Outline pre-Conference Programme

May 19, 2015

Draft pre-Conference Programme and Schedule

June 19, 2015

Deadline for full paper submission

June 29, 2015

Final pre-Conference Programme

July 11, 2015

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Please email your submission to: CIEDI2015preconference@gmail.com

You can find more details and & information about our CIEDI 2015 in our dedicated website: (<http://cyberlaw.ucm.es/journalismandopengov>). Also, you may check for updates and contact us through our pre-Conference's Facebook: CIEDI 2015.

We also encourage you to attend IAMCR, where you will find many other sessions of interest on these topics, along with other colleagues from around the world and experts in other areas of communication at the University of Quebec in Montreal. For this you must become members of IAMCR, if you are not a member already, and sign up for the Law Section and Ethics Working group. The website is: <http://iamcr.org/>

We hope that you will be a participant and will help spread the word about these events among your colleagues and other scholars and researchers interested in Ethics and Law. The IAMCR Congress will be held in English, French and Spanish and the pre-conference will be held in English and Spanish.

Best regards and hope to see you in Montreal!

Dr. Fernando Gutiérrez Atala & C. Dr. Rodrigo Cetina Presuel, Secretaries.

On behalf of Dr. Loreto Corredoira, Chair, and María Teresa Nicolás Gavilán, Vice-Chair.