



# Environment, Science and Risk Communication (ESR) WG

## Newsletter Jan-Feb 2023

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### Enjoy the newsletter!

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### **IAMCR Lyon 2023- 2 weeks left for proposal submissions!**

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The Environment, Science & Risk Communication (ESR) Working Group of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) invites proposals for IAMCR 2023, to be held in Lyon, France, from 9 to 13 July (Lyon23) with an Online Conference Papers (OCP23) component from 26 June to 5 July.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **9 February 2023** at **23h59 UTC**.

The main theme for IAMCR 2023, “Inhabiting the planet: Challenges for media, communication and beyond”, is concerned with possibilities for rethinking communication research agendas at a time when the irreversible effects of climate change is compounded by stark geopolitical, sociocultural and religious tensions in human communities. At this juncture, urgent reflection and research is needed on how we can hope to flourish today and in the future, and also how media and communication tools and environments can be positive forces and spaces for change.

Five sub-themes of this central theme have been identified: Humanity and progress; democracy; media, information and communication; cities and territories; and environmental accountability.

[Consult a detailed description of the main theme and its sub-themes](#)

The dire realities of climate and related ecological crises amplify the work of scholars in the Environment, Science and Risk Communication (ESR) Working Group who have a perennial concern with communication and inhabiting the planet. Our focus on how communication creates, performs, and represents ‘environments’, their science, and risks remains the theoretical baseline from which ESR scholarship emerges. In 2023, we explore the tensions and unevenness of inhabiting a digital and living planet where opportunities for transformation and the unshackling of temporal and spatial limitations are revealed, alongside persistent markers of their unevenness. What are the impacts of digitalisation and technological transformations on humans and the societies they inhabit? How are communities inhabiting the planet, be they (say) Western, digital, more than human, industrialised, urban, and not, First Nations, impacted by this era of digital and technological transformations? How is Environment, Science, and Risk Communication figuring these digital and technological transformations and their impacts on people and planet? Beyond this shared platform – and the key theme of IAMCR 2023 we also encourage work that identifies and explores inequality and environmental (in)justice in Environmental, Science, and Risk Communication.

While we welcome papers on the main theme and subthemes for IAMCR Lyon 2023, papers from the full range of Environment, Science, and Risk Communication topics and perspectives are of course also welcomed and considered.

Key conference themes for ESR WG in 2023 will include:

- Science, the environment, and climate change in popular culture
- Media, advocacy, and local/global environmental change
- Environmental and science activism and new media
- Feminist and postcolonial political ecology
- Smart technologies and everyday life
- Science, media, and society
- Public/political engagement in science and environment communication
- Social and political uses/constructions of science, nature, and the environment
- Science/environmental journalism
- Visual environmental communication

- Science and health-related media panics
- Scientific controversies/environmental crises, spin, and news management
- Media-communication roles in environmental crises and disasters
- Media and public understanding of science/environment issues
- Indigenous and First Nations environmental communication research
- More-than-human/interspecies communication

Abstracts submitted to the Environment, Science & Risk Communication Working Group should be between 300 and 500 words and must be [submitted online here](#). Abstracts submitted by email will not be accepted.

Proposals are accepted for both single Papers and for Panels with several papers (in which you propose multiple papers that address a single theme). Proposals for panels can only be submitted to Lyon23 and OCP23. Panel submissions must include an abstract for each paper submitted [here](#) and a description & supplemental information submitted via [this form on the conference website](#).

[See important dates and deadlines to keep in mind](#)

For more information see [this](#).

## **ESR Call for Reviewers**

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Some of you have been contacted recently with a kind request to help us out with reviewing abstracts for the upcoming conference. If you have not been contacted, but you are willing to help us out this time and in the future, please send an email to [maitreyee.mishra@manipal.edu](mailto:maitreyee.mishra@manipal.edu). Let us know in which language/s you can review and if there is any particular area of interest or region of the world you would like to concentrate the abstracts we send you.

Your name will be included in the list of ESR WG reviewers that will be published online after the conference.

## Climate Communication Award 2023

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Applications are now being received for the 2023 IAMCR Climate Communication Award. The deadline for the full paper is 30th April, 2023. An abstract must be submitted by 9th February, 2023.

For more details [see this](#).

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