

Mission Statement

The Political Communication Section of ECREA provides a forum to discuss issues and present cutting-edge research dedicated to analysing the changing nature of the relationship between citizenship, governance and communication. Topics covered include the mediatisation of politics, media effects on political orientations, knowledge and participation, information processing, the representation of politics by the media, the role of new communication technologies, campaign strategies of political parties and grassroots organisations, news management, the interdependency between politicians and journalists, and many more. The Political Communication Section promotes innovative theoretical approaches alongside sound empirical research. The Section pursues an open and inclusive policy that encompasses a broad range of theoretical perspectives from cultural to institutional approaches, qualitative as well as quantitative research, micro and macro-level investigations, single-case studies and large-scale comparative research.

The Political Communication Section is particularly interested in bringing together scholars from different parts of Europe to better understand how different historical trajectories shape the norms and practices of political communication. In addition, the Section works closely together with YECREA and encourages young scholars to play an active part in the activities of the Section.

Taken together, the Political Communication Section of ECREA aims to

- Provide a forum for debate and the presentation of ongoing research;
- Consolidate networks of scholars across Europe;
- Encourage collaborative, interdisciplinary and comparative research on the role of communication in contemporary democracies;
- Organise regular symposia and a stream of panels at the bi-annual ECREA conferences;
- Collaborate with other Sections and Temporary Working Groups of ECREA in areas of mutual interest;
- Initiate collaboration with other national and international associations of the field;
- Provide a dedicated website to enable the exchange of information and collaboration;
- Support young scholars in developing and presenting their research;