

ECREA CEE NETWORK report for 2017

1. Annual CEECOM conference, June 15-16, 2017

10th CEECOM conference *Critique of/on/at periphery* took place on 15 and 16 June 2017 at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana.

CEECOM 2017 was organised by Slovene Communication Association in collaboration with ECREA CEE Network, CEECOM Consortium and Social Communication Research Centre, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana.

The two-day event was structured into 13 panels. Two roundtables took place in addition to the academic panels, one organised by ECREA taskforce Mapping Changes in Research Support in Media and Communications across Europe on funding and academic networking in CEE, and second titled *Exhibiting the political: Criticality, visibility and state power* Roundtable organised by Slovene Communication Association on art and political censorship.

The keynote addresses were given by Zlatan Krajina, University of Zagreb (Why Periphery Matters: The Shifting Visibility of the Balkans and the Articulation of Crisis in Europe) and John Downey, Loughborough University (Populism in and by the media in the UK's EU Referendum).

In total, 62 registered participants from 13 countries attended the scientific part of the conference.

1. CEE Network activities and plans for 2018

a) The 11th Central and Eastern European Communication and Media Conference – CEECOM 2018 will take place from 30 May to 1 June, 2018 in Szeged, Hungary <http://ceecom2018.hu/index.php/general-introduction/>. With the title *Communicative Space – Political Space* the key question 11th CEECOM is the conceptual and practical application of space in communication, media studies, political sciences, and a broad range of social scientific disciplines (from cultural anthropology through geography to sociology). The conference addresses a diverse set of issues and will cover a wide spectrum of ideas related to ongoing changes and transformations of the concept of space. The organizers look forward to presentations in (but not limited to) the following focal areas of interest:

- Physical political spaces as communicative spaces
- General questions of mediatised spaces
- Social and control issues in politics and media
- Online / digital spaces

The conference is organized by the Department of Political Science and the Department of Communication and Media Studies at the University of Szeged, Hungary, in cooperation with the ECREA Central and East European Network, the CEECOM Consortium and the ICA Political Communication Division. Keynote speakers include András Bozóki, Epp Lauk,

Sabina Mihelj, and Jérôme Monnet.

b) The CEE Network has also organized an invited panel for the 2018 ECREA conference in Lugano, the second panel on *The state of the art of communication and media studies in central and eastern Europe*. The panel is chaired by Zrinjka Peruško and will feature papers by Lilia Raycheva, Norbert Merkovity, Snježana Milivojević, Boris Mance, and the respondent will be Sabina Mihelj.

3. Dissemination activities

The Facebook page of the CEE Network grew in prominence during 2017, accounting for over 506 “likes” by the beginning of 2018.

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