

1. Activities

In the year 2019 the section

- Organized the biannual ECREA Communication History Section Workshop in Vienna, from 11 to 13 September, at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. The workshop title was: “Jeopardizing Democracy throughout History: Media as Accomplice, Adversary or Amplifier of Populist and Radical Politics”. The workshop had three keynote speakers: Ruth Wodak (University of Vienna, Austria / Lancaster University, UK), Réka Kinga Papp (Editor-in-chief at Eurozine, Vienna, Austria), and Paolo Gerbaudo (King’s College London, UK). There were 35 submissions and 24 presentations. The 43 panelists and participants were from 18 different countries.
- Made plans for the 2020 ECREA General Conference in Braga (including a preconference with 2 other ECREA sections) and 2021 biannual ECREA Communication History Section workshop in Luxembourg on “Digital media history”, which will take place in September 2021.
- The new book project of the section was launched, with a call for papers which circulated in the ECREA mailing lists and other mailing lists. The book *Historicizing media and communication concepts of the digital age* will be edited by Gabriele Balbi, Nelson Ribeiro, Valérie Schafer and Christian Schwarzenegger and will be published by De Gruyter. The first draft of the chapters is expected by March 2020.

2. Business Meeting at the ECREA Communication History Section Workshop in Vienna

The business meeting took place in Vienna, on 12 September, with 28 section members in attendance. The following topics were addressed:

- Report 2018/19
 - ECREA General Conference 2018, Lugano: preconference “Towards a Polyphony of Memory? Media, Communication and Memory in the Digital Age”, organized by Manuel Menke and Berber Hagedoorn
 - Six sessions at the ECC in Lugano. We invited section members to be even more active in submitting papers and panels for Braga 2020.
 - Section numbers
- Projects/ideas of the new management team
 - Presentation of the new website: <https://ecreahistorysection.com/>
 - Social media
 - Updated section Facebook presence: ECREA – Communication History (139 members), not so active...
 - (new) Twitter handle: @COHEcrea (300 followers), with call for papers linked to media history, publications, sections’ affairs, etc...
 - New book project: *Historicizing media and communication concepts of the digital age* (De Gruyter, 2020)
- Book launch: during the business meeting the section project book on communication history was presented: *The Handbook of European*

Communication History, edited by Klaus Arnold, Paschal Preston and Susanne Kinnebrock (Wiley, 2019).

The Section Management Team

Gabriele Balbi (chair)

Valérie Schafer and Christian Schwarzenegger (vice-chairs)

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