

Communication Law and Policy Section

Report of activities 2011

With a great deal of preparatory work behind us, we say goodbye to 2011 and welcome a very busy 2012, which is the culmination of effort and planning behind two major Section sponsored symposia and support for a third one, and of course ECREA's Biannual ECC and our section's work within it.

Publications

In 2011, the output of the previous year's ECREA-CLP workshop in Zurich was prepared for publication. The volume "Trends in Communication Policy Research" (edited by Natascha Just and Manuel Puppis) was chosen to be part of the ECREA book series and will be out in January 2012. Members of our section contribute with thought provoking essays on theory, methods and challenges on media governance.

Events

Preparations for the next two major section symposia began. These are in chronological order:

- a. The workshop on "**Communication and Media Policy in the Era of the Internet and Digitization**" takes place in Munich on March 16-17, organized by Drs Maria Löblich and Senta Pfaff-Rüdiger.
- b. The international symposium on '**Imposing Freedoms: Privacy, Copyright and Censorship in the digital era**' is scheduled for April 26-27, 2012 at the University of Vienna. The symposium is coorganised by the Law and Policy sections of IAMCR and ICA and is sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council of the UK and the University of Vienna.

Finally, our section is supporting the symposium on **The European Public Sphere: from critical thinking to responsible action** organized by SMIT-VUB in Brussels on February 2, 2012.

Members

In order to strengthen the connections among scholars as well as between scholars and policy-makers, the section management team explored new alleys. On the one hand, we intensified communication. Scholars who presented their work in the section at past conferences but were not yet members were kindly invited to join ECREA and the CLP section.

Also, the website of the section was updated (<http://commlawpolicy.wordpress.com>). On the other hand, we are currently exploring possibilities for collaboration with the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA).