

DIASPORA, MIGRATION AND MEDIA SECTION OF ECREA – REPORT 2010

The Diaspora, Migration and Media (DMM) section, with its new management group elected at the ECREA Barcelona conference in 2008, has developed further the theoretical scope of the section, and expanding its networking to countries of Eastern Europe and Turkey. Many of our members have developed research projects as well as Erasmus agreements by making use of the DMM network.

As part of the mission of our section, we put a lot of effort to engage new scholars, with emphasises on the younger ones. The theoretical scope of the section has also been a priority in terms of centring the topics on themes relevant to the European political concerns with migration and the media role in shaping the public debate.

In 2010, the section concentrated on activities that focussed on networking and on the preparation of the Hamburg conference.

The main elements of the annual activities of the section during 2010 were:

- **Organizing the section panels for the main conference 2010:**
Target participants: Members of the Diaspora, Migration and the Media Section as well as a wider constituency of scholars and non-academics working on areas of significance to the section.

The section is a well established space for academics and professional to present work-in-progress and work that has already generated publications.

The section had 72 submissions, slightly lower than in previous years. We attribute that to the general trend of lack of funds for academics to attend conferences across different countries and universities due to the ongoing economic downturn. Nevertheless, we had papers, panels and poster proposal of high quality and originality submitted. The selection process was

challenging since most papers were of good quality to be included. We would like to thank the organizers of the Hamburg conference for facilitating our work as chair/co-chairs during the process of selection and organization of the panels. We also want to register our gratitude to the group of reviewers who supported the selection of papers.

Election of DMM team

During the conference in Hamburg it took place the election for the management team. Our colleague Eugenia Siapera resigned of the co-chair position. The management team elected for the next two years is: Olga Guedes Bailey (chair) Sonja de Leeuw (co-chair) and Gavan Titley (co-chair).

The section had its modus operandi updated in tune with the ECREA new regulations.

- **Networking activities:**
 - Chris Gilligan and the section chair are still coordinating a mailing list where DMM members and friends of the section participate in the exchange of information and ideas about furthering research collaborations.
- **Future plans:**
 - Organize the workshop of our group for 2011.
 - Organize a special issue for an academic journal based on papers presented in section.

Olga Guedes Bailey – Chair Diaspora, Migration and Media
(on behalf of co-chairs)

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