

ECREA DIASPORA, MIGRATION AND MEDIA

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Report on Activities

1. Continuation of the management team

There have been no changes to the management team in the year since the Lisbon conference. As the Prague conference will mark the end of two terms for this team, an entirely new team will be elected.

2. Events and Collaborations

The section organized a hugely successful workshop in Erasmus University, Rotterdam, from 19-20 November 2015. Entitled 'The porous walls of Fortress Europe' the conference as organized by Jiska Engelbert, Isabel Awad Cherit and Jacco van Sterkenberg of the Erasmus Research Centre for Media Communication and Culture (ERMeCC). The workshop was designed to foreground new and emerging studies of media coverage of and media activism in relation to the intensified borders crisis. It featured four plenary speeches, from Philomena Essed, Willem Schinkel, Gavan Titley and Lisbeth van Zoonen, and a special public session 'Who is afraid of Zwarte Piet?' that featured lectures, discussion and screenings of film excerpts and the resulted in a ticket-only, full booked out public event. The workshop was organized through six thematic panel sessions with four papers per session.

3. Publications

Papers from the workshop will feature in a special edition of The European Journal of Cultural Studies, being edited by the seminar organisers.

In April 2016, the Diaspora, Migration and Media Section had 255 members.