

MISSION STATEMENT **ECREA SECTION GENDER AND COMMUNICATION**

The Section Gender and Communication aims to bring together scholars who approach issues within the field of communication with a specific interest in gender. Gender is conceptualized in a broad sense. The section specifically seeks inclusivity in relation to gender studies issues (among which: ethnicity, identity politics, queer studies, gender in media industries, feminist media studies, popular culture studies, post structural theory, philosophical questions). The section intends to take a critical approach in bridging the gap between communication and gender studies.

We welcome interdisciplinary approaches and innovative studies in all areas of media and communication research: media production, media texts and media use and/or reception. Questions of gender within the field of communication and media can be approached at theoretical, methodological and/or empirical level.

The section is committed to transcending boundaries between academia and professional praxis, welcoming members from various backgrounds and institutional contexts. Additionally, the section offers a platform for dialogue and network possibilities.

The Section Gender and Communication adheres to the broader objectives of ECREA: stimulating research on European matters, the bringing together of scholars from different European countries working in the field, providing a platform for interchange and comparative work, supporting the work of junior scholars.

The section aims to organise section panels at ECREA Conferences and to a larger extent at other international conferences. Furthermore, the section seeks to stimulate European scholarship in media and communication studies with a gender perspective.