

Media Industries and Cultural Production Section

2015 Yearly Activity Report

The formation of the Media Industries and Cultural Production Temporary Working Group (TWG) was approved by the Executive Board of ECREA in May 2011 and it became an ECREA section in September 2015. In December 2015 the group had 158 members from 28 different countries.

Our yearly event took place on 7 and 8 September 2015 hosted by the University of Leeds. The theme of the conference was [Capitalism, Culture and the Media](#). Keynote speakers included Alison Hearn (University of Western Ontario), Bev Skeggs (Goldsmiths), David Hesmondhalgh (University of Leeds), Des Freedman (Goldsmiths), Jeremy Gilbert (University of East London), Justin Lewis (Cardiff), Justin O'Connor (Monash University, Melbourne), Jason Cabanes (University of Leeds) and Shakuntala Banaji (London School of Economics). As in previous events, other partners and networks participated in the organization of the event, including IAMCR (International Association for Media and Communication Research), SCMS (Society for Cinema and Media Studies) Media Industries Scholarly Interest Group and the Carsey-Wolf Center at University of California Santa Barbara. The conference was attended by 110 people, showing the very large degree of interest in the topic within ECREA.

ECREA will be holding its European Communication Conference on 9-12 November. This will be the first conference in which the Media Industries and Cultural Production Section will be present, under the same conditions as the other sections. As a TWG we were only allocated one panel-slot, but as a section we will be able to have a number of slots, depending on the number of applications. We expect this will boost our activities, attendance and the visibility of the section and hence the research fields covered by the Section.

The Section –at the time, still a Temporary Working Group– held its annual business meeting (as required by ECREA Statutes and the Section's Modus Operandi) in 8 September, discussing its status. The management team continues to be David Hesmondhalgh (University of Leeds) as Chair, and David Fernandez Quijada (European

Broadcasting Union, Geneva) and Hanne Bruun (University of Aarhus) as Vice-Chairs. José Manuel Domínguez is the 'Young ECREA' representative. According to our Modus Operandi of our Section, elections for a new Management Team will be held at the 2016 business meeting, to be held during the European Communication Conference.

Section Management Team:

Chair: David Hesmondhalgh (School of Media and Communication, University of Leeds, United Kingdom)

Vice Chair: David Fernández-Quijada (European Broadcasting Union, Switzerland)

Vice Chair: Hanne Bruun (Aarhus University, Denmark)

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