

## Media and Religion TWG report ECREA 2015

Media and Religion key activities of the chairing team (Sumiala, Lundby & Coman) and TWG's YECREA representative (Guzek)

### Conferences and conference presentations:

Our main activity for 2015 was the 2nd Media and Religion conference in Bucharest 20-21 November. This conference was organized and chaired by professor Mihai Coman, University of Bucharest. It had some thirty participants from different parts of Europe e.g. Greece, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Poland, Finland and Norway. ([www.mediaandreligion.ro](http://www.mediaandreligion.ro))

### Other conference activities

- Coman, Mihai & Coman Christina (2015) "*Crises, émotions et mythes*" Narratives of Crisis, Myths and Realities, international conference, Thessaloniki, 24-25 June 2015.
- Coman, Mihai 2015. Media et religion: de la laïcité à la « profanation » in "Médias, spiritualité et laïcité. Regards croisés franco-roumains", Montpellier, Iarsic, 2015 <http://www.sfsic.org/index.php/sfsic-infos-151/publications/2873-parution-actes-du-4e-workshop-international-essachess>
- Guzek, Damian (2015) *Discovering the digital authority. Twitter as reporting tool for papal activities*. NordMedia 2015. Media Presence – Mobile Modernities. University of Copenhagen, NORDICOM Nordic Information Centre for Media and Communication Research. Copenhagen, 13-15 August 2015.
- Guzek, Damian (2015) *Scandalising Pope's Resignation in German, Polish and Russian Press*. Media, Church, Manipulation. Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. Warsaw, March 26, 2015 (plenary speech with Dagmara Gluszek-Szafranec and Patrycja Szostok).
- Guzek, Damian (2015) *Religious-social shaping technology approach as a support of research on political communication in the network*. Quantitative and qualitative research in the study of political communication. University of Wrocław, Wrocław, October 23, 2015.
- Guzek, Damian (2015) *John Paul II - Pope Benedict XVI - Francis. Coverage of the popes in the Polish press in the context of sede vacante from 2013*. Greatness or authority? Pope John Paul II in Polish media coverage during his canonization. Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, University of Warsaw, Jagiellonian University, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Foundation "Work of the New Millennium". Warsaw, 16–17 October 2015.

- Guzek, Damian (2015) Presenting to young scholars the activities of TWG Media and Religion ECREA (i.e. during conferences: *NordMedia2015* in Copenhagen, *Media - Church - Manipulation* in Warsaw).
- Lundby, Knut (2015) "From sacralization to profanation in the Scandinavian population's relation to media, religion and political conflict." Media and Religion conference, 20-21 November, Bucharest 2015.
- Lundby, Knut (2015) "Conflicts in Culture. Mediatized Religious Environments in Scandinavia.» Keynote in conference on New Directions in Mediatization Research: Culture, Conflict and Organizations, University of Copenhagen 1-2 October 2015.
- Sumiala, Johanna (2015) Mediatized Death Ritual: Expanding the Field in Media and Communication Studies, Media and Religion conference 20-21 Bucharest 2015.
- Sumiala, Johanna (2015) Media Anthropological Perspectives on Digital Witnessing Rethinking Distance, Proximity and Suffering in the Case of Charlie Hebdo 2015 Theorizing Media and Conflict University of Vienna 23-24 October, 2015.
- Sumiala, Johanna (2015) Key note on Ritual Existence and Death. In Digital Existence conférence 26-28 October, 2015, Sigtuna Stiftelsen, Sweden.
- Sumiala, Johanna (2015) Key note *Mediatized Resistance of Victims – Toward the Ethics of 'Politics of Pity'*. In "Responsibility and Resistance Ethics in Mediatized Worlds" International Conference at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna 10-11, December 2015
- Sumiala, Johanna & Valaskivi, Katja (2015) "Je suis Charlie" Digital ethnography in the study of global media events – some preliminary reflections on Charlie Hebdo. IAMCR Montreal 12-16 July, 2015.
- Tikka, Minttu, Huhtamäki, Jukka, Sumiala, Johanna & Valaskivi, Katja (2015) Studying Global Media Events in Social Media: Methodological reflections on the use of social network analysis in the case of Charlie Hebdo. Social Media Research Symposium "Successes and failures in studying social media: Issues of methods and ethics". University of Jyväskylä, 20 November, 2015.

## Publications:

- Coman, Mihai (ed.) (2015) Special issue of Romania Journal of Journalism and Communication devoted to M&R issue (nr 3/2015) -[Revista Romana de Jurnalism si Comunicare](#)
- Guzek, Damian, Szostok Patrycja and Dagmara Gluszek-Szafraniec. 2015. *Mediated abdication. From resignation of pope Benedict XVI to the election of Francis. Analysis of media events in German, Polish and Russian press*. Katowice: Slask.

- Guzek, Damian. 2015. Discovering the digital authority. Twitter as reporting tool for papal activities. *Online - Heilderberg Journal of Religions in Internet*, 9, 63–80.
- Guzek, Damian. 2015. "Religious radio families" between the social and economic needs. *Revista Romana de Jurnalism si Comunicare – Romanian Journal of Journalism and Communication*, 49:3, 33–39.
- Guzek, Damian. 2015. The structural changes in diocesan press in Poland. In *Transformation of regional and local media*, edited by Wojciech Furman and Pawel Kuca, 165–175. Rzeszow: University of Rzeszow Press.
- Guzek, Damian. 2015. Mediatization of religion. An analysis of idea. In *The spaces of communication: Technology, language, culture*, edited by Ewa Borkowska, Agata Pogorzelska-Kliks and Beata Wojewoda, 69–78. Gliwice: Silesian University of Technology Press.
- Lundby, Knut (2015). "Mediatization and secularization: the transformations of public service institutions – the case of Norway" *Media, Culture & Society*, OnlineFirst, November 26, 2015, page 1-10. <http://mcs.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/11/26/0163443715615414.full.pdf+html>  
doi:10.1177/0163443715615414
- Sumiala, Johanna, Tikka, Minttu, Valaskivi, Katja & Huhtamäki, Jukka (2015) Je suis Charlie – The Symbolic Battle and Struggle of Attention. Project description. *Nordicom-Information* 37: 3-4, 84-87.
- Sumiala, Johanna (2015) Witches, Bitches and Princesses – Gendered Ritualizations around Mediated Death. *Media, Religion and the Digital Age* (special issue) in *Tripodas*.
- Sumiala, Johanna (2015) Values, Ritual and the Management of Intercultural Diversity. Testing the ground in the media. *Debates do NER/Journal of anthropology of religion in Brazil*.
- Sumiala, Johanna (2015) Mediatized Rituals and the Performance of Conflict: The death of a Princess and a Prime Minister, in *The Dynamics of Mediatized Conflict*. Mikkel Eskjær, Stig Hjarvard & Mette Mortensen (eds.) Peter Lang: New York, 111-128.

### Received Grants:

- Sumiala, Johanna (2015) [Je suis Charlie – The Symbolic battle and struggle over attention \(2015-2017\)](#) School of Communication, Media and Theatre, University of Tampere. Funded by Helsingin Sanomat Foundation.
- Guzek, Damian (2015) *Media towards the idea of secular state*, As principal investigator, financed by National Science Centre, Poland. Funding scheme *Preludium*. Period: 1.10.2015 – 30.09.2018. No 2014/15/N/HS5/00646.

In February 2016, the Media and Religion TWG had 77 members.