

CfP: "Media Policy and Digitalization" (NOPSA 2017 workshop)

This NOPSA workshop will constitute **The 2nd European Symposium on Media Policy**.

Description:

Media policy constitutes a neglected sub-field of political sciences and has, traditionally, been relegated to the realms of media and communication studies. However, since it concerns the structures that support and regulate democracy, freedom of expression, and public participation, and since it is of increasing interest to policy-makers on both national and super-national levels, it is an area that could also be of interest for the political-science community. This workshop proposes an occasion for starting such a conversation and fertilizing the ground for increased integration of media policy in the political sciences.

Issues of media policy have become pertinent in recent years as technological and social development reconfigures the object of this policy area. So, the workshop will focus particularly on the challenges that digitalization poses to media policy and the questions that it raises. These challenges include – but are not limited to – (1) how traditional media markets such as broadcasters and the press increasingly converge on digital media, challenging the regulatory frameworks and subsidy systems put in place by policy-makers; (2) how digital intermediaries such as Google and Facebook are central actors in citizens' media use but transgress the tools of the same policy-makers; and (3) the extent to which one can even distinguish between "media policy" and other policy areas such as cultural policy, policies of infrastructure (telecommunications), and trade/business policy.

Workshop format:

We emphasize the workshop format of the event, expecting all authors with accepted abstract to submit full papers before the workshop (see timeline below) and act as designated opponents on other authors' papers (i.e., reading the paper in advance and prepare comments). At the workshop, we will have 45-60 minutes for each paper: 20 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for comments from the opponent, and 15-30 minutes for general discussion. This format should allow for time to work in-depth with the paper contributions. The workshop will accept a maximum of 15 papers, and we hope to be able to publish the best of them as a special issue.

Timeline:

January 15, 2017: Deadline for paper proposals. Proposals should have the form of extended abstracts (750 words) and be sent directly to workshop chair Aske Kammer (aska@itu.dk)

March 15, 2017: Notification of acceptance

May 15, 2017: Deadline for Early Bird registration

July 15, 2017: Deadline for submission of full papers (send to workshop chair Aske Kammer, aska@itu.dk)

August 8-11, 2017: Conference

Workshop leadership:

- Chair: Aske Kammer (The IT University of Copenhagen, aska@itu.dk)
- Vice-chair: Vilde Schanke Sundet (Lillehammer University College, Vilde.Schanke.Sundet@hi.no)

Venue:

The workshop will be part of the Nordic Political Science Association's (NoPSA) XVIII Political Science Congress, which will be held at the Department of Political Science and Public Management at the University of Southern Denmark on August 8-11, 2017. For more information, please visit <http://www.sdu.dk/NOPSA2017>.