

CALL FOR PAPERS

5TH CONFERENCE MEDIA AND GOVERNANCE IN LATIN AMERICA
COMMUNICATION IN CONTESTED POLITICAL SCENARIOS
15-16 JUNE
INSTITUTE OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES – STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY

The call for papers for the 5th Conference Media and Governance in Latin America – Communication in Contested Political Scenarios is now open. The conference is to be held at the Institute of Latin American Studies – Stockholm University, 15-16 June.

Important Dates:

Submission deadline: 30/01/2020
Decision on acceptance: 28/02/2020
Registration opens: 02/03/2020*
Program release: around 20/05/2020

*Participation in the conference is free of charge but all participants, whether presenting or not, are required to register.

Description:

The conference Media and governance in Latin America promotes intellectual exchange on the way the media interact with social, political, symbolic and technological changes in Latin America. In 2020, with the theme “**Communication in Contested Political Scenarios**” the conference will discuss how media and communication play a role in contexts of political polarization, conflicts, increased threats to minority groups, and the growth of anti-democratic movements. We propose a broad understanding of politics, beyond parliamentary and party-politics, to include all aspects of collective life.

The conference will analyze the communicative aspects of contested political scenarios in Latin America, exploring the interplay between communication and political conflicts, the role of media in processes of political polarization and in polarized contexts, and the relations between media structures and democracy. We welcome submissions that analyze such aspects both through theoretical reflections and/or empirical investigations.

The conference will also explore the relationship between media and governance from a range of fields in social sciences and humanities, such as journalism studies, political communication, global communication, digital media, LGBT studies, political science, discourse analysis, anthropology, film studies, international relations among others.

Goals:

The conference’s goal is to promote an intellectual debate on the role of the media in the promotion of good governance in Latin America. By bringing together senior scholars and young researchers, this initiative seeks to provide a space of exchange about the theoretical and methodological relevance of current debates. This conference aims to address academic debates in the field of global media, media and development, and the de-westernization of media studies. It will provide international scholars the opportunity to discuss theoretical and

methodological approaches, country-based case studies, comparative projects and academic collaborations in a transdisciplinary setting.

Keynote Speakers:

- Rossana Reguillo – Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Occidente, ITESO, Mexico
- Silvio Waisbord - George Washington University, United States.

We are interested in presentations that address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

• Theories and Methods: To what extent can comparative studies reinvigorate academic debates beyond the region? How can scholars build stronger theoretical and methodological tools to address global audiences with local or regional data? What are the similarities and differences between the study of media and governance in Latin America and in the Global South? How can Latin American scholarship contribute to de-westernize media studies?

• Media Systems, Pluralism, and Good Governance: How are current media systems in the region fostering or hindering dialogue and tolerance? What is the relationship between media, governance and processes of political polarization? How are both legacy and new media interacting with the state, the private sector, civil society and the public for the promotion plural debates and tolerance, and the representation of minority groups? How do media technologies and platforms play a role in processes of political polarization? What is the role of the media in overcoming pervasive phenomena that hinder good governance, such as censorship, clientelism, populism, or the concentration of media ownership?

• Media and Political Representation: What journalistic practices and organizational dynamics favor dialogue, tolerance and diversity in Latin America? How are the news media addressing topics related to politics in the region, such as violence, inequality, or corruption? How are media representing and covering protest and social unrest? To what extent are digital communication platforms incorporating previously marginalized themes (such as racial, gender and class-based inequality) and actors (indigenous communities, women, LGBT minorities)? How are media dealing with the surfacing of extremist positions? How are media contributing to dialogue, diversity and tolerance?

• Communication for Social Change: What impact are agents of change, such as civil society groups, having in the media visibility of a range of voices and issues? What is the impact of digital technologies in contested political scenarios? How are digital media being appropriated by marginalized actors?

Post-conference activities:

17/06

Morning – Network meeting – Media and Governance in Latin America International Research Network

Afternoon – Workshop on publication and dissemination from a de-westernizing perspective, facilitated by Dr. Flor Enghel, Malmö University. Limited to 15 places, subject to registration.

Submission Process and attendance:

The abstracts (350 words max) should be emailed to **conference.mediagovla@gmail.com** by *January 30th*, 2020. Authors will be informed of acceptance/rejection decisions no later than February 28th, 2020.

Full papers of accepted abstracts that the author(s) wishes to be considered for publication should be submitted by 30th April, 2020 at: **conference.mediagovla@gmail.com**. Paper submission details will be provided at a later date. Following the conference, selected papers will be invited to contribute to a thematically arranged publication submitted to editorial peer-review.

Please direct questions on submissions or any aspect of the pre-conference to **conference.mediagovla@gmail.com**

The cycle of conferences 'Media and Governance in Latin America' was created in 2014. The four editions of 'Media and Governance' have brought together over one hundred researchers in digital media, citizen media, investigative journalism and democratization. The conference has built a strong network of debate and has led to meaningful research collaborations among academics based in Europe and the Americas.

Organizers:

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