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Call for participants

ECREA European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School 2013

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We are happy to invite you to participate in the ECREA European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School 2013 that will take place in Bremen, Germany from August 11-24, 2013.

THE FOCUS

The ECREA European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School 2013 brings together members of the European research community to this summer school in order to debate contemporary issues in media, communication and cultural studies.

The main emphasis of this summer school is on providing structural and individuated PhD-support for young European scholars, through a variety of working forms, including feedback seminars, workshops, and lectures.

The summer school aims to provide a supportive international setting where doctoral students can present their ongoing work, receive feedback on their PhD-projects from international experts and meet students and academics from other countries, establishing valuable contacts for the future.

THE TOPIC

The topic of this year's summer school is ***Dynamics of Mediatization: Everyday Media Agency in Europe***. The summer school is open to the full variety of academic work from the field of communication and media studies. The overall theme for the programme provides just one of the many topical focal points of the summer school and will not be used as a main criterion for participant selection.

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HOW TO APPLY

There are two options to attend the Summer School:

For students whose universities are a member of the organizing consortium (see the list below) the Summer School will provide:

- Summer School materials (including 2 books),
- accommodation, breakfast and coffee during the breaks,
- travel refund (see summer school website for details)

Payment of a registration fee of 450 Euros is required.

For students whose universities are not a member of the organizing consortium, the Summer School will provide:

- Summer School materials (including 2 books),
- accommodation, breakfast and coffee in the breaks
- travel refund (see summer school website for details)

Payment of a registration fee of 550 Euros is required.

The total number of students will be limited to 44, half of them from consortium members.

CREDITS

The summer school gives full recognition to the activities of participating students who are awarded 10 ECTS credits for their participation in the full programme (including the supplementary activities). Six of the best student presentations and all abstracts of student projects will be published in the Summer School Book.

GRANTS

There will be 1 grant provided to students who are unable to otherwise raise the registration fee. There is a separate application and selection procedure in order to apply for these grants. The application will be available through the summer school website after April 11, 2013.

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DEADLINES

The deadline for applications for the summer school is **March 15, 2013.**

Applicants from consortium universities and affiliated partners of the summer school must coordinate their application with institutional coordinators (see the list at the summer school website).

A wide range of student papers is sought for, and it is not necessary to fit into the yearly theme of the doctoral summer school. The working language of the summer school will be English; therefore a sufficient understanding and ability to express oneself in this language is expected.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Stage One

When applying, each interested student is expected fill out a form on the Summer School website (http://www.comsummerschool.org). Prior registration on the website is necessary (the approval of the website account is not automatic and may take up to 3 days). Uncompleted applications will not be eligible. Applications can only be submitted via the summer school website.

This application form will include:

1. a 400 word abstract of the PhD project

2. a short CV according to the provided forms

The deadline for submitting the application is March 15, 2013. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by April 11.

Stage Two

Students whose abstracts are accepted will be expected to provide the following documents and information in the second phase:

1. A 10-page (3000 words) paper on their PhD project as a whole. The 10 page paper should be a report of the student's ongoing doctoral research and not a conventional conference paper or a report of findings. Rather, it is expected that the student will briefly present the focus of the research and then take up aspects of the research process: methodology, theory and practical issues on which he/she would like to receive feedback. (Deadline: May 25)

2. A set of questions (maximum 1 page) with questions or problems that students would like to be discussed during the workshops. This one page needs to be part of the same Word/PDF file that also contains the 10-page paper. (Deadline: May 25)

3. Based on the abstracts and titles of other student papers, everyone is expected to choose up to 3 papers they would be interested in being a respondent. (Deadline: June 15)

4. By the start of the Summer School, each student has to prepare a 10-minute seminar presentation covering the main points of their work. Each student is also expected to actively participate in the discussions of their own and other people's work. In order to ensure maximum benefits of the seminars, everyone will have to read all other participants' papers before the Summer School begins.

List of Consortium member universities and affiliated partners

The summer school is organised by a consortium of 22 partner universities:

- Autonomous University of Barcelona ES,
- Charles University CZ,
- Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) HU,
- Jönköping University SE,
- London School of Economics & Political Science UK,
- Loughborough University GB,
- Lund University SE,
- University of Ankara TR,
- University of Bergen NO,
- University of Bremen DE,
- University of Erfurt DE,
- University of Ljubljana, SI
- University of Roskilde DK,
- University of Sacred Heart Milano IT,
- University of Stirling UK,
- University of Tampere FI,
- University of Tartu EE,
- University of Westminster UK,
- University on Helsinki FI,
- University Stendhal, Grenoble 3 FR,
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel BE,
- Vytautas Magnus University (VMU) LT.

Affiliated partners of the summer school are:

- BIGSSS - Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences
- COST Action IS0906 Transforming Audiences, Transforming Societies
- European Communication Research and Education Association
- Finnish national research school
- Research Network “Communicative Figurations” (Universities of Bremen and Hamburg)

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Summer School Website: http://www.comsummerschool.org

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