

Call for Papers

ICA 2016 Preconference, Fukuoka, 9 June 2016

Communication Research Methods 2016: Practices and Challenges

The Communication Research Methods 2016 (CRM16) preconference aims to bring together scholars from all divisions and interest groups who are concerned with research methods and practice. There is currently no division or interest group that is explicitly dedicated to communication research methodology. CRM16 provides a much-needed forum for scholars from all subfields of communication to discuss original scientific research, best practices, and issues in the area of methodology and research practice, both qualitative and quantitative.

In the coming years we will seek to establish an ICA Interest group that is dedicated to communication research methods and practices, and CRM16 serves as the inaugural event for all communication researchers interested in becoming future members of this interest group. In order to facilitate a discussion about building and maintaining a successful interest group, the last session of the CRM16 preconference will therefore consist of a roundtable discussion with current and/or former chairs from existing ICA divisions who can share their knowledge and expertise as we move to establish a unique ICA interest group solely dedicated to methods and methodology.

Conference Format and Submissions

CRM16 topics include, but are not limited to, (A) epistemology and methodology issues (e.g. history and philosophy of science, reproducibility, causal inference), (B) research practice and ethics (e.g. code of conduct, reporting, data archival & sharing), and (C) data collection and analysis (e.g. sampling, development and evaluation of measures, mixed methods, data gathering, and analysis techniques). We especially welcome systematic reviews and meta-analyses of communication research methods. CRM16 is dedicated to methodological diversity and welcomes both quantitative and qualitative perspectives.

Submissions should address one of the three topics outlined above or a related methodological topic. They should be made in the form of a short paper between 2000 and 4000 words (including abstract, figures, and references). Submissions need to be prepared in accordance with APA 6th ed. for anonymous review. Data collection for empirical submissions must be complete.

Submissions are due December 30, 2015 at 11:59pm GMT and should be sent to **malte.elson@rub.de**. Each submission will be reviewed by a minimum of two experts. Notification of the decision will be sent out on February 1, 2016 at the latest. Accepted submissions should be prepared as a 12-minute oral presentation (plus 8 minutes of Q&A and discussion).

Conference date, venue, and registration

Registration for the preconference is open to both presenters and non-presenters and opens on January 15, 2015. The registration fee is 50 USD. The preconference will take place on Thursday, 9 June 2016, at the Hilton Fukuoka Seahawk in Fukuoka, Japan.

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