

The ECREA European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School Ljubljana, 12-25 August 2012

Call for participants

We are happy to invite you to participate in the ECREA European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School 2012 that will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 12 – 25 August 2012.



The ECREA European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School 2012 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 topic of this year's summer school is ***Media in/and society – present trends and developments***. 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. All PhD projects within the field of communication and media studies are welcomed.

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 SUMMER SCHOOL WEBSITE

For more information on the summer school or to register for the programme, please visit:

<http://www.comsummerschool.org>

THE SUMMER SCHOOL BOOK

Each year, the intellectual work of the Summer School is published in a book. The book contains chapters contributed by the Summer School lecturers, six best student papers, and all abstracts of the Summer School student's PhD projects.

You can download a PDF-version of this book – free of charge – from the Summer School website:

<http://www.comsummerschool.org/node/84>

The book is also available at the Researching and Teaching Communication Series website:

<http://www.researchingcommunication.eu/>

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IN PRAISE OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

The ECREA European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School has received a reward for excellence from Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational and Training Programmes. The Summer School programme was awarded second place among Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme – Intensive Learning Projects, funded by Slovene national agency in 2009 and 2010.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

*It's been an excellent experience!
Thank you very much!*

It was a great opportunity to connect and discuss my project with other students. Great!!!

I have only congratulations for the IP organisers. I was impressed by the overall efficiency, accessibility and friendliness of the organisers.

Although the timetable was tight and exhausting, the learning outcomes were great.

Thank you for this wonderful experience.

Student workshops were excellent and useful.

Really great. I will recommend this Summer School to everyone!

How to apply

There are two options to attend the Summer School:

For students whose universities are a member of the organizing consortium

(see list below) the Summer School will provide:

- Summer School materials (including 2 books),
- accommodation, breakfast, coffee and lunches,
- travel refund*

Payment of a membership contribution of 450 Euros for a series of

supplementary activities (research seminars, round table and social events) organised by the Slovene

Communication Association is required.

For students whose universities are not a member of the organizing consortium but are either individual or institutional

members of ECREA, the Summer School will provide:

- Summer School materials (including 2 books),
- accommodation, breakfast, coffee and lunches.

Payment of a membership contribution of 550 Euros for a series of

supplementary activities (research seminars, round table and social events) organised by the Slovene

Communication Association is required.

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). The total number of students will be limited to 45, up to 35 from consortium members and 10 students through ECREA.

The deadline for applications for the summer school is April 5, 2012.

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.

To apply, please visit to the Summer School Website:

<http://www.comsummerschool.org/>

* The refund is valid for the (cheapest possible) travel costs to the summer school location (Ljubljana) taking into account the maximum eligible costs set by Erasmus IP (please see the table of maximum travel costs on the Summer School website). In order to get the refund after the end of the summer school, the students will have to send in their original boarding passes and tickets, travel agent invoices and receipts to the summer school coordinator no later than September 5 (date of stamp). Otherwise no refund will be provided.

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THE LEARNING FORMATS AT THE ECREA SUMMER SCHOOL



PhD feedback workshops



Lectures



Workshops



Informal discussions



Visits to local NGO's and institutions

Application procedure

Stage One

When applying, each interested student is expected fill out a form on the Summer School website (<http://www.comsummerschool.org>). Students from consortium universities please consult with your institutional coordinators before applying. 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 April 5, 2012 . Notifications of acceptance will be sent by April 25, 2012.

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: methodological, theoretical 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. This preference will be taken into consideration while setting up student working groups. (Deadline: June 1)
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 other participants papers before the Summer School begins.

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THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE ECREA SUMMER SCHOOL



Student-centered programme



Structured, constructive feedback



Individualised contact with lecturers



Relaxed atmosphere



Respect for academic diversity

Organising Consortium

The Intensive Programme is supported by **Socrates Erasmus IP project**, the European Communication Research and Education Association (<http://www.ecrea.eu>), Slovene Communication Association, the Department of Media and Communication Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana (<http://www.fdv.uni-lj.si>), a consortium of 22 partner universities:

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



Affiliated partners of the Summer School are:

- European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA),
- Finnish National Research School, and
- COST Action IS0906 "Transforming Audiences, Transforming Societies".

The Summer School is supported by Slovene Communication Association.

All questions concerning the application procedure and other information can be directed to the Programme Director of the Summer School

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