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October 24th, 2024 (Thursday)

10:00 h (UTC + 03:00) - Opening speech by the Dean of the Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Prof. Dr. Vesselina Valkanova

10:10 h (UTC + 03:00) – Greetings by Mrs. Nadia Vissers, Director of the European Journalism Training Association (EJTA)

10:20 h (UTC + 03:00) – Greetings by Mr. Fernando Ojea, Secretary General of CIRCUM Regional

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Plenary Session – Beginning 10:25 h (UTC + 03:00)

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Manuela Manliherova

(working language – English)

Astrid M. Fellner, Eva Nossem, Yuliya Stodolinska (Saarland University, Germany). *AI Across Borders: Integrating AI-Based Text Generators into University Teaching*

Mihály Szilágyi-Gál (Eötvös Lóránd University of Sciences, Hungary). *Some Aspects of Press Freedom and Desinformation in Taiwan*

Irma Gabinashvili (Batumi State University, Georgia). *Future of Media - In the Context of Predictions, Benefits and Preference*

Elitza Stoilova (Umni.bg, Bulgaria). *Digital Habits in Communication - Lessons from AI Chatbots*



Afternoon session – beginning 13:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: Transformation of the Media Environment

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Simeon Vasilev

(working language – Bulgarian)

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Vesselina Valkanova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria).

Disintermediation and Virtualization in Communication. Reliable Information and Authoritative News Reporting As a Social Responsibility

Simeon Vasilev (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Technologies and Media Culture*

Evelina Kristanova (SWPS University in Warsaw, Poland). *Contemporary Bulgarian and Polish Women's Magazines. A Comparative Study*

Biser Zlatanov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Media Management in Transforming Media Environment*

Maya Stoyanova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The New Faces of Design in the Age of Digital Transformation*

Mariya Ilieva (New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria). *The Use of Chatbot as a New Tool in Digital Communication*

Melani Simeonova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Creative Staff - Tools and Resources of Communication Specialists*

Petya Stefanova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Corporate Communication Management in the Era of Digital Transformation. Challenges of Today and Development Trends in Communication Activities*

Sofia Zlatanova (Southwest University "Neofit Rilski", Bulgaria). *Radio in the Convergent Media Environment*

Iveta Yordanova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Design and Accessibility of Online Media: Impact and Integration of WCAG*

Panel discussion



Afternoon session – beginning 13:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: Communication in the Age of AI

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Nikolai Mihailov

(working language – English)

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Christo Kaftandjiev (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Characteristics of Marketing Communications, Generated By the Artificial Intelligence*

Ivana Stojanović Prelević, Dragan Stevanović (University of Niš, Serbia). *Liedereship, Ethics and Artificial Inteligence*

Eugen Istodor (University of Bucharest, Romania). *Brief Portrait of Journalism in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*

Liudmyla Novikova (Cinema and Television University, Ukraine). *Artificial Intelligence In The Screen Arts: Benefits And Risks*

Valeri Marinov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Usage of Artificial Intelligence in Regional Televisions of Europe - Concepts, Visions and Case Studies*

Justine Toms (New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria). *Ai – Ethical Frame of Usage by Communication Experts*

Anna Bureiko (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania). *Journalism in the Age of AI, VR, and Synthetic Media: A Literature Analysis*

Panel Discussion



Afternoon session – beginning 15:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: Media and Education Process

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kalin Kalinov

(working language – English)

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Claudia Polzin-Haumann (Saarland University, Germany). *Discursive Constructions of a Cross-Border Social Space during the Covid-19 Pandemic*

Manuela Manliherova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Digital (Synthetic) Humans in Media Industry*

Kalin Kalinov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Communication Perspectives on Social Fragmentation in Contemporary Society*

Oksana Voloshenuk, Halyna Dehtiarova (Department of Film Studies of KNUTKIT named after I. K. Karpenka-Karoho, Ukraine). *Creative Tools of Media Literacy: Media Educational Comic*

Saulė Jokūbauskienė, Daiva Siudikienė (Vilnius University, Lithuania). *The Study of Students' Reading Habits and Informational Behavior*

Petro Katerynych (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine). *The Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Screenwriting and Directing Education: Tools and Applications*

Tetiana Polishchuk, Oleksandra Hondiul (Boris Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Ukraine). *Media Education for Adults at the Media Hub Grinchenko University*

Monika Dimitrova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Rethinking Reading Promotion in Digital Context. Survey on the Attitudes of Reading Promoters to the Application of Digital Approaches*

Panel Discussion



Afternoon session - beginning 15:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: New Media Technologies and AI

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Maria Popova

(working language - Bulgarian)

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Maria Popova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Agenda Setting In the Media through Artificial Intelligence - Freedom of Political Messages or Media Content Control*

Greta Dermendjieva, Lora Simeonova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Artificial Intelligence – Frankenstein or the New Prometheus?*

Marina Marinova (University of Veliko Tarnovo "St. Cyril and St. Methodius", Bulgaria). *The Future of Journalism and Artificial Intelligence*

Stilia-Felisi Paunova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Distortion through Quantum Praxis in Media and Communication*

Lora Petkova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Digital Divide and AI Language Barriers in the Fight against Synthetic Misinformation in Bulgaria*

Mirela Spasova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Topic of Agriculture in Communications, Media and Education in the Paradigm of New Technologies and Artificial Intelligence*

Mityo Marinov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Artificial Intelligence Illustration - Help or Threat to Credibility*

Polina Nalbantova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Behind the Scenes of the Journalism: Forms of Participatory Journalism and Artificial Intelligence. Challenges and Opportunities*

Kristina Yurukova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Attitudes and Trust towards AI-Generated Content and Ads in Bulgaria*

Leda Tsvetkova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Brands of International Television - Development of Visual Communication*

Panel discussion



October 25th, 2024 (Friday)

Morning session – beginning 10:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: New Paradigms in Journalism

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maya Vasileva

(working language – English)

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Maya Vasileva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The News Value – Professional and Scientific Dimensions in the Paradigm of New Technologies and Artificial Intelligence*

Teodora Petrova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Historical Aspects of Strategic Communications*

Ralitsa Kovacheva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *They vs. us: Understanding Ethnocentrism's Role as a Vulnerability Factor to Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI)*

Sabína Gáliková Tolnaiová, Slavomír Gálik (University of St. Cyril and Methodius, Slovakia). *New Media Technologies as Challenges for the Development of (Not Only) Slovak Journalism*

Talia Rodríguez-Martelo, Isaac Maroto-González, José Rúas-Araújo (University of Vigo, Spain). *Engaging New Audiences in the Fight against Disinformation: Proposals from European Regional Media*

Oksana Zhuravska (Kyiv National Economic University named after Vadym Hetman, Ukraine). *Memes of the Crisis Periods in Polish and Ukrainian Mass Media as an Element of the Author's Manipulative Argumentation*

Marzena Tabor-Olszewska (Rzeczpospolita, Poland). *The most important aspects in the transformation of the editorial office from creating content for the newspaper to creating content for the Internet*

Anita Bedin (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Communication Design in Product Management of Exclusive Luxury Appliances*

Tsvetelina Dzhambazova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Coverage of the Houthi Movement in International Media*

Panel discussion



Morning session – beginning 10:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: New Trends in the Traditional and Online Journalism

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orlin Spasov

(working language – Bulgarian)

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Orlin Spasov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Content Moderation Online: From Social to Institutional Interventions*

Tetiana Dziuba (National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine). *Using the Observation Method in Journalistic Investigations of the Institutions for Mentally Disabled People*

Kiril Havezov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Factors and Dynamics of Genre Transformations in the Interdisciplinary Discourse of Bulgarian Media*

Aleksandra Trenkova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Media Environment and "Clean Journalism" - Trends and Perspectives*

Vyara Ivanova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Media Narrative of Social Crises in Bulgaria: Survey of Online News Editions*

Daniela Trencheva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Journalism Quality Standards within Media Ethics Codes In the EU*

Zheyne Zheleva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The First "Light Painters": The Beginning of Photography in Stara Zagora Region*

Mila Cherneva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *When the Audience Becomes the Author. Use of Social Networks and Citizen Journalism by the Professional Media in Bulgaria*

Nikoleta Kostadinova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *New Models and Challenges for Media Content Delivery*

Nina Stoilova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Brand Identity in a Digital Environment*

Nedelina Petkova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Media during Crises - Anthropological Influence*

Panel discussion



Afternoon session – beginning 13:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: Media Aspects of War as Contemporary Social Phenomenon

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Svetlozar Kirilov

(working language – English)

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Svetlozar Kirilov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Drones in the War in Ukraine*

Roman Pykaliuk (Volodymyr Vynnychenko Central Ukrainian State University, Ukraine). *Trends in the Development of Data Journalism in Ukrainian Online Media in Wartime*

Iryna Verkhovtseva (State University of Information and Communication Technologies, Ukraine). *Counteracting Information Violence in Digital Communication: Cyber Diplomacy (Case Study "Russia's Information War Against Ukraine")*

Anastasiia Simashova (Kamianets-Podilskyi Ivan Ohienko National University, Ukraine). *The Price of War, the Price of Peace: The Russian-Ukrainian War Coverage in the European Newspapers*

Liudmyla Yosupivna Zubrytska, Alla Hryhorivna Zinchenko, Iryna Ihorivna Titarenko (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine). *Peculiarities of Ukrainian Business Communication in the Conditions of the Russian-Ukrainian War*

Olena Rosinska (Kyiv National University of Economics named after Vadym Hetman, Ukraine). *Media Influence of the Modern Ukrainian War Film*

Tetiana Reshetukha, Oksana Kushnir (Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ukraine). *Disinformation Narratives in the Context of Hybrid Warfare Threats*

Panel discussion



Afternoon session – beginning 13:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: Communication Influence and Public Sphere

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mila Serafimova

(working language – Bulgarian)

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Mila Serafimova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Technology of Protest as a Form of Communication*

Victoria Biserova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Communicating Digital Reading Promotion Campaigns*

Yordan Karapenchev (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Trends in the Use of "Microcopy" For Improving User Experience in Mobile Applications and Websites*

Blagovest Iliev (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Regionalization and Its Role in Television Program Development*

Aleksandra Dyankova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Social Media LinkedIn as a Communication Channel for Business Communication and Building of Corporative and Personal Brand*

Venelina Ivanova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Social Media Role in the Global Business Environment*

Eleana Gencheva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Impact of the Media on the Public Opinion of Different Types of Audience*

Milena Ilieva - Momchilova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Branding In Politics: How Candidates Are Using the Power of Image to Win Elections*

Petya Kantareva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *PR Crises and Communication Strategies in Government Rotation and Negotiations*

Svetozara Velichkova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Transformation of Institutional PR in the Digital Age*

Stefani Petrova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Influence of AI in PR field*

Panel discussion



Afternoon session – beginning 15:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: Social Networks and Media Content

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetlana Stankova

(working language – English)

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Svetlana Stankova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Fake News in the Era of Automated Social Networks*

Ferdinando Cabrini (UNITO - Torino University cooperation, Italy). *New Words for the New World - In the AI time and the Metaverse*

Oleh Dzholos (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine). *The Digital Media Sector Is On The Cusp Of Regulation. EU Legislation and Prospects for Ukraine*

Vaiva Salaseviciute (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania). *Enhancing Political Values through Synthetic Media in Political Communication*

Nikola Vangelov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *AI In Advertising: Creative Practices*

Nikolay Kolev (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Smartphone Journalism in Bulgaria - Devices, Accessories, Software and Platforms*

Desislava Sotirova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *High-Quality Journalism Or News Engagement On Social Media – Is It Possible To Have Both?*

Ivailo Tsolov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The LinkedIn Platform - Marketing Strategy, Impact and Challenges*

Ivanka Valova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Human-Machine Communication: Balance between Technological Progress and Human Nature*

Panel discussion



Afternoon session – beginning 15:00 h (UTC + 03:00)

Panel: Ethical Regulation and New Media Environment

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Nikolai Mihailov

(working language – Bulgarian)

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Nikolai Mihailov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *About the Norms of Journalistic Ethics Today*

Desislava Andreeva (University of Veliko Tarnovo "St. Cyril and St. Methodius"). *Ig Nobel – The Alternative Media Narrative about Science*

Aneta Milkova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Regulation of Media Content during Election Campaigns in Bulgaria – Rules, Competence, Effectiveness*

Diliana Kirkovska (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Regulation of Influencers in Bulgaria - Responsibility to Be Accepted and Belated Necessity*

Nadezhda Miteva, Lilia Raycheva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Expert Semaphore of the Bulgarian Media Environment*

Bilyana Zhivkova (Shumen University "Bishop Konstantin of Preslav", Bulgaria). *The Ethical Perspective in Selecting Photos in a Crossmedia Environment*

Ivana Hitkova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Role of the Independent Cultural Field in Building Societal Resilience against Disinformation*

Olga Kolar (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Disinformation and Manipulation Based On Cognitive Distortions Used By Political Leaders in the Republic Of Moldova*

Sergey Todorov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *The Influence of Digital Civic Culture and Social Media - Challenges and Dangers in Modern PR*

Maria Markova (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Social Video Content Marketing - Predictions and Expectations*

Lilia Raycheva, Lora Metanova, Neli Velinova, Mariyan Tomov (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria). *Debating The European Union's Future in the 2024 Bulgarian Election Campaign*

Panel discussion