

Karol Jakubowicz Award” to Dr. Maria Nowina Konopka (monograph: “Infomorphosis. Information Management in New Media”) and Dr. Jakub Nowak (monograph: “Network Policy of Pop Culture”). A special prize for promoting democratic principles in the media, was given to Christian S. Nissen — Copenhagen Business School (Denmark); Director General of the Danish public broadcaster DR in 1994–2004. Nissen received this award for his contribution and achievements in debates on democracy and public service media at the European and national level.

It is believed that future editions of the “Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award” will further promote principles of democratic media in Poland and beyond.

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The 68th ICA Conference

Polish Communication Association Panel:

Political Executive — Media Relations in the Era of Mediatized Politics in Finland, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden

Prague, Czech Republic, May 24–28, 2018



Photo: The participants of the panel — Gunnar Nygren, Auksė Balčytienė, Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska, Svetlana Bodrunova, Milda Mallin, Jacek Nożewski, Karl Magnus Johansson, Risto Niemikari, Elena Johansson, Tapio Raunio

A panel organized by the Polish Communication Association took place on the third day (May 26) of the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA) held at Hilton Hotels in Prague in the Czech Republic. The panel, titled “Political Executive — Media Relations in the Era of Mediatized Politics in Finland, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden”, was chaired by Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska (University of Wrocław, Poland), and comprised of six presentations delineating the research results stemming from a forth-

coming edited volume *Close and Distant: Political Executive–Media Relations in Four Countries*. This book project spotlights interactions between political executives and media representatives and the case studies from Finland, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden, built mainly on extensive interviews with political journalists and government media/political advisors, supplemented by documentary evidence. The panel also presented the themes of the volume: government communication; social media; formality and informality; media-tization of politics; and political communication culture.

The presentations included six papers: “Variations in Political Communication Culture. New Forms of Political Parallelisms and Media–Politics Coalitions” of Aukse Balčytienė (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), “Journalists and Political Power–Mediatization and Political Instrumentalization” presented by Gunnar Nygren (Södertörn University, Sweden) and Risto Niemikari (University of Tampere, Finland), “Journalists and their Political Sources in Poland: Describing the Interrelationship” of Jacek Nożewski (University of Wrocław, Poland), “Formal and Informal Interaction: Power and Exchange Between Journalists and their Political Sources” presented by Milda Mallin (Södertörn University, Sweden). Elena Johansson (Södertörn University, Sweden) talked about “Social Media for Top Politicians: Comparative Case Illustrations from Finland, Poland, and Sweden”. The paper “Government Communication in Comparative Perspective” of Karl Magnus Johansson (Södertörn University, Sweden) and Tapio Raunio (University of Tampere, Finland) concluded the panel.

After the presentations, the panel respondent, Svetlana S. Bodrunova from St. Petersburg State University (Russia) offered her suggestions and insights, underscoring the importance of and the need for (de-westernized) comparative research. This was followed by a short question and answer session including the audience.

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The 11th Central and Eastern European Communication and Media Conference CEECOM 2018, Szeged, Hungary, 30th May–1st June 2018

The 11th Central and Eastern European Communication and Media Conference (CEECOM) was organized by the Department of Communication and Media Studies, and the Department of Political Science of the University of Szeged, where the conference took place, gathering around two hundred media and communication experts and guests from all around the world. It took three days to discuss the main conference topic: the diverse issues and relationships between the ‘communicative space and political space’, and to present the whole range of concepts and findings which describe the current state of research on CEE media and communication issues. The relatively dense program (34 thematic sessions, more than 140 presentations and 4 full-time keynote addresses) did not leave much time for discovering