

# The New World of Comparative Political Communication Conference

2115 Allen Building, Department of Political Science  
Texas A&M University

## AGENDA

(Names followed by \* = attending conference)

### Thursday, May 5, 2016

**8:40–9:00 am**      **Opening Remarks**

*Speakers:* Complete and submit department paperwork

#### Session 1: Chaired by Paul Kellstedt (Texas A&M University)

**9:00–9:30 am**      **“Survey Data from Russia and Turkey: Attitudes Toward Censorship and Freedom of Expression”**

**Erik Nisbet\*** (The Ohio State University)

**9:35–10:05 am**      **“Information and Communication Technology and Ethnic Conflict in Myanmar: Organizing for Violence or Peace?”**

Anne Bergren (The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University); **Catie Snow Bailard\*** (School of Media and Public Affairs, The George Washington University)

**10:10–10:40 am**      **“Are ICTs Democratizing Dictatorships? New Media and Mass Mobilization”**

**Elizabeth Stein\*** (State University of Rio de Janeiro)

**10:45–11:15 am**      **“Rebuilding the ROC: Russian National Identity and the Revived Russian Orthodox Church”**

Emily Damm (Mississippi State University) and **Skye Cooley\*** (Mississippi State University)

**11:15– 12:00 pm**      **Lunch**

#### Session 2: Chaired by Zeynep Somer-Topcu (University of Texas at Austin)

**12:00–12:30 pm**      **“Out of Government but Not Out of Touch: When Governments Fulfill Opposition Parties’ Pledges”**

Robert Thomson (University of Strathclyde), **Terry Royed\*** (University of Alabama), Elin Naurin (University of Gothenburg), Joaquín Artés (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Rory Costello (University of Limerick), Dominic Duval (Université Laval), Mark Ferguson (Bennett College), Petia Kostadinova (University of Illinois, Chicago), Catherine Moury (Lisbon University Institute), François Pétry (Université Laval), and Katrin Praprotnik (University of Hamburg)

**12:35–1:05 pm**      **“Where Have All The Leaders Gone? Evaluating the Dynamics of Parties' Issue Attention in Coalition Governments”**

Heike Kluver (University of Hamburg) and **Inaki Sagarzazu \*** (University of Glasgow)

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**1:10–1:40 pm**      **“Electoral Systems and The Deliberative Quality of Election Debates Between Political Leaders”**  
**Sofie Marien\*** (University of Amsterdam) and Stephen Elstub (University of West of Scotland)

**1:40–2:00 pm**      **Break**

**2:00–2:30 pm**      **“Developing Research Agendas with the Multi-lingual Media Monitoring (M3S) System”**  
**Presentation by Randy Kluver** (Texas A&M University) and **Steve Balfour** (Texas A&M University)

**Session 3: Chaired by Alex Pacek** (Texas A&M University)

**2:40–3:10 pm**      **“The Civic Network: A Comparative Study of the Use of Social Media for the Enhancement of Young People’s Civic Engagement”**  
Ariadne Vromen (University of Sydney), **Michael Xenos\*** (University of Wisconsin-Madison), and Brian Loader (University of York)

**3:15–3:45 pm**      **“United Nations, Uniting Nations: International Support Cues and American Attitudes on Environmental Sustainability”**  
**Tyler Johnson\*** (The University of Oklahoma) and Victoria Rickard (The University of Oklahoma)

**3:50–4:20 pm**      **“Strategic Issue Attention in Spanish Debates and the Evolution of Public Opinion”**  
**Inaki Sagarzazu\*** (University of Glasgow) and **Laron Williams\*** (University of Missouri)

**4:25–4:55 pm**      **“Media Exposure and Attitudes Toward Democratic Governance”**  
**Kirby Goidel\*** (Texas A&M University) and **Keith Gaddie\*** (The University of Oklahoma)

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**Session 4: Chaired by Kirby Goidel** (Texas A&M University)

**9:00–9:30 am**      **“Let’s Report It: Media Freedom, Media Access and Gay Rights”**  
Celin Carlo-Gonzalez (University of Massachusetts Lowell), Christopher McKallagat (University of Massachusetts Lowell) and **Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\*** (University of Massachusetts Lowell)

**9:35–10:05 am**      **“Social Representations, News Exposure, and Knowledge Gaps”**  
**Lilach Nir\*** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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**10:10–10:40 am**    **“Causal Attribution and Responsibility Framing in News Stories about the Syrian Refugee Crisis: A Comparative Analysis”**  
Srivi Ramasubramanian\* (Texas A&M University) and Caitlin Miles\* (Texas A&M University)

**10:45–11:15 am**    **“Media Bias, Selective Exposure, and Party Polarization: An Agenda for Cross-National Research”**  
Shanto Iyengar\* (Stanford University)

**11:15–12:00 pm**    **Lunch**

**Session 5: Chaired by Sahar Aziz** (Texas A&M University School of Law)

**12:00–12:30 pm**    **“Studying Legal Globalization Through the Lens of Comparative Research”**  
Sandra Braman\* (Texas A&M University)

**12:35–1:05 pm**    **“Courts and Issue Attention in Canada”**  
Joseph Daniel Ura\* (Texas A&M University), Nick Conway\* (Texas A&M University), Soren Jordan\* (Texas A&M University)

**1:10–1:40 pm**    **“Media at Work: The Effect of Media Freedom and Internet Access on Workers’ Rights”**  
Chris McKallagat (University of Massachusetts Lowell), Flavio D. S. Souza\* (University of Massachusetts Lowell), Jenifer Whitten-Woodring\* (University of Massachusetts Lowell), and Cameron Wimpy (Fors Marsh Group)

**1:40–2:00 pm**    **Break**

**Session 6: Chaired by Keith Gaddie** (The University of Oklahoma)

**2:00–2:30 pm**    **“Covering the Economy: Economic Conditions and Media Coverage in Comparative Perspective”**  
Paul Kellstedt\* (Texas A&M University), Raymond M. Duch (University of Oxford) and Katsunori Seki (University of Mannheim)

**2:35–3:05 pm**    **“A Cross-National Analysis of the Causes and Consequences of Economic News”**  
Christopher Wlezien\* (University of Texas, Austin), Stuart Soroka\* (University of Michigan) and Dominik Stecula (University of British Columbia)

**3:10–3:40 pm**    **“What Is and What May Never Be: Economic Voting and Media Freedom in Developing Democracies”**  
Cameron Wimpy (Fors Marsh Group) and Guy Whitten\* (Texas A&M University)

**3:45–4:15 pm**    **Wrap up and discussion about future publication**