2 to 3 p.m. Research Paper Session, No. 1

Moderator: Bill Silcock  
*Arizona State University, USA*

*A Comparative Study of Algorithmic Influence over Media Systems in China and the U.S.*  
Tingrong Zhi, Maoli Xing, & Min Luo  
*Jinan University, China*

*Ethnic News Media as Alternative Media*  
Elisia Cohen  
*University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA*

*War or Peace? The U.S.-China Trade Conflict News Coverage by the Official Party Press and Commercial Popular Press in China and the Foreign Policy Market Equilibrium*  
Louisa Ha  
*Bowling Green State University, USA*  
Peiqin Chen, Ke Guo, & Lu Nan  
*Shanghai International Studies University, China*

*The Journalism Independence of Four Japanese Newspapers from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Organization Committee*  
Mitsuyasu Oda, Hiroki Nunohara, Masahiro Matsumoto, Shuhei Minami, & Keiya Sano  
*Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan*

*Censorship as a Catalyst to Media Growth in a Disruptive Age: Theorizing 1975-1977 Press Censorship as an Accelerant to Rise in India's Media Industry*  
Deb Aikat  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA*

3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Research Paper Session, No. 2

Moderator: Susan Keith  
*Rutgers University, USA*

*Global Disasters in the News: Themes of Healing, Coping and Recovery*  
(First-place faculty/student paper)  
Michael McCluskey & Lacey Keefer  
*University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, USA*

*Beyond the National Limits and Media System Models - Terrorism and Mediatized Online Public Spheres*  
(First-place faculty paper)  
Ioana A. Coman  
*Texas Tech University, USA*

*The World View(ed) Through the Media Lens: Foreign News Coverage Steadfastly Narrow and Uniform*  
(Second-place faculty paper)  
Scott Maier  
*University of Oregon, USA*

*Play Niche: Lifestyle Media Production in the Digital Age in China*  
(Third-place faculty paper – tie)  
Xiaoqin Li  
*University of Macau, China*

*Technology Transforms India in a Disruptive Age: Key Trends in Information and Communication Technology Growth in the World's Largest Democracy, 2001-2016*  
(Third-place faculty paper – tie)  
Deb Aikat  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA*
4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Pre-conference Keynote: Beyond Journalism

Moderator: Don Heider  
Santa Clara University, USA

Speaker: Mark Deuze  
University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

The ‘Beyond Journalism’ research project and book (forthcoming late 2019 with Polity Press) examines the fragmented, networked and richly diverse field that journalism has become around the world. Through fieldwork at 22 media startups in 11 countries (The Netherlands, the United States, Canada, Uganda, South Africa, Italy, France, Denmark, Nepal, Iran, and Colombia) we focus on what it takes to make it work, what drives and motivates these professionals, and how all of this can be seen as transforming the definition of journalism, as well as the role journalism plays in different societies.

New journalistic ventures tend to define themselves deliberately as against traditional institutions and legacy media. However, in our research we find that their values and ideals are neither radically different nor necessarily new. Through telling stories of startups the project aims to provide insight into the variety of actors, the multitude of forms, content and audiences that make up contemporary journalism, doing justice to both the excitement as well as challenges present in media entrepreneurship, and outline a roadmap for understanding the future of the profession.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

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