AEJMC 2021 Conference Paper Call
International Communication Division

Robert L. Stevenson Open Paper Competition & James W. Markham Student Paper Competition: The International Communication Division welcomes original, unpublished research papers that focus clearly on international aspects of journalism and mass communication. Any theoretical and methodological approaches appropriate for communication research are welcome. We encourage you to contact Research Chair Delwar Hossain (dhossain@southalabama.edu) before the deadline if you have questions about whether your work fits within the scope of the division. Papers are submitted either to the Robert L. Stevenson Open Paper Competition (faculty and student-faculty authored papers) or the James W. Markham Student Competition (strictly student-authored papers). All submissions must be uploaded through the AEJMC conference website. Be sure to note whether you are submitting to the Stevenson Open Paper Competition or the James W. Markham Student Paper Competition. Authors will be notified about acceptance in early May. In addition to guidelines stated in AEJMC’s uniform call, please note ICD’s specific instructions below.

Guidelines: Papers should be submitted in Word or PDF format. Do not include any identifying information about the authors anywhere in the paper or in the document properties. Papers with identifying information of any kind will be automatically disqualified. Papers must include an abstract of no more than 75 words. The title should be clearly presented on the first page of text and on running heads throughout the document. ICD accepts papers of up to 25 pages, exclusive of references, tables, and figures. Tables and figures should be placed at the end of the document, as reviewers will be instructed to stop reading text after page 25. Font should be 12-point, text should be double-spaced, and margins should be no less than one inch on all sides.

Authors should use a style appropriate for the discipline, including APA, Chicago, and Harvard. We will review up to two papers per author, whether the author appears as a single author or as one of several authors.

Consult AEJMC’s Uniform Paper Call for specific instructions on removing identifying information from the document that you submit. If you have questions, please contact the ICD Research Chair, Delwar Hossain, dhossain@southalabama.edu, before submitting the paper. Authors are responsible for following the guidelines for paper submissions outlined in the AEJMC uniform paper call and the additional ICD guidelines listed here. Papers that do not meet guidelines will not be reviewed.

Submissions will be blind-reviewed. Selections are based on merit. ICD takes plagiarism concerns seriously and retains the right to screen your submission for unoriginal material.

Awards: ICD awards cash prizes for the top three faculty papers (Stevenson Competition) and the top three student papers (Markham Competition). First authors of winning student papers also will receive free conference registration. Both The Asian Journal of Communication and African Journalism Studies also sponsor a “Best Paper Award.” (Prizes are forfeited if an author fails to present the work at the conference.) The Latino/Latin American Communication Research Award will honor three top papers in the International Communication or Minorities and Communication divisions with cash prizes. ICD also offers a Best Poster Award for both the student and faculty competitions, sponsored by the College of Communication and Information (CCI) at Kent State University. All winners of all the aforementioned awards will be notified in advance, with the exception of the Best Poster Award, and all awards will be presented at the ICD business meeting during the conference. See details about the awards below.
**Asian Journal of Communication Best Paper Award:** The AJC Best Paper Award is presented annually by the Asian Journal of Communication (AJC), a refereed international publication of the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, to an outstanding paper selected from the AEJMC International Communication Division’s Stevenson Open Paper Competition. Established in 2003, the award is aimed at promoting mass communication research focused on the Asia-Pacific region. All papers submitted to ICD’s Stevenson Open Paper Competition are eligible for the AJC Best Paper Award and will be reviewed automatically for the award. All research methodologies are welcome.

**African Journalism Studies Best Paper Award for Journalism Research:** The ICD’s “Best Paper Award for Journalism Research” is sponsored annually by African Journalism Studies for the most outstanding paper selected from the submissions to the AEJMC International Communication Division’s Stevenson Open Paper Competition. Established in 2003, the award is aimed at promoting research in global journalism, which will enhance and enrich understanding of such issues as international news flow, news theory, media ethics, media education, gender, and race, as well as specific topics, such as the media and AIDS. In line with ICD’s international character, the award is also aimed at promoting research that addresses North-South and South-South journalism issues. The winner will receive a certificate and book coupon.

**Latin American Communication Research and Researchers Award:** ICD will grant up to three awards to deserving top papers. This award honors the top three research papers submitted to any division within AEJMC by scholars from Latin America, of Latin American heritage, or scholars who are researching Latin America. “Latin America(n)” is broadly construed to include Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Latin America, as well as the Caribbean (including Puerto Rico) and the Latin American diaspora.

Topics addressed may involve matters of Inter-American and Iberian-American communications, including but not limited to news media flows, media theory, media technology or new media, communication for development/social change, media law and ethics, media education, ethnic or gender media and integration, media economics, media and the environment, political communication, critical media studies, popular culture, immigration, Latinx communities, diasporic communities, and cultural studies, among others. All research methodologies are welcome.

LARA winners from previous years will not be allowed to compete for this award for two consecutive years.

**Best Poster Award:** The ICD’s Best Poster Award aims at: First, appreciating and recognizing the efforts of those ICD scholars who do great work with great poster presentations.

Second, improving the quality of posters produced by scholars presenting their work in scholar-to-scholar sessions programmed by ICD.

Third, encouraging higher participation in scholar-to-scholar sessions of ICD. For 2021, there will be one Best Poster Award for faculty and student-faculty posters, and one Best Poster Award for student (strictly student) posters. Winners will get certificates and honorary amounts of money in recognition of their work on high-quality posters.
All the competitions in ICD are open to AEJMC members and non-members, students, and faculty. If you have questions about this call or the 2021 ICD research competitions at any time, please contact: Robert L. Stevenson Open Paper Competition Chair – Delwar Hossain, University of South Alabama, dhossain@southalabama.edu or James W. Markham Student Competition Chair – Lea Hellmueller, University of Houston, leahellmueller@uh.edu.