

**Program of the 11th conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics
(National University of Singapore, 19-21 November 2025)**

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On November, 20-21, more than 75 scholars from many different countries and disciplines will present research on the relationship between media and politics in an international perspective at the National University of Singapore (NUS) during the eleventh conference of [The International Journal of Press/Politics](#), for which I am honored to serve as Editor-in-Chief. The conference is hosted by NUS Department of Communications and New Media and will be held at the National University of Singapore's [Shaw Foundation Alumni House](#). Registration is required to participate in the conference.

November 19

18:30: Conference Dinner

[NUSS Kent Ridge Guild House](#)

November 20

Venue: [Shaw Foundation Alumni House](#)

8:30-9:00 Coffee and badge pickup

9:00-9:15 Welcome

Room: Saffron

Taberez A. Neyazi (National University of Singapore)

9:15-10:30 Plenary session: “Trust and Disinformation in Times of Illiberalism”

Room: Saffron

Keynote speech by Sabina Mihelj (Loughborough University)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Day 2, 11:00-13:00 — Panel 1A: Artificial Intelligence, News, and Public Engagement

Room: Saffron

Chair: Aysenur Dal (Bilkent University)

Seunghan Nah (University of Florida), Fanjue Liu (Shanghai Jiao Tong University), Jun Luo (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen), Lee LaPlaca (University of Florida) and Chris DeFelice (University of Florida)

Modeling Civic Engagement in the Age of AI: A Communication Mediation Approach to AI News, Multifaceted Trust, and Participation in a Two-Wave Panel Study

Harry Febrian (Wenzhou-Kean University)

AI-Powered Visual Propaganda in the Global South: Lessons from Indonesia

Zhao Xie (University of Southampton) and Shuai Liu (Academy of Media Arts Cologne) and Ziyi Wang (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

AI News Anchors' Evolution in China: A Mixed Methods Study

Yingqi Pan, Stephanie Herrera, and Yifei Wang (University of California, Santa Barbara)

"AI" As "Artificial Immigrants"? A Content Analysis of Media Framing of AI Threats

Day 2, 11:00-13:00 — Panel 1B: Digital Campaigns and Political Identities: Mobilization Across Platforms and Contexts

Room: Lemongrass

Chair: Barbara Pfetsch (Weizenbaum-Institute and Freie Universität Berlin)

Jimmy Ochieng (Indiana University-Bloomington) and Dennis Steffan (Freie Universität Berlin)

Visual Character Frame Building in Election Campaigns: A Comparative Analysis of Kenya and Germany

Tetsuro Kobayashi (Waseda University) Akiko Matsuo (The University of Tokyo), Kazutoshi Sasahara (The Institute of Science, Tokyo)

From Distrust to Mobilization: Conspiratorial Mentality, Collective Efficacy, and Social Media Engagement in Japan

Dyotana Banerjee (Krea University)

Community Icons, New Media and the Politics of Caste Assertion in Gujarat, India

Cristina Monzer, Silvia Téliz, Cameron Moy & Deen Freelon (University of Pennsylvania)

Aligned identities, curated politics: How TikTok creators express partisan sorting

Day 2, 11:00-13:00 — Panel 1C: Soft Power in Motion: Media, Culture, and Global Political Contestations

Room: Clove

Chair: Yukio Maeda (University of Tokyo)

Cui Long (Peter the Great Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University)

Shanghai Cooperation Organization: China's Multi-Level Leadership Efforts

Hao Sun & Anilesh Kumar (Beijing Normal-Hong Kong Baptist University)

Proactive or Reactive? A Comparative Analysis of Media Narratives and Soft Power in Indian and Chinese Coverage of BRICS

Koninika Kundu and Santosh K. Patra (MICA Ahmedabad)

Popular Culture and Nation Branding: The case of South Korean Soft Power in India

Mehdi Ghassemi and Camila Cabral Salles (ISTC / Université Catholique de Lille)

Authoritarian Smart Futures in a Global Mediascape: Circulation, Contestation, and Reframing of NEOM Across Seven News Outlets (2017-2024)

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

Day 2, 14:00-15:30 — Panel 2A: Emotion and Identity in Digital Spaces: Social Media, Discourse and Information Practices

Room: Saffron

Chair: Saif Shahin (Tilburg University)

Ming M. Boyer (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Ahrabhi Kathirgamalingam (CAIS Bochum) and Tobias Heidenreich, (WZB Berlin)

Automatic Classification of Group Emotions in Identity Politics on Short Video Social Media

Yufan Guo and Longhan Wei (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

How the State Politicizes Everyday Language: A Computational Analysis of Discursive Shifts on Chinese Social Media

Yang Hu (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

De-learning and Re-learning Information Processing Style: How Mainland Chinese Migrants in Hong Kong Navigate and Process Information Among Contentious Politics

Day 2, 14:00-15:30 — Panel 2B: Media Ownership, Influence, and Newsroom Transformation

Room: Lemongrass
Chair: Muneo Kaigo (University of Tsukuba)

Masduki (Universitas Islam Indonesia)
Conglomeration of Media Ownership and the Stable Political Autocracy in Indonesia

Bouziane Zaid (University of Sharjah)
Structural Media Capture: Rethinking Media in the Global South

Joo-Young Jung (International Christian University), Misook Lee (Otsuma Women's University), Mikko Villi (University of Jyväskylä), Yong-Chan Kim (Yonsei University) and Akira Tanaka (Jissen Women's University)
The Influence of Platform Power on Newsrooms: Media-Portal Relations in the Digital Transformation of Newspapers in South Korea and Japan

Day 2, 14:00-15:30 — Panel 2C: Civic Engagement, Incivility and Popular Politics

Room: Clove
Chair: Azmat Rasul (Zayed University)

Zhu Yanling (Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology) and Wu Jun (Fudan University)
Co-creation, User engagement and Community Governance Across Social Media Platforms on Transnational Communication: Towards a Self-governance Model of Digital Regulation?

Emma Turkenburg (Wageningen University & Research), Emma van der Goot and Chiara Vargiu (University of Amsterdam)
When Yelling is Compelling: Who Perceives and Approves of Uncivil Discourse in Politics?

Muhammed Afzal P. (Azim Premji University)
Politics and/as Popular Culture: Celebritisation of Politics in Asia

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

Day 2, 16:00-17:30 — Panel 3A: Digital Media, Public Opinion, Journalism

Room: Saffron
Chair: Cristina Monzer (University of Pennsylvania)

Yukio Maeda (University of Tokyo) and Matthew Carlson (University of Vermont)
Survey Questions, Political Scandals, and Public Opinion in Japan: The Impact of Changing Opinion Poll Questions on Public Affairs
Lasisi Mutiu Iyanda (Higher School of Economics, Russia) and Mustapha Muhammed Jamiu (RUDN University, Russia)

The Political Economy of Party Election Manifestos' Sensitivity to Voters' Issues: A Reflection Analysis from Nigeria

Mohammad Syaban (Kyoto University)

Media–Politics Intersections in Narrative Control: Buzzers and the Press in Indonesia's Policymaking Landscape (2014–2024)

Day 2, 16:00-17:30 — Panel 3B: AI Narratives, Ethics, and Policy Challenges

Room: Lemongrass

Chair: Ozan Kuru (National University of Singapore)

Muneo Kaigo and Loris Lombardi (University of Tsukuba)

Possibilities and Problems with Acceptance of AI Assisted Policymaking: The Case of Japan

Yifei Wang (UC Santa Barbara) and Zening Duan (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Good AI, Bad AI: Examining the Moral Discourse of Generative Artificial Intelligence on X

Fathiyyah Maryufani and Trifosa Viana Christi (Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia)

Broadcasting Legitimacy: State-Owned Media, YouTube, and AI Narratives

Day 2, 16:00-17:30 — Panel 3C: Journalism, Law, and Ethical Boundaries

Room: Clove

Chair: Joo-Young Jung (International Christian University)

Saira Ali (Adelaide University)

Strategic Legalism and Journalistic Agency under Security Governance

Jasmine McNealy (University of Florida)

Media Doxxing: Deanonymization as Journalistic Duty

Baoning Gong (Weizenbaum-Institute & Freie Universität Berlin) and Barbara Pfetsch

(Weizenbaum-Institute and Freie Universität Berlin)

The Mimicry of Journalism: Roles and Practices between News Provision and Activism of German Right-Wing Media Actors on Twitter and Telegram

Day 2, 17:30-18:30 Plenary session: “From the Global South to the Global North: Rethinking Identity and Polarization through Political Communication Research”

Room: Saffron

Moderator: Taberez Ahmed Neyazi (National University of Singapore)

Panelists: Barbara Pfetsch (Weizenbaum-Institute and Freie Universität Berlin), Natalie Pang (National University of Singapore) and Shannon C. McGregor (University of North Carolina), and Tetsuro Kobayashi (Waseda University)

18:45 Conference dinner

[NUSS Kent Ridge Guild House](#)

Day 3, 9:00-11:00 — Panel 4A: Disinformation and Conspiracy Politics: Polarization in News, Elites, and Public Debate

Room: Saffron

Chair: Sanne Kruikemeier (Wageningen University & Research)

Muhammad Ehab Rasul (National University of Singapore), Christopher Calabrese (Clemson University), Yoo Jung Oh (Michigan State University), Hee Jung Cho (Michigan State University), Moonson Jeon (Michigan State University) and Mark Boukes (University of Amsterdam)

"It's all fake news!": How Perceptions of Misinformation and Disinformation Influence News Consumption across Traditional Media, Social Media, and AI

Alice R Hamilton, Sophie Boerman, Annelien Van Remoortere, and Rens Vliegenthart (Wageningen University & Research)

Who is Accusing Who? The Role of Ideology in the Accusations of Disinformation by Political Elites: A Cross-National Experiment During the 2024 European Parliamentary Elections

Curd Knüpfer (University of Southern Denmark), Juni Schindler (Imperial College London), Annett Heft (University of Tübingen, Weizenbaum Institute, Berlin) and Kilian Bühling (Weizenbaum Institute, Berlin, University of Tübingen)

Conspiracy Convergence? Tracing the Dynamics of Conspiracy-related Content

Andrea Carson and Justin Phillips (La Trobe University)

"Thoughts & Prayers", Conspiracy Theories, and Laughing Emojis: Facebook Comments on the Attempted Assassination of President Trump

Day 3, 9:00-11:00 — Panel 4B: Media Narratives, Frames, and Representations of the "Other"

Room: Lemongrass

Chair: Tetsuro Kobayashi (Waseda University)

Khairul Arief Rahman (Universitas Singaperbangsa Karawang)

Frame Subaltern: How Media Frames the Papua Students as Activists

Charitha Marcus (Technological University Dublin)

Media Representation and Political Identity: A Qualitative Analysis of Irish Women Politicians Across 2024 Local and EU Elections

Yossi David (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Stereotyping the Other in the News: A Cross-National Human Content Analysis

J. Siguru Wahutu (Yale University) and Osman M. Osman (New York University)

How Sources Shaped Understandings of the Atrocities in Darfur

Day 3, 9:00-11:00 — Panel 4C: Media Resilience and Resistance: Journalism, Civil Society, and State Power

Room: Clove

Chair: Adrian Rauchfleisch (National Taiwan University)

Wijayanto (Universitas Diponegoro)

Digital Repression Against Civil Society Organizations in Indonesia: Localized Dynamics and Global South Implications

Ayesha Ashfaq (University of the Punjab, Lahore)

Digital Journalists Under Siege: Navigating Digital Authoritarianism in Pakistan

Saif Shahin and Sagnik Dutta (Tilburg University)

Digital Authoritarianism as Attack on User Rights: A Cross-national Longitudinal Analysis

Salmanul Faris K. and Anupam Das (IIM Kozhikode)

The Politics of the Unspoken: Rhetorical Silence and Digital Dissent in India

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

Day 3, 11:30-13:00 — Panel 5A: Artificial Intelligence in Electoral Politics

Room: Saffron

Chair: Curd Knüpfer (University of Southern Denmark)

Sanne Kruikemeier, Svenja Schäfer, Alice Hamilton, Puck Guldemond, Jade Vrielink, Carmen Dymanus, Annelien van Remoortere, Sanne Tamboer, Rens Vliegthart, Susan Vermeer, & Sophie C. Boerman (Wageningen University & Research)
The Persuasion of Precision in Politics: AI Targeting Strategies in a Comparative Perspective

Adnan Skhawat Ali, Yuasa Harumichi (Meiji University) and Terada Mayu (Hitotsubashi University)

How Artificial Intelligence (AI) Can Influence on the Voters: A Case Study of Pakistan

Yearry Panji Setianto (Universitas Multimedia Nusantara), Adi Wibowo Octavianto (Universitas Multimedia Nusantara), Intan Primadini (Universitas Multimedia Nusantara)
Yes, He's Gemoy but I'm Not Interested: Youth Interpretation of AI-Generated Content in Indonesian Political Campaigns

Day 3, 11:30-13:00 — Panel 5B: Public Opinion and Journalism in Transition

Room: Lemongrass

Chair: Wijayanto (Universitas Diponegoro)

Ozan Kuru (National University of Singapore)

Conditioning Public Opinion Perceptions by “Survey Methods 101”: Informing, Engaging, and Motivating Individuals for Critical Processing of Public Opinion Polls

Mohamed Ben Moussa (University of Sharjah)

YouTube Journalism in Morocco: Platformization and the Politics of Alternative News

Anilesh Kumar (Beijing Normal-Hong Kong Baptist University) and Prashanth Bhat (University of Houston, Texas)

From Exposure to Endorsement: The Political Deployment of Investigative Journalism in India

Day 3, 11:30-13:00 — Panel 5C: Surveillance and Resistance: Media Frames, Digital Blackouts, and Contestation

Room: Clove

Chair: Saira Ali (Adelaide University)

Aysenur Dal (Bilkent University)

Justifying Digital Oversight: Informational Learned Helplessness and Public Support for Social Media Surveillance in Conflict Settings

Osman Osman (New York University; j.) and Wahutu Siguru (Yale University)

Between Near and Far: Framing Somali and Darfur Conflicts in Kenyan Media

Liu Yu (Macau University of Science and Technology)

A Comparative Study of the Xiaohongshu Narrative Framework in the Context of the Spanish Blackout under IP address Differences

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

Day 3, 14:00-16:00 — Panel 6A: Protest and Populism in Media Narratives: Contesting Power in South and Southeast Asia

Room: Saffron

Chair: j. Siguru Wahutu (Yale University)

V.K. Sridhar (Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi)

Constructing the Sikh Identity as “Other”: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Indian News Coverage of the Farmers’ Protest, 2020-2021

Abdul Aziz (Monash University Malaysia)

‘It’s Not a Protest Anymore, it’s a (digital) War Now’: Mediated Visibility, Affective Politics and Resistance during Youth-led Mass Uprising in Bangladesh

Sing Fei Teoh (University of Nottingham Malaysia)

Places and Spaces of Information: Comparing Geopolitical Influences Undergirding 1930s Utusan, UMNO Utusan, and Bornean Indigenous SAVE Rivers

Azmat Rasul (Zayed University) and Naila Rafique (International Islamic University, Islamabad)

Morally Disengaged Politics: Digital Media Use and Populist Politics in Pakistan

Day 3, 14:00-16:00 — Panel 6B: Trust, Engagement, and News Avoidance: Comparative Perspectives

Room: Lemongrass

Chair: Andrea Carson (La Trobe University)

Svenja Schäfer, Sanne Tamboer, Sanne Kruikemeier, Rens Vliegenthart, Alice Hamilton, Annelien van Remoortere, Susan Vermeer (Wageningen University & Research)

Is Europe Tuning Out? Selective News Avoidance and Low News Consumption Across 15 Countries in the European Parliament Elections

Mónika Simon and Theo Araujo and Balázs Bodó (University of Amsterdam)

House of Qualms: A Comparative Study of Media Usage, Political Polarization, and Trust Attitudes in the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, and Romania

Biying Wu-Ouyang (The Education University of Hong Kong)

Would Personal Curation Strategies Improve Political Disengagement? Examining The Politics of Personal Curation (PPC) Model

Day 3, 14:00-16:00 — Panel 6C: Platform Politics and Governance: Migration, Participation, and Polarized Media

Room: Clove

Chair: Yossi David (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Siyu Liang (University of California, Los Angeles) Jun Luo (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen) and Je Hoon Chae (University of California, Los Angeles)

From TikTok to RedNote: Unpacking Digital Platform Migration

Nasrin Akter (American International University-Bangladesh), Mohammad Biyazid Khan (State University of Bangladesh) Sushmita Chakraborty Mishu (World University of Bangladesh), Ishrat Jahan Promi (Bangladesh University of Professionals) and MD Samiul Islam Joy (Ekushey Television)

Facebook Reactions and Political Sentiment: Understanding the 'Haha' Reaction to Political News in Bangladesh

Piyush Ghasiya and Kazutoshi Sasahara (Institute of Science Tokyo)

Mapping Polarized News Ecosystems on YouTube: Legacy Vs Digital, Evidence from India

Tarrence Karmelia Kontessa (Multimedia Nusantara University) and Ir. Richardus Eko Indrajit

The Transformation of Political Literacy Among Generation Z through the #MudaMemilih Digital Campaign

16:00-16:30 Tea break

Day 3, 16:30-17:30 — Plenary session: Behind the Pages: Standards, Expectations, and Editorial Insights

Curd Knüpfer (University of Southern Denmark), Shannon C. McGregor (University of North Carolina) and Taberez Ahmed Neyazi (National University of Singapore)

17:30-18:00 Concluding remarks

Room: Saffron

Taberez Ahmed Neyazi (National University of Singapore)

18:15 Farewell drinks reception

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