

WHAT'S (THE) NEWS?
VALUES, VIRUSES AND VECTORS OF NEWSWORTHINESS
BRUSSELS, 13-14 DECEMBER 2018

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
Vautierstraat / Rue Vautier 29, 1000 Brussels

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (VERSION 12/12/2018)



THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

12.00-13.00

Registration and Lunch – *VIP room*

13.05-13.25

Welcome & Opening – *Main auditorium*

13.25-14.25

Keynote 'Discursive News Values Analysis: Past, Present and Future'

Monika Bednarek (University of Sydney, Australia)

Main auditorium

14.35-15.35

Panel session A1: Audience Perceptions I – *Main auditorium*

Panel session B1: Alternative Media, Alternative Values – *Small auditorium*

15.35-15.55

Coffee Break – *VIP room*

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

16.00-17.10

Panel session A2: News Values Outside the Mainstream – *Main auditorium*

Panel session B2: Health and Wellbeing – *Small auditorium*

17.20-18.30

Panel session A3: News Media, Social Reality and Hegemony – *Main auditorium*

Panel session B3: Crime and Disaster Coverage – *Small auditorium*

18.30-19.45

Reception – followed by a guided tour of the Museum of Natural Sciences: group 1: 19:00-19:45 / group 2: 19:45-20:30 (pre-registration required; cost: €10)

Mezzanine of the Gallery of Dinosaurs

PANEL SESSIONS THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018

14.35-15.35: Panel sessions A1 and B1

❖ Panel session A1 – *Main auditorium*

Audience Perceptions I – Chair: David Domingo

“521 topics that we never thought of ourselves”: How public-powered stories challenge local journalists’ ideas of newsworthiness

JAN BOESMAN (VU AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS)
IRENE COSTERA MEIJER (VU AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS)
MEREL KUIPERS (VU AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS)

News definition in the digital age: an audience approach

PASCAL SCHNEIDERS (JOHANNES GUTENBERG University Mainz, Germany)

The skill of being rightly inexact

MATTHEW MAHLER (YALE UNIVERSITY, USA)
MIRCO LIEFKE (GOETHE UNIVERSITY FRANKFURT, GERMANY)

❖ Panel session B1 – *Small auditorium*

Alternative Media, Alternative Values – Chair: Monika Bednarek

All climate stories worth telling. The interaction of news values and frames in mainstream and alternative media

RENÉE MOERNAUT (VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL, BELGIUM)

Newsworthy without being negative: The reporting of sustainability in a constructive journalism magazine

DIMITRINKA ATANASOVA (Lancaster University, UK)

Sold sex sells: Discursive strategies in Belgian mainstream and alternative news on human trafficking

ROBIN REUL (UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM)

PANEL SESSIONS THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018

16.00-17.10: Panel sessions A2 and B2

❖ Panel session A2 – *Main auditorium*

News Values outside the Mainstream – Chair: Roel Coesemans

Where listeners make news - what is news on community radio in Scotland?

ALEX KOCIC (EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY, UK)

What exactly is (the) news for you? Discourses on news values by the in-betweeners of journalism

VICTOR WIARD (UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES / VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL), BELGIUM

ROBIN VAN LEECKWYCK (UNIVERSITÉ SAINT-LOUIS – BRUXELLES, BELGIUM)

IKE PICONE (VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL, BELGIUM)

STEVE PAULUSSEN (UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM)

PIETER MAESELE (UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM)

DAVID DOMINGO (UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES, BELGIUM)

STEVAN BODROZIC (UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM)

From newsworthiness to shareworthiness: Sourcing routines of hyperlocal media Facebook audiences in the UK.

JEROME TURNER (BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY, UK)

❖ Panel session B2 – *Small auditorium*

Health and Wellbeing – Chair: Jana Declercq

Responsible Reporting: A News Value Approach to Representations of Male Schizophrenia in the British Press (2013-2016)

KEIGHLEY PERKINS (SWANSEA UNIVERSITY, UK)

NURIA LORENZO-DUS (SWANSEA UNIVERSITY, UK)

Direct reader address in online news articles on illness and health

ELISABETH MUTH ANDERSEN (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK, DENMARK)

ANETTE GRØNNING (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK, DENMARK)

MAJU HIETAKETO (UNIVERSITY OF TURKU, FINLAND)

MARJUT JOHANSSON (UNIVERSITY OF TURKU, FINLAND)

Health risks and advice in online news articles

MARJUT JOHANSSON (UNIVERSITY OF TURKU, FINLAND)

ELISABETH MUTH ANDERSEN (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK, DENMARK)

ANETTE GRØNNING (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK, DENMARK)

News Values and the Case of the Great Smog of London

ANTONIO FRUTTALDO (UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES 'L'ORIENTALE', ITALY)

PANEL SESSIONS THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018

17.20-18.30: Panel sessions A3 and B3

❖ Panel session A3 – *Main auditorium*

News Media, Social Reality and Hegemony – Chair: Pieter Maesele

Disrupting the News (Values), or Solidifying a Regime of Power (and accumulation)? Social and Political Journalism: Possibilities and Limitations in the age of Disruptive News Production and Dissemination

CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS (UNIVERSITY OF ROEHAMPTON, UK)

Why do we even need news? A macro-perspective on the role of news in media system and society

ELIZA KOWAL-BOURGONJON (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

DOMINIK LEWIŃSKI (WROCLAW UNIVERSITY AND SWPS UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, POLAND)

In Vegas' Shadow: Newspaper Coverage After Mass Shootings

IVY ASHE (UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, USA)

Newsworthiness as negotiated prominence: political sensitivity, public agenda, inherent values and investigative journalists in Beijing

NAIRUI XU (LANCASTER UNIVERSITY, UK)

❖ Panel session B3 – *Small auditorium*

Crime and Disaster Coverage – Chair: Renée Moernaut

Do All Lives Matter? An Analysis of the Coverage and Reactions on Beirut Bombings and Paris Attacks (November 2015)

PASCALE ASMAR (LEBANESE UNIVERSITY, LEBANON)

Ennesimo (umpteenth) and nuovo (new) as news values in media reports on intimate partner femicide in Italy

FEDERICA FORMATO (UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON, UK)

Reporting a terrorist news event: a discursive construction of Kampala twin-bombings and Manchester Arena attack

LEVIS MUGUMYA (MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, UGANDA)

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

8.30-9.00

Coffee and registration – *VIP room*

9.00-10.00

Keynote 'The Bad News And The Good News About News'

Tony Harcup (The University of Sheffield, UK)

Main auditorium

10.15-11.15

Panel session C: Making News in the Digital Age – *Main auditorium*

Panel session D: Audience Perceptions II – *Small auditorium*

11.15-11.40

Coffee Break – *VIP room*

11.45-12.45

Panel session E: Redefining Newsworthiness in the Digital Age – *Main auditorium*

Panel session F: Journalistic Expertise and Ethics – *Small auditorium*

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

12.45-13.50

Lunch – *VIP room*

13.55-15.05

Panel session G: The Practice of Gatekeeping – *Main auditorium*

Panel session H: Covering Politics – *Small auditorium*

15.15-16.25

Panel session I: Constructions and Evaluations of Distance – *Main auditorium*

Panel session J: Clickworthiness – *Small auditorium*

16.25-16.55

Coffee Break – *VIP room*

17.00-18.00

Panel session K: Newsworthiness in a Globalizing World – *Main auditorium*

Panel session L: Journalism and the Law – *Small auditorium*

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

18.05-18.35

Closing Plenary Session 'No news (yet). How we inform our readers about the news stories we did not report'

Jisca Cohen (NRC Media, The Netherlands)

Main auditorium

18.35-18.40

Wrap-up and Closing Words

Pieter Maesele (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

Main auditorium

19.00

Conference Dinner

(not included in registration fee - cash payment (€40) upon registration at the conference venue)

Restaurant 'Poivre & Sel', Parnassusstraat / Rue Parnasse 2, 1050 Elsene (<http://www.poivre-et-sel.be/en/>)

PANEL SESSIONS FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018

10.15-11.15: Panel sessions C and D

❖ Panel session C – *Main auditorium*

Making News in the Digital Age – Chair: Peter Van Aelst

Social media editors as new gatekeepers: who are they, and how do they select and shape news for publication on Facebook?

MICHAËL OPGENHAFFEN (KU LEUVEN, BELGIUM)

From click bait to quality clicks: How online news workers construct headlines to sell content “the right way”

ASTRID VANDENDAELE (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

GEERT JACOBS (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

JANA DECLERCQ (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

SOFIE VERKEST (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

Automating news sourcing: A multidimensional study of social media monitoring in the context of journalism

THIEMO HENSMANN (LMU MUNICH, GERMANY)

NEIL THURMAN (LMU MUNICH, GERMANY)

❖ Panel session D – *Small auditorium*

Audience Perceptions II – Chair: Jan Boesman

News Avoiders’ News Values in the UK and Spain

RUTH PALMER (IE UNIVERSITY IN MADRID AND SEGOVIA, SPAIN)

BENJAMIN TOFF (UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, USA)

That’s not news: Audience perceptions of ‘news-ness’ and why it matters

STEPHANIE EDGERLY (NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, USA)

EMILY K. VRAGA (GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, USA)

Newsworthiness and public response in Russian social media: state versus private news groups

DARJA JUDINA (SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY, RUSSIA)

KONSTANTIN PLATONOV (SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY, RUSSIA)

PANEL SESSIONS FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018

11.45-12.45: Panel sessions E and F

❖ Panel session E – *Main auditorium*

Redefining Newsworthiness in the Digital Age – Chair: Neil Thurman

Beaten by Chartbeat? An experimental study of the effect of real-time content analytics on journalists' perceptions of newsworthiness

KENZA LAMOT (UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM)
PETER VAN AELST (UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM)
STEVE PAULUSSEN (UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM)

Public response as a news factor: Changing news values in the course of digitization and audience fragmentation

SILKE FÜRST (UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND)

Slow news values; the view of European journalism teachers

NICO DROK (WINDESHEIM UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, THE NETHERLANDS)

❖ Panel session F – *Small auditorium*

Journalistic Expertise and Ethics – Chair: Astrid Vandendaele

Provider versus navigator. News values and the expert system of journalism

KARINA STASIUK-KRAJEWSKA (SWPS UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, POLAND)
WALDEMAR BOJAKOWSKI (UNIVERSITY OF WROCLAW, POLAND)

"It did get me thinking" – the value of journalists' reflexivity on news values

DAVID HARTE (BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY, UK)
BOB CALVER (BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY, UK)
DIANE KEMP (BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY, UK)

Editorial-worthiness criteria in journalism: An empirical approach on how media's opinion is constructed

CAMILA MONT'ALVERNE (FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PARANÁ, BRAZIL / UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM)
FRANCISCO PAULO JAMIL MARQUES (FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PARANÁ, BRAZIL)

PANEL SESSIONS FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018

17.00-18.00: Panel sessions K and L

❖ Panel session K – *Main auditorium*

Newsworthiness in a Globalizing World – Chair: Tony Harcup

Comparing newsworthiness in the UK, Sweden and Greece

ANDREAS ANASTASIOU (UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER, UK)

News about China in European media: a quantitative content analysis

JINGWEN QI (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

SARAH VAN LEUVEN (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

STIJN JOYE (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

News Values: A Global Perspective

AUGUST E. GRANT (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, USA)

JEFFREY WILKINSON (BEIJING INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CHINA)

DIANE GUERRAZZI (SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, USA)

YICHENG ZHU (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, USA)

Is "positive news", news? The return of Chinese media in Africa and its impact on 'newsworthiness' in Kenya and South Africa

DANI MADRID-MORALES (UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, USA)

❖ Panel session L – *Small auditorium*

Journalism and the Law – Chair: Steve Paulussen

Where's (the) News: The collapse of court reporting

PHIL CHAMBERLAIN (UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND, UK)

MARCUS KEPPEL PALMER (UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND, UK)

SALLY REARDON (UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND, UK)

THOMAS SMITH (UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND, UK)

Is celebrity gossip really news? Examining case law from the United Kingdom and exploring the public interest in celebrities' private lives

GEMMA HORTON (THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD, UK)

In defence of journalism: How a court acquittal reified a tabloid journalist's commitment to news values in the public interest

MARK SUBRYAN (SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY, UK)

Private life of politicians: Is it really newsworthy?

KOEN LEMMENS (KU LEUVEN / VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL, BELGIUM)

