



# CMCS Annual Report

**for the academic year 2009-2010**

**Prepared September, 2010**

*For further information please see our website: <http://cmcs.ceu.hu>*



## Introduction

### About CMCS

The CMCS is a research center at Central European University in Budapest dedicated to advancing media and communication scholarship and policy throughout the region and beyond.

The CMCS produces scholarly and practice-oriented research addressing academic, policy and civil society needs. CMCS research and activities address media and communication policy and the democratic potential of the media, civil society and participation, fundamental communication and informational rights, and the complexities of media and communication in transition.

Based in Budapest, the CMCS was initiated in 2004 through the joint efforts of the CEU and the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. The Center serves as a focal point for an international network of acclaimed scholars and academic institutions; offers innovative courses across several CEU departments; provides trainings and consultancies; and organizes scholarly exchanges through workshops, lectures and conferences on current developments in the field.

In its short history, the CMCS has developed core competencies and taken on a range of activities, working with CEU departments and centers, European institutions, and with a growing international network.

**Specific activities** include:

- Create **opportunities for CEU students** interested in the field of communication through advising, internships, research and summer institutes;
- **Teach courses** in the Departments of Public Policy and Political Science and support the overall development of media and communication studies at CEU;
- Lead and participate in major **European and transnational research** projects;
- Serve as **advisors for NGO and governmental agencies**, including legislative analysis and consultation for Hungary and European bodies;
- **Publish** a range of academic research, NGO, commissioned reports, conference papers and public lectures;
- **Organize events** such as multi-stakeholder conferences, workshops, and executive trainings.

**Research interests** and priorities include:

- **Media in transition:** democratization and development in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond;
- **Media and communication policy:** regulations, safeguards and organization across media sectors, digital broadcasting;
- **Media and civil society:** community, alternative and civic media, civil society engagement with policy processes, participation in public discourse;
- **Fundamental communication and informational rights:** freedom of expression, freedom of the media, access to information and privacy protections;
- **New media and technology:** social uses of new technologies, impact of 'new' media on 'old' media, social media, convergence and mobile communications.

## **CMCS People**

### **Chair**

Monroe Price, Director of the Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania; Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

### **CMCS Team, 2009-2010**

Kate Coyer, Director

Éva Bognár, Coordinator / Researcher

Kristina Irion, Research Director, Public Policy; Assistant Professor, Departments of Public Policy and Legal Studies

Ellen Hume, Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media

Peter Molnar, Senior Research Fellow

Arne Hintz, Joint Research Fellow with McGill University, Project Director "Mapping Global Media Policy"

Joost van Beek, Research Fellow

Markos Kounalakis, Senior Fellow

Stefaan G. Verhulst, Senior Research Fellow

Alexander Altunyan, CEU's Special Projects Office Visiting Research Fellow

Cédric Laurant, Senior Research Fellow, European Privacy and Human Rights

Matteo E. Bonfanti, CMCS/EPIC Research Fellow, European Privacy and Human Rights

Szabolcs Koppanyi, Senior Researcher, INDIREG project

Sara Svenson, Researcher, INDIREG project

Roxana Radu, Cybersecurity Workshop Coordinator and researcher

Sarah Pipes, Research and Analysis Intern, European Privacy and Human Rights

Ben Cramer, Visiting Professor, Department of Public Policy

Amer Dzihana, Visiting research fellow

Mojca Planšak, Visiting research fellow

Jessie Labov, Visiting research fellow

## Summary of CMCS Activity 2009-2010

Following is a brief summary of the major accomplishments, research projects, events, partner collaborations and teaching during the past academic year.

### Teaching at CEU

CMCS staff and researchers teach post-graduate courses across several CEU Departments as part of the following media-related specializations:

- ***Media, Information and Communications Policy stream in the Department of Public Policy:***

MA students enrolled in CEU's Master's Program in Public Policy (MPP) can choose a specialization in Media, Information and Communications Policy.

- ***Certificate in Political Communication in the Department of Political Science:***

MA students enrolled in CEU's Master's Program in Political Science can choose a specialization in Political Communication.

### Summer University (SUN) at CEU

CMCS regularly organizes a summer course for students and emerging scholars from around the globe as part of the CEU SUN program. Our 2010 course, *Media Development and Democratization: Understanding and Implementing Monitoring and Evaluation Programs*, was co-organized with the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS) at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, with financial support from the OSI Media Program.

### Research

CMCS has participated in and taken a lead role in several international and collaborative research projects. Projects during 2009-2010 include:

- ***European Privacy and Human Rights (EPHR)***  
European Commission funded research project
- ***Broadening the Range of Awareness in Data Protection (BROAD)***  
European Commission funded research project
- ***Indicators for the Independence and Efficiency of Regulatory Bodies***  
Study for the European Commission
- ***Mapping Global Media Policy***  
Developing a tool for analyzing media policy trends
- ***Environmental Action and Communication Strategies in the Western Balkans***  
Pilot research project

- ***Community Media Research Hub***  
Networking community media research on policy, practice, impact and sustainability
- ***Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Information***  
Networking of research on „hate speech”, the challenges to freedom of speech, and new opportunities for freedom of information

## **Executive trainings and consultancies**

CMCS offers trainings to policy-makers, regulators, journalists, media managers, and NGOs. The Center participates in international consultancy projects and provides expert advisory input, including work with the European Commission, Council of Europe, and the National Communications Authority of Hungary.

## **Public events, conference and workshops**

The Center hosted a groundbreaking international workshop on cyber security in May 2010 and selected multi-stakeholder workshops during the year in its fields of interest and expertise. CMCS also offered public lectures throughout the academic year, bringing international media scholars to CEU and building on collaborations with CEU departments. Major events included:

- Workshop: ***Europe and the Global Information Society: Developing an Agenda for Social Science Research on Cyber Security***
- Conference: ***Democracy and Legitimacy: Dealing with Extremism***
- Colloquium and conference: ***The Content and Context of "Hate Speech": Rethinking Regulation and Remedies***
- Workshop: ***Civil society and the Right to Access to State-held Information: Responses to Recent European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) Decisions***
- Webinar: ***Social Media and Political Mobilization, a Conversation with Egyptian and Hungarian Bloggers***

## **Partners**

CMCS collaborates with many partner institutions and organizations. In the past academic year, this included: Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy at Oxford University, ICRI University of Leuven, National Communications Authority of Hungary, Magyar Telekom, Arnold & Porter LLP, South East European Network for Professionalization of Media, Mediacentar Sarajevo, Electronic Privacy Information Center, World Association of Community Broadcasters, Community Media Forum Europe, Open Society Archives, Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the Open Society Institute.

## IMPACTS 2009-2010

### Teaching at CEU

The CMCS offers academic and training programs for graduate students and media professionals. The center has initiated courses on media and communication across different CEU departments. It collaborates with the Department of Public Policy in offering a Media, Information and Communications Policy Stream as part of the Master in Public Policy, and with the Department of Political Science in offering a Certificate in Political Communication as part of the Master in Political Science.

Both programs are attracting an increasing number of applications. The programs are enriched by the participation of students in CMCS activities such as public lectures, thematic workshops and conferences.

In collaboration with the CMCS, Kristina Irion, the academic coordinator of the Media, Information and Communication Policy stream, has proposed a second year specialization in Media and Communications Policy to the Department of Public Policy. This proposal assesses the potential for such a specialization based on experiences with the existing stream, and proposes an innovative and coherent curriculum of mandatory and elective courses in this field. This proposal will be further developed under the framework of the new School of Public Policy.

In addition, CMCS members invite policy makers and advocates as guest speakers during class sessions, including representatives from the National Communications Authority of Hungary, Hungarian Data Protection Authority, and take students on field trips to organizations like Magyar Television, Roma Radio C and CEU's Open Society Archives. At present, the Center is seeking to develop other networking opportunities for students.

## **Department of Public Policy: Media, Information and Communications Policy stream**

CMCS has made possible the establishment of a stream on Media, Information and Communications policy (MIC) in the Masters programme of the Department of Public Policy of CEU. The program, designed to train a new generation of policy makers and advisers, provides students with a thorough understanding of policy and regulation in the area of media, information, and communications, against the background of international developments and in relation to international decision-making bodies.

Comparative case studies on policy formulation and the improvement of the regulatory process, especially in emerging democracies, complement the curriculum. The stream combines legal, economic and public policy perspectives. It focuses on both theory and practice and stimulates students to critically assess media and communications policy at the European, national, and international levels.

For the academic year 2009-2010, the Department of Public Policy received the highest number of dedicated applications for its MIC stream since its establishment. Students completed the specialisation by taking six credits in the stream's portfolio, while many more students took individual courses within the stream.

Two partial scholarships were provided by Magyar Telecom, whose support has been instrumental in the development of the stream and in attracting top students.

### **Courses**

Courses by CMCS members during the 2009-2010 academic year:

- Enabling Policies to Freedom of the Media (Peter Molnar)
- Fundamentals of Media and Communications Policy (Benjamin Cramer)
- Global Broadcasting and Telecommunications Law (Benjamin Cramer)
- Electronic Governance (Kristina Irion)
- Civil Society, Governance and Communication (Kate Coyer)
- Information Privacy Protection (Kristina Irion)





## **Thesis titles supervised by CMCS staff and affiliates**

Aldashov, Andrey (Russian Federation): The Role of the Internet in the Mobilization of Grassroots Social Movements: Analysis of the Russian Case

Beleva, Nelly (Bulgaria): International News in the Bulgarian Press: The Impact of Politization and the Role of Professionalism

Breuer, Andras (Hungary): Building Democratic Media System from the Bottom-Up

Bulkova, Maria (Slovakia): Mind the Gap: Provision and Citizens' Take-up of E-government Services in Slovakia

Docheva, Sevdana (Bulgaria): What Drives Young People's Participation? A Study on the Relationship between Civil Society and the Internet in Bulgaria

Dzihana, Amer (Bosnia & Herzegovina): Implementation of Media Policy in Post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina

Moraru, Geanina (Romania): Anatomy of E-Government: Assessment of Municipal E-Government Services in Romania

Persiyani, Parvana (Azerbaijan): Achieving a Balanced Policy Between the Right to Privacy and Freedom of Expression in Azerbaijan

Spasikova, Nikolina (Macedonia): Serving Minority Needs in the Public Service Broadcasting in Macedonia

## **Department of Political Science, Certificate of Specialization in Political Communication**

The Department of Political Science offers MA students of Political Science the possibility of earning, in addition to their MA-degree in Political Science, a Certificate in Political Communication. In 2009-10, this field continues to be among the fastest growing in the department.

The specialization provides advanced studies at the intersection of media and politics. Special attention is given to cutting edge research areas such as the role of new media and alternative media in political communication; the role of the media in forming national and transnational identities; and environmental communication. The aim of the program is to prepare graduates for working as experts in the mass media, politics, civil service, government, public relations and polling, or doctoral studies and an academic career in political science or media and communication studies.

Students can accomplish the specialization by taking twelve credits from a list of approved courses.

### **Courses**

Four courses for this specialisation were taught within the Department of Political Science in 2009-10:

- Nationalism and the Media (Kate Coyer)
- News Media and Political Power: Global lessons from the American experience (Ellen Hume)
- Political Communication (Gábor Tóka)
- Voting Behaviour (Gábor Tóka)

In addition, students could opt from cross-listed courses taught in the Department of Public Policy, namely Enabling policies to freedom of the media (Péter Molnár); Electronic governance (Kristina Irion); and Global media, governance and civil society (Kate Coyer).

Other courses in this certificate program offered in the past include Media and Democracy, Alternative Media, Green Politics and the Media, and Image, Memory and Culture in Media Policy.

## Student support and opportunities

The CMCS supports the CEU's objective to provide students with more than an education, but an in-depth learning experience emphasizing personal growth and intellectual development. The CMCS therefore strives to provide CEU students with opportunities to engage with international academic debate and policy processes, by helping them to participate in academic events within and outside CEU.

CEU students are crucial to the events which CMCS organizes and supports. They contribute to the summer university courses which the CMCS organizes and report back on conferences they attend. Students which take part in the courses which CMCS members teach and activities the CMCS organizes, and student members of the Human RightS Initiative with which the CMCS often collaborates on events, also help the CMCS liaise with new civil society contacts.

The following examples highlight CMCS efforts to facilitate the aspiration of individual students to participate in international and cross-disciplinary events.

- **Alex Krasznay**, a political communication MA student at CEU, was selected to take part in the SUN summer school course on "Media Development and Democratization: Understanding and Implementing Monitoring and Evaluation Programs" (see Major Events and Workshops). He undertook a literature review for the CMCS/Open Century Project pilot research project on Environmental action and communication strategies in the Western Balkans. Alex also participated in the conference *Representation Now! The Sum of It All* in Madrid, where he presented a paper he wrote for the course on Nationalism and the Media which Kate Coyer taught at the Department of Political Science, *Representations of National Identity in a Changing World: The case of Catalan Public Broadcasting*. Afterwards, he wrote a report on the conference which was published on the CMCS website.
- **Masha Egupova**, a MA student at CEU, was selected to take part in the SUN summer school course on "Media Development and Democratization: Understanding and Implementing Monitoring and Evaluation Programs" (see Major Events and Workshops). She also joined Monroe Price and Kate Coyer in participating in the 2010 Milton Wolf seminar, organized by the American Austrian Foundation in partnership with the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS) at the Annenberg School for Communication, a key partner of the CMCS. The seminar, which took place in Vienna on March 17–19, was dedicated to the subject of "New Media, New Newsmakers, New Diplomacy: The Changing Role of Journalists, NGOs, and Diplomats in a Multi-modal Media World". Masha was one of the students who was selected for participation at the seminar through a student essay contest. Her essay, on NGOs and media in the South Ossetia conflict, was also published on the Nieman Journalism Lab's NGOs and the News website. Furthermore, directly upon graduation from CEU, Masha worked with the CMCS to help the Center develop a comprehensive database of relevant academic, media and civil society contacts.

- **Roxana Radu**, a Political Science MA student at CEU, was selected to take part in the 2010 Annenberg-Oxford Summer Institute on global media policy, organized by the Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, and the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy at the University of Oxford, two key CMCS partners. Roxana was hired by CMCS to take on the challenging task of coordinating the CMCS/CGCS workshop “Europe and the Global Information Society: Developing an Agenda for Social Science Research on Cyber Security”, and joined the CMCS team again upon graduation to take on substantive coordination and research tasks as conference coordinator of the Google/CEU conference Internet at Liberty 2010, which takes place on 20-22 September 2010.
- **Amer Dzihana** was provided support from CMCS to undertake his MA in the Department of Public Policy. CMCS supported his participation in the 2009 Annenberg-Oxford Global Media Policy Summer Institute. He has since gone on to play a leadership role in the Internews program, Strengthening Independent Media in Bosnia, and remains a CMCS Fellow and valued colleague and collaborator.
- MA students **Alex Krasnay, Roxana Radu, and Anna Szilagyi** were researchers for Ellen Hume’s paper, "Caught in the Middle: CEE Journalism at a Crossroads" written for the Center for International Media Assistance, in Washington, D.C. They helped research country reports in Hungary (Anna), Poland, Czech Republic (Roxana), Romania and Latvia reports (Alex) that were part of this overall look at how independent, watchdog journalism is faring in Central and Eastern Europe 20 years after the fall of communism.
- CMCS has provided **financial and organisational support for several students** to participate in academic summer programs, including the Annenberg-Oxford summer institute and CMCS’ summer university program.

## **Major international research collaborations**

Over the past several years, the CMCS has participated in and/or led three major research projects that came to a close in 2009-10, in addition to numerous ongoing research activity and related events.

### **COST A30 Action: “East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda”**

#### **Book publications**

Beata Klimkiewicz (Ed.), *Media Freedom and Pluralism - Media Policy Challenges in the Enlarged Europe*, CEU Press, 2010, supported by COST.

Boguslawa Dobek-Ostrowska, Michal Glowack, Karol Jakubowicz, Miklós Sükösd (Eds.), *Comparative Media Systems: European and Global Perspectives*, CEU Press, 2010, supported by COST.

#### **Journal issues**

Special thematic issue of the journal *Medijska istraživanja/Media Research* on the subject of *Media and the Public Interest*.

Project duration: 2005 –2009

#### **Introduction and Aims**

The COST A30 Action *East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda* ([www.costa30.eu](http://www.costa30.eu)) is a 4-year long research project (2005–2009) that has established an outstanding network, bringing together approximately 60 distinguished media and communications media researchers from 27 countries in Western and Eastern Europe and is also building a network of media studies & communication research centers, higher education programs and departments in Western and Eastern Europe. The Action was coordinated and led by CMCS. The COST program itself is an intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST), allowing the coordination of nationally-funded research on a European level.

The CMCS-led Action engaged in research concerning media production, media reception and use, and the political implications of the transformation of the media in the

Eastern and Central European context. Action participants worked on empirically based frameworks of analysis for specific media problems facing the region. A major outcome of the Action has been the development of a European social science research network with a focus on emerging problems of Central and Eastern European media in a comparative perspective. By involving both leading scholars West and East and a new generation of young Central and Eastern European researchers, organizing academic conferences, workshops and innovative research collaboration, and initiating policy dialogues, the Action promotes a European level cutting-edge media research agenda.

The COST A30 Action has recently published its first book: *Finding the Right Place on the Map: Central and Eastern European Media Change in Global Perspective* (Edited by Karol Jakubowicz and Miklós Sükösd; London, Intellect Books, 2008) and it is preparing to issue a second book publication on: *Nationalism, Media and European Identity* (edited by Karol Jakubowicz). Another volume on European communications policy and journal themes issues on online politics, public interest media and other subjects are also planned.

### **COST A30 Working Groups**

The COST Action was Miklós Sükösd, and the coordinator was Laura Ranca. The scientific work and research projects in the Action are supported by its four Working Groups (WGs):

1. **WG1 – Comparative Research Methods & New Media Developments** (WG leader: Nicholas Jankowski, University of Nijmegen, Netherlands)
2. **WG2 – Democratic Theory and Democratic Performance of the Media** (WG leader:: Karol Jakubowicz, Poland)
3. **WG3 – Media Regulation and Policy** (WG leader: Beata Klimkiewicz, Jagiellonian University, Poland)
4. **WG4 – Textual Analysis and Media Use** (WG leader: Joke Hermes, InHolland University and University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)



The *East of West* COST initiative included participation from universities and researchers in the following countries: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Lithuania, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, UK, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Sweden, and Ukraine.

## **European Science Foundation Framework 6 (FP6) funded collaborative research project “CivicWeb - Young People, the Internet and Civic Participation”**

Duration: September 2006 – August 2009

The CMCS was part of the European collaborative research project ‘CivicWeb’, which was conducted over the past three years. In this project, which was funded by the European Commission's 6th Framework Programme, members of seven leading European research institutions studied the use of different social groups, and particularly young people, of the Internet.

The project focused on analyzing the potential contribution of the internet to promoting civic engagement and participation among young people, and the range of youth-oriented civic sites that has emerged on the web. The research assessed how the development of online civic content varied across the different political cultures of seven European member states. It identified instances of 'good practice' that can inform practitioners and policy-makers in relevant fields.

The CivicWeb project was led by the Centre for the Study of Children, Youth and Media at the University of London (Prof. David Buckingham). Project research officer Éva Bognár and research assistant Judit Szakács ran the program for CMCS, with Arne Hintz serving as lead researcher during 2008-09. The other partners in the project were the Media and Communications Studies Unit at Lund University (Prof. Peter Dahlgren); the Amsterdam School of Communications Research at the University of Amsterdam (Prof. Liesbet van Zoonen); the Faculty of Communications Studies at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Prof. Magdalena Albero-Andres); the Social Communication Research Centre at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana (Prof. Slavko Splichal); and Istanbul BILGI University (Prof. Aydin Ugur).

The final CivicWeb conference was held in London on 30 June– 1 July 2009. Researchers from the project discussed the research results on civic Internet use together with online activists and young Internet users. Éva Bognár also presented research findings at the *Beyond East and West* conference (2009 Budapest) and at the Annual Conference of the European Sociological Association (2009 Lisbon).



## **New Research Projects**

### **European Privacy and Human Rights (EPHR)**

Privacy International, the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) and the CMCS are managing a project that was launched in February 2010 on European Privacy and Human Rights, funded by the European Commission's Special Programme "Fundamental Rights and Citizenship".

The EPHR project comprises three action areas:

- To map European privacy laws and recent developments, and to summarize the trends in the light of the right to privacy;
- To disseminate and publish research findings on a variety of online and offline platforms; and
- To develop innovative awareness-raising campaigns to be launched as part of the European Data Protection Day on 28 January 2011.

The project will make accurate and high quality information about the state of European privacy legal frameworks and recent developments available. Reports will be published in English and, in the case of the country reports, in the language of the country in question. A summary will wrap up the country reports and present policy analysis and recommendations.

Within the project, the task of the CMCS is to establish a European hub to coordinate input and updates, create a reliable network of country contributors, and maintain or improve the quality of analysis of each country report from the 27 EU Member States, the EFTA countries, and EU accession candidate countries.

The project will run until February 2011. Kristina Irion leads the project for the CMCS. Cedric Laurant, an independent privacy consultant based in Brussels who works on issues of data protection, privacy, telecommunications, Internet law and policy, joined the CMCS as Senior Research Fellow for the EPHR project. Matteo Bonfanti, who previously worked with the Department of International Studies of the University of Milan, works as CMCS/EPIC Research Fellow for the EPHR Project.

### **Indicators for the independence and efficiency of regulatory bodies**

The CMCS is taking part in a consortium that was selected by the European Commission to carry out a study with the aim of developing indicators for the independence and efficient functioning of audiovisual media services regulatory bodies.

The consortium includes the Hans Bredow Institute, the K.U. Leuven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), Cullen International, as well as Perspective Associates as a subcontractor. It is cooperating with a net of correspondents covering each of the 43



countries covered by the study.

The indicators which the study is intended to develop will make it possible to measure the independence of regulatory bodies in the field of audiovisual media, and to assess the functioning of these bodies and their capacity to ensure the effective application of the AVMS Directive. It encompasses three parts:

- A detailed legal description and analysis of the audiovisual media services regulatory bodies in the European Union Member States, as well as in candidate and potential candidate countries to the EU and in the EFTA countries. To facilitate a comparative perspective, the regulatory system of four other countries, namely the USA, Japan, Singapore and Australia, will be analysed too.
- An analysis of the effective implementation of the legal framework for regulatory bodies in these countries.
- The identification of key characteristics constituting an "independent regulatory body" in the light of the AVMS Directive.

The study, which was launched in February 2010, will run over 13 months. The CMCS study team is coordinated by Kristina Irion.

## **Broadening the Range of Awareness in Data Protection (BROAD)**

CMCS is the coordinating institution of the EU-funded project Broadening the Range Of Awareness in Data protection (BROAD). Its aim is to raise awareness in the area of data protection and information privacy by using innovative means and methods. It is funded by an EU grant under the Director General Justice, Freedom and Security's Specific Programme Fundamental Rights and Citizenship.

The BROAD Project is a collaborative effort of Hungarian and Dutch not-for-profit organisations. The CMCS works with the Eötvös Károly Policy Institute – EKINT, in Hungary, and Tilburg University -TILT, in the Netherlands.

The three action areas of BROAD are:

- surveying target groups and feeding back the results to professional and common knowledge;
- establishing an internet forum in the intersection of IT and privacy;
- and producing and disseminating professional and amateur creative products, such as videoclips and "positive clichés".

The project incorporates lasting elements, including online content, such as videos and other creative works, which will be available as a model for adaptation in other EU Member States.

The project started in January 2009 and will last for 18 months. CMCS' Kristina Irion is the project coordinator of BROAD and Éva Bognár conducts the Hungarian research.

## **Environmental action and communication strategies in the Western Balkans**

The CMCS and the Open Century Project are carrying out a pilot research project on environmental action and communication strategies in Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project, run by Kate Coyer of CMCS and Ivona Malbasic of the Open Century Project in collaboration with Vladimir Micic, MA Visiting Student Environmental Sciences and Policy at CEU, was facilitated by a grant through the Research Support Scheme at CEU. It will fill an important gap in the literature on civil society, environmentalism, and communication by providing a comprehensive analysis of the environmental movement and movement strategies in these countries.

The project aims at answering the following questions:

- Are the EU pre-accession funds for civil society development - in particular environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs) - in the Western Balkans responding to the needs of NGOs and the communities they work in?
- How do NGOs design and implement successful campaigns that respond to genuine environmental concerns, even if they lack support and funding at the European level?

A discussion paper is being developed and preliminary research findings presented by Kate Coyer at the annual IAMCR conference.

## **Migrants and minorities in the media**

The CMCS was commissioned by the EU-funded Migrants in the Media (MiM) project to undertake an external evaluation of the project. The MiM project was implemented in 2008-2010 by eleven partners from seven countries. The project's aim was to improve the interaction between immigrants and EU member state citizens by promoting the intercultural competences of programming and journalistic staff of national public service broadcasters and the media skills of representatives of immigrant NGOs.

The CMCS undertook the project evaluation in February-March 2010. To carry out the evaluation, Amer Džihana examined relevant background documents; created and distributed a questionnaire for trainers and training participants, and conducted 29 interviews during field visits to a selection of coordinating and participating organizations in the countries active in the program.

The MiM project culminated at the international conference *Tuning in to Diversity 2010*, which took place at the Millenaris Center in Budapest in February 2010, and attended by around 275 journalists and other media practitioners, representatives of immigrant and minority organisations, and researchers from 14 European countries. At the conference, the CMCS hosted a workshop for researchers in the field of media and cultural diversity, *Minorities, Diversity and the Media – Pursuing Research for Policy and Advocacy*. It also participated in the preparation of the conference, hosting a preparatory meeting in

Budapest for the conference organizers.

As part of the collaboration with Mira Media and the MiM/MEM networks of project partners, CMCS members will take part in the 15th International Metropolis Conference in The Hague in October 2010, where Amer Dzihana and Joost van Beek will present the project evaluation during a conference session on Multicultural Europe in the Media, and a subsequent national debate event in The Hague.

## **Ongoing Research**

### **Community Media Research Hub**

The CMCS is contributing to the community media research hub as part of the Mapping Global Media Policy website. The aim is to build network capacity among scholars and advocates and support the international network of academics and advocacy groups engaged in supporting the growth of community media around the globe. The hub was launched with a European Science Foundation funded Exploratory Workshop in spring 2008.



Further activity in this area includes Kate Coyer and Joost van Beek hosting an open session on the interests of civil media researchers and the research needs of media activists at the Civil Media 09 event and Kate Coyer's presentation of a forthcoming book chapter (Coyer, van Beek) on the status of community media in Bosnia and Herzegovina at a conference on "Local Media, Citizen Participation and Governance: Global Trends and Local Practices."

The CMCS regularly cooperates with organizations such as the World Association of Community Broadcasters (AMARC) and the Community Media Forum Europe on research and advocacy. The Center is currently developing a study of impact assessment tools for community radio with AMARC, and seeks to collaborate with scholars in this field in India, Thailand, Mexico and across Africa.

### **Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Information**

CMCS maintained its commitment to research related to freedom of speech and freedom of information. It brought together researchers and practitioners on freedom of information at a workshop to evaluate the opportunities created by recent judgements of the European Court of Human Rights. CMCS Senior Research Fellow Peter Molnar continued his research on "hate speech," a subject on which Peter is co-editing, with

Michael Herz of the Cardozo School of Law, a forthcoming book that will be published by Cambridge University Press (The Content and Context of "Hate Speech": Rethinking Regulation and Remedies).

A colloquium and a conference which Peter initiated and co-convened at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, in spring 2010, as well as events and conferences he co-organized at Cardozo and CEU in previous years, paved the way for this publication.

## **Mapping Global Media Policy**

During the academic year 2009-10, CMCS Research Fellow and former CMCS Program Director Arne Hintz worked as a post-doctoral researcher at McGill University, Montreal on the international collaborative project Mapping Global Media Policy.

The project seeks to address the growing interest amongst scholars, policy makers and civil society organizations in the international and global governance of media and communication. It does so while tackling concerns that Global Media Policy as a field of research is under-theorized and open to controversial interpretations regarding the main processes and actors involved. The focus of the project is on developing a Global Media Policy Observatory, consisting of a continuously updated and expanding online inventory of policy measures, actors, sites and current academic research, and to analyze trends, best practices, and policy and research gaps in global media policy.

In developing the project, Arne is working together with Prof. Marc Raboy (McGill University) and Prof. Claudia Padovani (University of Padova).

The project builds on discussions that had taken place within the Global Media Policy Working Group of the International Association of Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), and the development of the project was further boosted during a number of sessions at the IAMCR 2010 conference in Braga, Portugal.

## **Network Neutrality and Privacy Protection**

The CMCS signed and disseminated the Madrid Privacy Declaration, which was launched by participants of the conference *Global Privacy Standards for a Global World* in Madrid on 3 November 2009, and was signed by over 100 civil society organizations and privacy experts from more than 40 countries. The signatories of the Declaration argue that governments and corporations are gathering too much information on individuals, with too few protections, and new systems of identification, tracking and surveillance threaten the rights of citizens and consumers.

## Major events and workshops

### **The 2010 CEU SUN Summer School: “Media Development and Democratization: Understanding and Implementing Monitoring and Evaluation Programs”**

The CMCS partnered with the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS) at the Annenberg School for Communication to organise an intensive summer school course on "Media Development and Democratization: Understanding and Implementing Monitoring and Evaluation Programs". The course took place on July 5-16, 2010 as part of CEU's Summer University (SUN) program.

The course focused on the monitoring and evaluation of international aid programs and their impact, with a focus on the role of radio as a medium for development goals. It covered the history, theory and practice of monitoring and evaluation, encompassing current trends and differing methodologies.

The summer school program included lectures by leading experts on different aspects of media development, bringing together CEU faculty and faculty from a number of institutions, such as:



- Monroe E. Price, CMCS Chair, Annenberg School for Communication University of Pennsylvania
- Susan Abbott, Deputy Director for Programs, Internews Network
- Kate Coyer, Director, CMCS at CEU
- Gordon Adam, Media Support Solutions, UK
- Gerry Power, InterMedia UK (former BBC World Trust Service)
- Mladen Momcilovic, monitoring and evaluation specialist, Belgrade
- Amelia Arsenault, Center for Global Communication Studies, Annenberg School, UPenn
- Sofie Jannusch, CAMECO and Media ME project, Germany
- Antonio Lambino, CommGap Program, World Bank
- Leon Morse, IREX Media Sustainability Index
- Sheldon Himelfarb, United States Institute of Peace
- Nicolas Boissez, Fondation Hirondelle

Thirty two Participants from nineteen countries took part in the course, which included field work in Cluj, Romania and Novi Sad, Serbia.

The course was open to graduate students, media practitioners, members of policy and development institutions, and others.

Course directors were Monroe Price, Kate Coyer, and Susan Abbott, Deputy Director for Programs, Internews. The summer school greatly benefited from the financial support of the Open Society Institute (OSI)'s Media Program, which provided support for student scholarships.

### **Webinar: Social Media and Political Mobilization, a Conversation with Egyptian and Hungarian Bloggers**

As part of the summer school course on media development and democracy, the CMCS, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Annenberg School for Communication at University of Pennsylvania and Internews organized an interactive web seminar – or “webinar” – that brought bloggers from Egypt and Hungary in conversation with each other, as well as with an international audience of media scholars, development practitioners and communication academics that included the participants of the summer school course.

Questions they discussed included: How are blogs altering the political and social fabric of countries with troubled political systems or political systems in transition? What role are social media playing in mobilizing citizens, and what's the extent of its reach? Is it a main player or a supplementary tool? What impact has the proliferation of social media usage had on mainstream journalism?

Participants included Mahmoud Salem (“Rantings of a Sandmonkey”), Eman Abdel Rahman (“Lasto Adri”), Mohamed (last name withheld, of “The Traveler Within”) and Marietta Le (“Remainder of Budapest”).

### **Workshop: Europe and the Global Information Society: Developing an Agenda for Social Science Research on Cyber Security**

On 7-8 June 2010, the CMCS and the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS) at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, organized a workshop at the CEU aimed at developing a network of scholars and agenda for social science research on cyber security.

The aim of the workshop was to help develop a broader and more systematic understanding of the interplay between technological innovations and geopolitical conditions, and its impact on cyber security from a social science perspective. The workshop also mapped the state of analysis around specific questions in the field of cyber security studies: How are different organizations (states, institutions, particular alliances and interest groups) within the European Union and elsewhere defining responses to

cyber security? What are the emerging competing frameworks and narratives of cyber security threats and intervention? How can institutional analysis be brought to bear to explain and improve approaches to state entities dealing with these questions? Participants also considered human rights concerns and the relationship between security and privacy needs. What new vulnerabilities come with emerging technologies and their impact on security and innovation? What is the broader impact of cyber security policy on public life?

The workshop was convened and organized by Stefaan Verhulst, Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS), Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, and the CMCS, and Chief of Research at the Markle Foundation; Monroe Price, Chair of the CMCS and Director of the CGCS; and Kate Coyer, Director of the CMCS.

### ***Public event: Europe and the Global Information Society Revisited: Cyber Security in Europe***

The workshop encompassed a public event on 7 June 2010, with a public presentation by Andrea Servida, Deputy Head of the Unit "Internet; Network and Information Security" of the European Commission's Directorate-General on Information Society and Media.

Servida was introduced by John Shattuck, Rector and President of CEU. The event was moderated by Stefaan Verhulst, CMCS Senior Research Fellow and Chief of Research, Markle Foundation, New York. Responses to Servida's presentation were given by Kristina Irion and Herbert Burkert (President, Research Centre for Information Law, University of St. Gallen).

### **Conference: Democracy and Legitimacy: Dealing with Extremism**

On July 22-23, 2010, the CMCS and the Departments of Political Science and Philosophy of the CEU, in cooperation with the International Senior Lawyers Project and the International Media Lawyers Association, organized an international conference on "Democracy and Legitimacy: Dealing with Extremism." The Open Society Justice Initiative provided additional support for the conference.

During the two days of the event, scholars and practitioners discussed the most appropriate responses to emerging right-wing extremism for liberal democracies in eight panel sessions. The conference posed questions on the emergence of right-wing extremism, such as how it might affect liberal democracy, what resources democracy has to resist far right parties, and how liberal democracies should respond to illiberal groups in general. As illiberal groups challenge the limits of free speech, the conference also dealt with the question to what extent "hate speech" ought to be protected against legal restrictions and how education, art and other alternative remedies can be applied as responses to "hate speech".

The program of the conference encompassed keynote speeches by Prof. Tom Christiano, University of Arizona, and Prof. Kwame Anthony Appiah, Princeton University. Panelists and commenters included speakers such as Judge Willem Korthals Altes, District Court of Amsterdam, and Gyorgy Konrad, former President of PEN.

The organizers of the conference, Zoltan Miklosi of CEU's Department of Political Science, Andres Moles of the Departments of Political Sciences and Philosophy, and the CMCS's Peter Molnar, brought together experts in political theory, legal studies, public policy, and literature. Presentations included "Secularism and Liberal Neutrality: The Case of Judges and Religious Symbols"; "The Political Rights of Anti-liberal Democratic Groups"; "Anti-Roma Speech, Segregation and Discrimination"; and "The Internet and How Extremists Use Its Full Potential". In the evenings were short readings of related literature by Janne Teller and Peter Molnar.

### **Workshop: "Civil society and the Right to Access to State-held Information: Responses to Recent European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) Decisions"**

As part of their ongoing work around freedom of information, the CMCS and the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (HCLU) organized an International Experts Workshop on "Civil society and the Right to Access to State-held Information: Responses to Recent European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) Decisions" on 7-8 December 2009.

The workshop took place with the support of the Representative on Freedom of the Media of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and in cooperation with the Departments of Legal Studies, Public Policy and Environmental Sciences and Policy of the CEU.

The workshop focused on the implications of two recent landmark freedom of information decisions by the European Court of Human Rights: *HCLU v. Hungary* (14 April 2009) and *Kenedi v. Hungary* (26 May 2009). While both cases targeted Hungary, the rulings of the ECHR could significantly improve prospects for freedom of information cases across Europe.

Participants in the workshop included experts from Transparency International – Hungary, Article 19, the Open Society Justice Initiative, the Aarhus Convention Secretariat of UNECE, Access Info, the Open Society Archives, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Office of the Information Commissioner, Slovenia, the Office of the Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection, Serbia, the Nagy és Trocsanyi Law Firm in Hungary, the Access to Information Program in Bulgaria, the FOI Center of Armenia, and the Right to Information Fund of the Open Society Institute. The workshop also included a number of CEU faculty.

Participants discussed the precedents these rulings set, explored how civil society might



best respond, and considered how research might contribute to a better understanding of the impact of these decisions.

### **Related action: Raising awareness about Freedom of Information**

The CMCS and the Human Rights Initiative (HRSI) joined forces to raise awareness about freedom of information at the CEU at an event on the International Right to Know Day, 28 September 2009. During the event, CMCS Senior Research Fellow Peter Molnar initiated a joint information claim about a local environmental issue, which volunteers proceeded to translate into 15 languages.

### **Colloquium and conference: The Content and Context of "Hate Speech": Rethinking Regulation and Remedies**

From March 18 to April 29, the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, and the CMCS, in cooperation with the Department of Sociology of The New School for Social Research, presented a weekly colloquium in New York on "hate speech". The colloquium was closed with a conference on the same subject on May 13, organized by the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy and the CMCS.

The colloquium, which was held at the Cardozo School of Law, drew from chapters of the forthcoming book *The Content and Context of "Hate Speech": Rethinking Regulation and Remedies*. The co-editors of the book, CMCS Senior Research Fellow Peter Molnar and Professor Michael Herz of the Cardozo School of Law, convened and moderated the weekly sessions.

Individual sessions focused on topics such as *"Hate Speech" Laws and Democratic Legitimacy* and *"Hate Speech," Incitement to Violence, and Public Discourse*. The session on *"Hate Speech" Under the First Amendment & Article 10 of The European Convention on Human Rights* featured Dean Robert Post of Yale Law School and Hon. Andras Sajó of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) as speakers.

The conference on May 13 featured Robert Post as keynote speaker and other speakers including Monroe Price and Peter Molnar; Frederick Schauer, University of Virginia School of Law; Theodore Shaw, Columbia Law School; Richard Cohen, Southern Poverty Law Center; Dinah PoKempner, Human Rights Watch; and Floyd Abrams, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP. Panelists reviewed subjects such as "hate speech" and religion; "hate speech", discrimination and segregation; incitement to genocide; and the significance of content and context in harm and danger related arguments for regulating "hate speech".

The colloquium followed up on a semester-long workshop which Peter Molnar co-convened at Columbia Law School in spring 2009 on "'Hate Speech' and Incitement to Violence".

## **Conference: Tuning in to Diversity 2010**

The CMCS supported the international conference *Tuning in to Diversity 2010*, which took place at the Millenaris Center in Budapest on 25-26 February and focused on the question of how media professionals and civil society can make the media more diverse.

The CMCS hosted a workshop at the conference for researchers in the field of media and cultural diversity, *Minorities, Diversity and the Media – Pursuing Research for Policy and Advocacy*. It also participated in the preparation of the conference, hosting a preparatory meeting in Budapest for the conference organizers. The conference brought together around 275 journalists and other media practitioners, representatives of immigrant and minority organisations, and researchers.

The conference program included discussions, workshops and presentations, as well as a live talk show presented by Kriszta Toth, anchorwoman of Hungarian public television MTV; an exclusive European premiere of episodes of the European Broadcasting Union's new Roma series; and a show presented by Roots & Routes, an international network promoting cultural and social diversity in contemporary performing arts and media.

The workshop which the CMCS organized brought together 18 researchers from across Europe to discuss research prospects in a changing media landscape. The participants, who outlined what they considered the most urgent issues in a survey in advance, discussed questions such as: how will the emergence of new media impact minority communities as media producers and consumers? How are efforts to safeguard or improve cultural diversity in traditional public, commercial and community broadcasting impacted by the structural changes these media era undergoing?

## **Conference: Alternative Culture Now**

The CMCS co-sponsored an international conference on alternative culture, which was held at CEU on 8-10 April 2010. *Alternative Culture Now* was organized by the Alternative Culture Center and the University of Alberta, Canada, with support from CEU's Curriculum Resource Center and the Open Society Institute's Higher Education Support Program.

Scholars from across Europe, the post-Soviet countries and North America discussed what it means to talk about "alternative culture" in contemporary society. Covering topics ranging from open source economics to literature, and from sound art to education and architecture, the conference traced the location and nature of 'the alternative' in a variety of areas. CMCS people contributed in various ways. CMCS Director Kate Coyer moderated a panel on *Media Alternatives: What Happens Now?* and Research Fellow Arne Hintz presented a contribution on *Mainstreaming the Alternative?*. Jessie Labov, one of the organisers, and Stefania Milan, who presented a contribution on the roles and characteristics of grassroots online media, are both CMCS Affiliate Researchers.

The conference concluded a four-year project by the Alternative Culture Center in Budapest. Earlier conferences had included, amongst others, the CMCS-supported *From Samizdat to Blogging* in February 2008.

## Occasional events

CMCS organizes a number of public lectures and film screenings during the year for the CEU community and the public at large. Public lectures feature visiting scholars and academics as well as policy makers, journalists and representatives from local and international governmental agencies, NGOs and media institutions. During 2008-09, this included guests from Media Lab Helsinki, Tel Aviv University, Georgetown University, the Broadcast Mobile Convergence Forum, and the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

The CMCS also organizes film screenings followed by discussion, often in partnership with local entities such as the U.S. Embassy, Canadian Embassy, and the Romanian Cultural Institute.

### **Book launch**

Book launch and public talk by Monroe Price, introduced by Ellen Hume, on the occasion of the English-language publication of Monroe's memoir, *Objects of Remembrance: A Memoir of American Opportunities and Viennese Dreams*, 22 March 2010.

### **Public lectures hosted by CMCS**

*On the Horizon: Emerging Information and Communication Law and Policy Issues*, by Professor Sandra Braman, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 22 October 2009.

*Modern Russian Journalism and its Soviet heritage*, by Professor Alexander Altunyan, International University in Moscow, 24 November 2009.

*Do media matter rephrased: Media and political systems as determinants of media influence on public opinion*, by Dr. Marina Popescu, British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Essex and Research Director at the MRC-Median Research Centre in Bucharest, Romania, 1 December 2009.

*Reinventing Public Service Communication*, by Associate Professor Petros Iosifidis, City University London, 17 February 2010.

*News Literacy in a Digital Age: Stony Brook University's innovative curriculum to develop the critical thinking skills of young news consumers*, by Richard Hornik, lecturer at Stony Brook University, Director of Southeast Asia Programs for the Independent Journalism Foundation, and former bureau chief and business editor of *Time* magazine, 25 May 2010.

## **Film screenings**

*All the President's Men* (1976), feature film directed by Alan J. Pakula, screened in cooperation with the CEU Department of Political Science. Introduced by Ellen Hume, Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media at the CMCS and former White House reporter.

*Shattered Glass* (2003), feature film directed by Billy Ray, screened in cooperation with the CEU Department of Political Science and the Human Rights Initiative, 23 February 2010. Introduced by Ellen Hume.

*Anna, Seven Years on the Frontline* (2008), documentary about Anna Politkovskaya by Masha Novikov, screened in cooperation with the Human Rights Initiative, 2 March 2010.



CMCS welcomes academic visitors for periods of one month to one year who wish to contribute to and participate in the ongoing research activities of the Center, and play an active role in the vibrant academic life of the university. CMCS fellows work on their own projects as well as collaborative and comparative projects with the Center, and support the development of events and workshops as related to their fields of interest.

***Ellen Hume***, appointed by Michael Delli Carpini, Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, as Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media, has been based at the CMCS since Fall 2009, continuing her civic media work and participating in research projects the two institutions undertake.

Ellen was the Research Director at the Center for Future Civic Media in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She founded the Center on Media and Society at the University of Massachusetts Boston; served as executive director and senior fellow at Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy; and served as executive director of PBS's Democracy Project. She was a White House and political correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, national reporter with the Los Angeles Times and regular commentator on PBS's Washington Week in Review and CNN's Reliable Sources program.

***Alexander Altunyan*** visited Central European University within the framework of the Visiting Research Fellowship Program of the CEU's Special Projects Office. He was a guest to the CMCS for a seven-week period in October-November.

Professor Altunyan, a scholar in journalism and discourse studies, is the Deputy Dean/Acting Dean of the Journalism faculty at the Moscow International University (IUM), where he teaches courses on the history of journalism, theory of journalism and political text analysis. Previously, he taught at the Moscow State University, and as Alexander adds: "My previous job experiences include editing a human rights bulletin and, during the Soviet days, being an electrician and street sweeper." During his stay at the CEU he undertook research on the question, 'Will the Internet revolution change the nature of journalism?'. Concluding his stay at the CMCS, Alexander delivered a public lecture on "Modern Russian Journalism and its Soviet heritage".

***Ben Cramer*** was a Visiting Professor in the Department of Public Policy and Department of Legal Studies in fall, 2009. He has a doctorate in Mass Communications from Pennsylvania State University, where he taught a senior-level course in mass media law and worked as a researcher for the Pennsylvania Center for the First Amendment. He has ten years of experience in the business software industry, and is a long time environmental activist. In the Fall semester of 2009/2010, Ben taught courses on "Fundamentals of Media and Communications Policy" and "Global Broadcasting and

Telecommunications Law” at CEU, and was an active participant with the CMCS.

**Joost van Beek** started working at the CMCS as a Research Fellow in September 2009. Previously, he worked as Website manager/Researcher at the EU Monitoring and Advocacy Program (EUMAP) of the Open Society Institute, collaborating on projects such as “Television across Europe: Regulation, policy and independence”, and at the Dutch NGO Mira Media, which promotes the representation of minorities in the media, where he helped coordinate the European network Online/More Colour in the Media. As CMCS Research Fellow, he co-authored research on the status of community media in Bosnia-Herzegovina, undertook research on media regulation and Internet governance for the Hungarian National Communications Authority, revamped the CMCS website and social media presence, and helped organize CMCS workshops and events.

**Jessie Labov** is a non-resident fellow and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures at The Ohio State University. Jessie’s contributes her expertise on alternative culture in Central and Eastern Europe., among her other research expertise.



## **CMCS Publications**

### **Books**

Monroe Price, *Objects of Remembrance: A Memoir of American Opportunities and Viennese Dreams*, CEU Press, 2009.

Beata Klimkiewicz (Ed.), *Media Freedom and Pluralism - Media Policy Challenges in the Enlarged Europe*, CEU Press, 2010, supported by COST.

Boguslawa Dobek-Ostrowska, Michal Glowack, Karol Jakubowicz, Miklós Sükösd (Eds.), *Comparative Media Systems: European and Global Perspectives*, CEU Press, 2010, supported by COST.

### **Journal issues**

Special thematic issue of the journal *Medijska istraživanja/Media Research* on the subject of *Media and the Public Interest*

### **Journal Articles and Chapter Publications**

Monroe Price, "Media Transitions in the Rear-View Mirror: Some Reflections," in *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, December 2009.

Peter Molnar, "Laws and Policies - Enabling or Withholding the Development of the Culture of Constitutional Democracy," in *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, December 2009.

Kate Coyer and Arne Hintz "Developing the Third Sector: Community Media Policies in Europe" in Beata Klimkiewicz (Ed.), *Media Freedom and Pluralism - Media Policy Challenges in the Enlarged Europe*, CEU Press, 2010

### **Popular Press**

Ellen Hume, column in *Newsday*, Fall 2009



## Conference Papers and Presentations

### Academic Conference Papers, Workshops and Presentations

Eva Bogнар and Judit Szakacs, “Serve and Protect - Use of bottom-up online applications by civic groups”, at the 9th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Lisbon, 2-5 September 2009.

Kate Coyer and Joost van Beek, “Community radio in international perspective and the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, *Local Media, Citizen Participation and Governance: Global Trends and Local Practices*, Sarajevo, 28-29 May 2010.

Kate Coyer, “Community Media: Opportunities for new Policy Research and Methods; Challenges for Public Access in the Digital Era”, at 2009 Workshop of the Communication Law and Policy Section of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA), *New Directions for Communication Policy Research*, Zurich, 6-7 November 2009.

Kate Coyer, “Community Radio Content in Bosnia and Herzegovina: what does it look like and what future might it have in a digital environment?”, at *Radio in the Digital Age*, Limassol, Cyprus, 14-16 October 2009.

Peter Molnar, “Incitement, Intent and Imminence – Rethinking the Danger Test,” at *Hate Speech: An International Workshop*, New York, 23-24 October 2009.

Ellen Hume, press freedom workshops in Seychelles and Mauritius in October, 2009, on assignment from the U.S. Dept. of State.

Arne Hintz and Kate Coyer participated in a day long Global Media Policy pre-conference, Hintz helped organize at IAMCR, Braga, July 2010, where Eva Bogнар, Kate Coyer and Arne Hintz also presented papers.

Roxana Radu acted as a remote participation moderator for the workshop on Cross-border cybercrime jurisdiction under cloud computing at EuroDIG - the Pan-European Dialogue on Internet Governance.

Arne Hintz, participant in Experts’ Group Meeting (EGM) on media development indicators, UNESCO Institute for Statistics, San Jose, Costa Rica, 17-19 November 2009.

Kate Coyer and Joost van Beek, hosted an open session on the interests of civil media researchers and the research needs of media activists at *Civil Media 09*, Salzburg, 5-7 November 2009.



Kate Coyer, Panelist on roundtable session on the questions “What are the challenges and the opportunities for transnational cooperation and international research?” and “How to design, plan and conduct studies that replicate the cross-cutting ideas from the US in an international context?”, at the international symposium *Transnational Connections: Challenges and Opportunities for Political Communication*, Segovia, Spain, March 24-25 2010.

Kristina Irion, organized, together with the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), the workshop "Privacy, Openness, Online Advertising and Online Behavioral Targeting Advertising," at the 4th meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 15-18 November 2009.

Peter Molnar, Panelist at session on “The Vienna Declaration on Terrorism, Media and the Law”, at *The War on Words – Terrorism, Media and the Law*, Vienna, 5-6 October 2009.

Peter Molnar, Panelist at session on “Online Hate Speech and Diverse International Concerns” at the Fourth Law & Information Society Symposium, *Hate Versus Democracy on the Internet*, New York, 26 March 2010.



## Other Individual Member Activities, Achievements and Affiliations

CMCS named **Kristina Irion**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Public Policy, as Research Director for Public Policy. Kristina has been affiliated with the CMCS since 2007, and has been instrumental in the growth of the Center and its expertise on issues of telecommunications law and regulation, privacy and data protection, and e-governance. She is the academic coordinator of the specialised stream in Media, Information and Communications Policy in the Master of Arts in Public Policy programme, and she is the project coordinator of the BROAD project (Broadening the Awareness in Data Protection).

Kristina Irion was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), a public interest research center in the United States which draws public attention to emerging civil liberties and privacy issues, the First Amendment, and constitutional values. The EPIC Advisory Board is a distinguished group of experts that include leading innovators, scholars, and advocates. Kristina was an EPIC fellow in 2005 and has since collaborated with EPIC on various occasions. The CMCS and EPIC are currently partners in the European Privacy and Human Rights (EPHR) project.

Kristina Irion was a Member of the Organizing Committee of the conference *Global Privacy Standards for a Global World*, Madrid, 3 November 2009, which was staged by the international civil society coalition The Public Voice and supported by major NGOs, advocacy groups and academic institutions in the field of information privacy.

Irion was invited as an academic expert to the 'Roundtable on Online Data Collection, Targeting and Profiling' hosted by the Directorate-General for Health & Consumers experts and stakeholders', Brussels, March, 2010.

Throughout 2009-10 Irion has also been a consultant for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) where she prepared a background report on 'Protecting Children Online: Risks Faced by Children Online and Policies to Protect Them' and draft policy principles.

Kristina Irion is an expert to the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) where she is collaborating in a joint Privacy & Trust scenario assessment on 'emerging social networking applications and technologies'.

## **CMCS Professional affiliations and memberships**

- European Communications Policy Research Scientific Committee (Kristina Irion)
- Global Internet Governance Academic Network (GigaNet) (Kristina Irion)
- Complaint Commission of the National Radio and Television Board in Hungary (Peter Molnar)
- International Communications Association (Arne Hintz, Kate Coyer)
- Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) (Hintz, Coyer)
- Global Media Policy Working Group Steering Committee, IAMCR (Arne Hintz)
- Social Science Research Council Necessary Knowledge program (Kate Coyer)
- The Public Voice Coalition (Kristina Irion)
- Transparency in Public Life Association (Peter Molnar)
- Community Media Forum Europe (Arne Hintz, Board Member; Kate Coyer)
- Organization of Free Radios in Hungary (Peter Molnar)
- World Association of Community Broadcasters
- OurMedia Network