



Invites papers for a one-day IAMCR pre-conference

# Political Economy of Journalism

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As a profession, discipline and ethos of investigation, journalism is under attack. Enemies include authoritarian governments, media conglomerates, social media behemoths, vulture finance, neoliberal zealotry, climate denialism and anti-reason extremists. Journalism’s response and future prospects hinge upon education programmes, adequate funding initiatives and social media regulation alongside struggles for reasoned debate, democratic rights, socio-economic equality and ecological justice. With these concerns and imperatives in mind, researchers are invited to submit papers on the following themes:

<p><b>Capitalism, commercialism and news journalism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financialisation and news media companies</li> <li>• Infotainment and broadcast news</li> <li>• Paywall regimes</li> <li>• Media conglomerates and news content</li> <li>• Advertising revenue and news budgets</li> </ul>	<p><b>Journalism and digital technologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial intelligence (AI)</li> <li>• Hacktivism</li> <li>• Metaverses</li> <li>• Data journalism</li> <li>• Surveillance, counter-surveillance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Social media versus news media</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journalism and the internet</li> <li>• Bargaining codes</li> <li>• News Corp and social media giants</li> <li>• Google, Facebook’s news platforms</li> <li>• Mass media decentred?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Journalism versus disinformation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alt-right ideology</li> <li>• Conspiracy culture</li> <li>• Pandemic/infodemic</li> <li>• Social media culpability</li> <li>• State propaganda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Political economies of alternative news journalism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Māori and Pasifika media</li> <li>• Reporting journalism and local activism</li> <li>• Climate justice journalism</li> <li>• Feminist journalism online</li> <li>• LGBTQIA+ journalism online</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public journalism futures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countering news deserts</li> <li>• Public media institutions</li> <li>• Funding journalism initiatives</li> <li>• Journalism education</li> <li>• Counter-hegemonic journalism</li> </ul>

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**Abstract length:** 150-200 words

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