



ANZCA 2021 – ABSTRACT / PANEL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Australian & New Zealand Communication Association Annual Conference Melbourne, Australia | July 6–9, 2021

Hosted by the Media and Communications Program, School of Culture and Communication, University of Melbourne

Theme: Communication, Authority and Power

The ANZCA 2021 conference will consider how various forms, institutions and practices of communication both involve and are affected by mobilisations of authority and power. Communication has always been central to both the exercise of and struggles surrounding power and authority, and communication practices and practitioners are affected by and implicated in power relations. Fields and practices of communication have constituted vital domains through which authority and power are exercised and contested. Simultaneously, fields such as journalism have been construed as mechanisms through which power is held to account through forms of representation that lay claim to speak on behalf of ‘the people’ or ‘public interest’. Such forms, practices and constructions of authority are mutable, however, and are subject to transformation as they are affected by processes of change and contestation. These include the mobilisation of resources and strategies by various actors who seek to take advantage of emergent opportunities to exercise power, challenge existing authorities, and reconfigure power relations.

ANZCA 2020 invites participants to engage with this year's theme, addressing how communication is implicated in and affected by power relations, how these are changing, and key issues this poses for the present and future.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Abstract Submission: Abstract submission should be a maximum of 350 words. When submitting an abstract or paper, please indicate on your submission which stream you prefer:

- Communication Theory
- Community Media
- Creative Industries
- Cultural Studies
- Digital & Mobile Media
- Disability
- Ethics, Law & Policy
- Games, Play and Sports
- Gender
- Global Media & International
- Indigenous
- Communication
- Journalism
- Media Studies
- Organisational Communication
- Pedagogy
- Politics & Political Communication
- Public Relations
- Health
- Open

Panel Proposals: A panel should comprise 3-4 speakers whose research has a strong thematic or methodological link or interaction. The proposal should include:

- Panel title
- An overall abstract (150 – 300 words) justifying the panel as a whole
- Additional information on proposal/ panel (maximum 300 words)

Eligibility: You do not need to be an ANZCA member to submit a paper or proposal for the conference. However, if your paper or proposal is accepted for presentation at the annual conference, you must register for the conference via our website. Conference registrations will open in April 2021.

Key Dates:

Closing Date for submission: 26 February 2021

Author notifications: 30 April 2021