

## Media and Democratization: Chances and Risks

16-17 March 2017

Affolternstr. 56, 8050 Zurich  
Room: F172/3

Thursday, 16 March

### Media and Inter-group Conflict

#### Morning session

Moderator: *Nino Abzianidze (UZH)*

9:00 – 9:15

Opening remarks  
*Nino Abzianidze (UZH)*

9:15 – 10:15

**Keynote: What is media's role in promoting political participation?**  
*Chris Snow (BBC Media Action)*

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45

**The role of the new media in violent conflicts in democratic and non-democratic societies**  
*Gadi Wolfsfeld (IDC, Herzliya)*

11:45 – 12:45

**"Bottom-up" participation culture at Ukrainean EuroMaidan 2013: The role of new media**  
*Anastasiia Grynko (Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen)*

Discussant: *Gadi Wolfsfeld*

#### Lunch

Cityport, Cafeteria

#### Afternoon session

Moderator: *Lisa Garbe (U St. Gallen)*

14:00 – 15:00

**Telling war stories: How news coverage of conflicts comes into being**  
*Thomas Hanitzsch (LMU Munich)*

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee break

15:15 – 16:15

**Media as a tool of wealth defence: Ukrainian oligarchic media during the Revolution of Dignity and in the face of threat to territorial integrity**  
*Iryna Solonenko (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder)*

Discussant: *Thomas Hanitzsch*

#### Evening, 18:00

Dinner for invited participants, Restaurant Perron 9

Friday, 17 March

### The Media in Democratization Processes

#### Morning session

Moderator: *Martha Sandoval (UZH)*

9:00 – 10:00

**Keynote: Strengthening governance through media: experiences from Afghanistan, Nepal and the Palestinian Territories**  
*Sanjib Saha (BBC Media Action)*

10:00 – 11:00

**The media under attack: What are the causes and consequences of journalists being killed?**  
*Anita Gohdes (UZH)*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

**Journalists: Middlemen or the dominant agents of the nationalist discourse? Analysing nationalist appeals in the Georgian print media of 1991-2012**  
*Nino Abzianidze (UZH)*

Discussant: *Anita Gohdes*

#### Lunch

Cityport, ABB

#### Afternoon session

Moderator: *Iryna Solonenko (European University Viadrina)*

13:45 – 14:45

**National media and political change: The case of the Arab Spring**  
*Fatima el-Issawi (LSE)*

14:45 – 15:45

**The political use of ICT in authoritarian developing countries: A curse or a blessing for democratic development?**  
*Lisa Garbe (University of St. Gallen)*

Discussant: *Fatima el-Issawi*

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 16:45

Concluding panel discussion: "What have we learned?"

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