



Language and Communication in Media and Political Contexts

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Organised in partnership with the MA Programme “*LANCOM: Language and Communication in Mass Media and Politics*” (coordinated by Małgorzata Fabiszak and Michał Krzyżanowski at the School of English, Adam Mickiewicz University), this panel aims to explore different facets of contemporary language and communication in the context of media and politics. We understand the former and the latter as varied and dynamic sites of production and reception of discourses which contribute to the ongoing transformation and reproduction of contemporary public sphere(s). The panel covers all instances of contemporary media and political language and invites presentations of completed and ongoing research by students and young scholars working in such areas as, inter alia, critical discourse studies, linguistic anthropology, sociolinguistics, media and communication studies, political sociology and cognate fields. The panel especially welcomes presentations of research covering the interface of politics and the media but is also open to focussed analyses of either media-based or political communication. Research on classic media and political genres (press, broadcast news, parliamentary and other speeches and addresses, programmatic, policy and other documents etc.) as well as on new forms of media communication (e.g. social media) and political communication and mediatisation is particularly welcome. The panel is open to both synchronic case studies and to comparative and diachronic analyses which depict continuity and change in language and communication patterns in both national and supranational contexts in Europe and beyond.

NOTE: If accepted, those presenting at the panel will be expected to send their draft papers / extended outlines (of max. 3-4 pages) to panel convenors by the end of April 2012. The drafts/outlines will then be circulated to other presenters as well as to the panel discussants assigned by the convenors.