

## Call for Papers

**ICA Regional Conference 2022: Computational Communication Research in Central and Eastern Europe**

+ Opportunity to publish: special issue of *Computational Communication Research*

**Saint Petersburg, Russia, or virtually, June 27-29, 2022 (Dates and format tentative)**

**Deadline for abstracts, posters, and panels: January 25, 2022**

The International Communication Association regional conference on Computational Communication Research in Central and Eastern Europe will take place on June 27-29, 2022, in St. Petersburg, Russia, or online, depending on the public health situation and availability of travel. The conference is organized by the Laboratory for social and cognitive informatics, part of the St. Petersburg campus of HSE University. We welcome submissions from scholars of computational communication regardless of what region they come from.

Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit their papers to a special issue of *Computational Communication Research*. Abstracts submitted for CCR publication will also be considered for the Best Paper Award, carrying a cash prize of \$500.

ICA President Noshir Contractor, as well as Anabel Quan-Haase, Richard Ling, and Markus Strohmaier will deliver keynote speeches at the three-day event.

Conference paper abstracts of 400 to 700 words are invited by **January 25, 2022** via EasyChair at this link. Abstracts must clearly describe the central question of the study, data and methodological approach to their analysis, as well the wider implications of the expected results and their relevance to human communication research.

The conference will welcome research focused on, but not limited to research areas such as diffusion and effects of (mis)information, structure and dynamics of online communities, text communication, the effects of the COVID pandemic on communication processes, political communication online, detection of algorithmic biases and hate speech. Studies do not necessarily have to focus on Central and Eastern Europe. We encourage submissions of papers employing a wide range of computational approaches and representing interdisciplinary fields that address communication-related questions. Please note that we will not accept computational studies unrelated to human communication, those limited solely to computer science, or any communication research that does not employ advanced computation with either big or complexly structured data.

Acceptance/rejection decisions will be communicated to the submitters by **February 25, 2022**. The format of the conference will be determined no later than **March 15, 2022**, the day when online registration opens.

Offline registration rates vary by the tier of the applicant's country of residence in accordance with the World Bank's Gross National Income tier structure. Tier 1 fee is \$60, Tier 2 fee is \$40, Tier 3 fee is \$20. Should the conference proceed in online format, participation fees will be lowered accordingly.

For further information on the conference and timely updates, please visit <https://hse-scila.github.io/ica-conference/>

For any queries, contact the organizing committee at [ica2022compcomm@gmail.com](mailto:ica2022compcomm@gmail.com)

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