WORLD SUMMER SCHOOL: CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Communication, Information Integrity, Social Justice and Democracy

This event will take place online from October 21 to 23, 2026. Its primary objective is to foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration among senior scholars, early-career researchers, and master's and doctoral students representing a range of geographical, institutional, and epistemic backgrounds. In addition to panel discussions and individual presentations, the event will offer interactive workshops and networking opportunities designed to encourage knowledge exchange an interdisciplinary engagement.

Grounded in the theoretical and normative framework of the IAMCR Working Group on Communication, Justice and Democracy (CJD), the event will approach communication as a central arena in contemporary struggles over information integrity, democratic governance, and social justice. In a global landscape shaped by platformization, algorithmic power, data extraction, political polarization, and persistent inequalities in voice and visibility, the Post-Conference will seek to critically examine how communication systems simultaneously reproduce and contest power asymmetries.

The concept of "peripheries and connections" is mobilized as an analytical lens rather than a fixed geographical distinction. Peripheries are understood as relational positions shaped by historical, political, economic, and cultural inequalities, while connections emphasize transnational circulations of narratives, regulatory frameworks, technologies, and resistance practices.

With a strong focus on information integrity, the program will address disinformation, platform governance, digital rights, media regulation, and journalism and media education through comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives. Organized in a summer school–style format, the event will include thematic panels, paper sessions, and roundtable discussions to strengthen international research networks and advance communication scholarship committed to democracy and social justice.

Key dates & information:

- World Summer School, online, from 21 to 23 October 2026
- Interested PhD and MA students applied from 18 May to 12 June, following the Call, through the form available at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Eny_JYTmcKxIkM_SRAyo3N_R-fL4EhnKogEmev97PMU
- Evaluation and selection of participants: From 15 June to 7 July
- Announcement of selected participants: 10 July
- If you have any questions, please email: contactoalaic@gmail.com, copying the message to: paulino@unb.br and fopaulino@gmail.com

More detailed information about the World Summer School.

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