## **BLEDCOM 2018 PROGRAMME**

## THURSDAY, 5 JULY 2018

#### 14.00 - 15.00 **REGISTRATION**

15.00 - 17.00 **PRE-CONFERENCE** 

Launch of The Global Public Relations Handbook: Theory, Research, and Practice (3rd Ed.)

The launch of the third edition will include a symposium on global public relations with each of the participating authors providing a brief synopsis of their chapter. The session will also engage in a discussion of the current state and the future of global public relations. This session is open to all BledCom attendees and so we welcome you to join and participate.

19.00 - 21.00 **DINNER** (at Skipass Restaurant in Kranjska Gora, departure at 18.30)

## FRIDAY, 6 JULY 2018

### 8.30 - 9.30 **REGISTRATION**

### 9.30 - 10.00 **OPENING SESSION**

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

**Dejan Verčič**, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) **Ana Tkalac Verčič**, University of Zagreb (Croatia) **Krishnamurthy Sriramesh**, Purdue University (USA)

## WELCOME ADDRESS:

Prof. Dr. Monika Kalin Golob, Professor and Dean of the University of Ljubljana Faculty of Social Sciences (Slovenia)

## 10.00 – 10.45 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

A World in Crisis: The Role of Public Relations.

Dejan Verčič, University of Ljubljana & Stratkom (Slovenia)

### 10.45 – 11.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

## 11.00 – 12.00 PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 1

Chair: Danny Moss

# Scansis as a Unique Crisis Type: Theoretical and Practical Implications.

Authors:

- Timothy W. Coombs, Texas A&M University (USA)
- Elina Tachkova, Texas A&M University (USA)
- Sherry J. Holladay, Texas A&M University (USA)

### Chair: Jon White

An Issues Management Approach to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Ethics: A Crisis with the Rising Machines? Author:

- Shannon A. Bowen, University of South Carolina (USA)

# Crisis Nearby or Faraway: Exploring the Influences of Psychological Distance of Crisis.

Authors:

- Sungsu Kim, University of Georgia (USA)
- Yan Jin, University of Georgia (USA)
- Bryan H. Reber, University of Georgia (USA)

## Rationality and Emotions: A Stakeholder-Oriented Crisis Communication (SOCC) Model in Global Crises. Authors:

- Hongmei Shen, San Diego State University (USA)
- Yang Cheng, North Carolina State University (USA)

## Crisis communication during a national fire disaster. Authors:

- Sandra Pereira, ESCS IPL (Portugal)
- Paula Nobre, ESCS IPL (Portugal)

# Nobody hears their cries: Weak signals in media narratives and crises development.

Authors:

- Leanne Glenny, University of South Australia (Australia)
- *Collette Snowden*, University of South Australia (Australia)

# **Sleeping with your enemies** – and what happens day after. Author:

- Jacek Barlik, University of Warsaw (Poland)

Openness and transparency practices of social media influencers and their impact on follower trust and relationships: Insights from the United Arab Emirates. Authors:

- Gaelle Picherit-Duthler, Zayed University (U.A.E)
- Ganga S. Dhanesh, Zayed University (U.A.E)

# Fake News, My News, Real News. Source credibility crisis and the rise of PR professionals as indirect gatekeepers. Author:

- Michal Chmiel, University of the Arts London (UK)

# Seeking Shared Meaning of NPOs' Reputation in the Post Period of a Social Crisis.

Authors:

- Selin Metin Turkel, Izmir University of Economics (Turkey)
- *Sema Misci Kip*, Izmir University of Economics (Turkey)
- *Ebru Uzunoglu*, Izmir University of Economics (Turkey)

## 12.00 – 12.45 PARALLEL PANEL SESSION 1

### **EUPRERA President's Panel.**

- *Betteke van Ruler*, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- Inger Jensen, Roskilde University (Denmark)
- *Günter Bentele*, University of Leipzig (Germany)
- Ansgar Zerfass, University of Leipzig (Germany)

Moderator: **Sue Wolstenholme**, Ashley Public Relations Ltd & PRCA (UK)

## A world in crisis: The role of public relations.

- Craig Fleisher, Aurora WDC (USA)
- Sarah Hall, SarahHallConsulting & CIPR (UK)
- Barbora Maronkova, NATO Information and Documentation Centre Kyiv (Ukraine)
- Stephen Waddington, Ketchum Worldwide (UK)

<u>Moderator:</u> **Krishnamurthy Sriramesh**, Purdue University (USA)

## 12.45 – 14.15 **LUNCH**

## 14.15 – 15.15 PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 2

#### Chair: David McKie

# A public relations discourse of remote aereality: The case of the UK's Reaper drones.

Author:

- *Gareth Thompson*, University of the Arts London (UK)

#### Chair: Julia Jahansoozi

The Relational Turn in Public Relations Research: Signs of a Digital-Era Paradigm Shift in Communication Studies.

# Optimization of spokespersons' use of voice in organizational crisis communication

#### Authors:

- Aurélie De Waele, KU Leuven (Belgium)
- An-Sofie Claeys, KU Leuven (Belgium)
- Verolien Cauberghe, Ghent University (Belgium)

# Computational Propaganda and Social Bots – An Old Dog with New Tricks.

#### Authors:

- Markus Wiesenberg, University of Leipzig (Germany)
- Ralph Tench, Leeds Beckett University (UK)

# Journalism and Media in Times of Crisis: Who are the Key Stakeholders and how are they Portrayed?

#### Author:

- *Marie-Eve Carignan*, Université de Sherbrooke (Canada)
- Marc David, Université de Sherbrooke (Canada)
- *Olivier Champagne-Poirier*, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (Canada)
- Tracey O'Sullivan, University of Ottawa (Canada)

# **Integrating Character Assassination into Crisis Communication Curriculum.**

#### Author:

- Sergei A. Samoilenko, George Mason University (USA)

- *Yi-Hui Christine Huang*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong SAR, China)
- *Qing Huang*, Zhejiang University (People's Republic of China)

# Agility in strategic communication research: Historical roots, conceptual specification, and implications for theory and practice.

#### Authors:

- Lisa Dühring, University of Leipzig (Germany)
- Sophia Charlotte Volk, University of Leipzig (Germany)

# Sense-Making in a Postmodern World: Embracing Paradox Theory for Managing Organizational Tensions and Building Reputation among Hybrid-Identity Organizations.

#### Author:

- Ruth Avidar, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College (Israel)

# Critical coverage: The impact of responsibility attribution on attitude, (dis)identification and trust.

#### Authors:

- Jens Seiffert-Brockmann, Universität Wien (Austria)
- Sabine Einwiller, Universität Wien (Austria)
- Christopher Ruppel, Universität Wien (Austria)

# Redefining the Field: The Institutional Logics of Crisis Management and Crisis Communication.

#### Authors:

- Finn Frandsen, Aarhus University (Denmark)
- Winni Johansen, Aarhus University (Denmark)

## 15.15 – 16.15 PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 3

## Chair: Terry Flynn

# Difference of CSR activities and communication between B2B and B2C companies.

#### Authors:

- Yusuke Ibuki, Kyoto Sangyo University (Japan)
- *Masayoshi Yamasaki*, Aichi Sangyo University (Japan)

# Teflon Reputations and Glass Jaws: Managing Reputations in the Public Sphere.

#### Author:

- Farah Latif, George Mason University (USA)

## Chair: Ronel Rensburg

# Activist groups and Public Relations functions: examples from two collapsed banks and their clients.

#### Authors:

- Sónia Pedro Sebastião, University of Lisbon, (Portugal)
- Daniela Vila Verde, University of Lisbon, (Portugal)

# Headwind in sports sponsoring: the effects of crisis response messages on sponsor credibility and team credibility.

## Authors:

- Pytrik Schafraad, University of Amsterdam, (The Netherlands)
- *Joost Verhoeven*, University of Amsterdam, (The Netherlands)

# From promoting liberal democracy and free market to the necessity of defending them: challenges for the PR industry.

## A World in Denial: Understanding Antecedents and Perceptual Consequences of Climate Change Denial Attitudes.

#### Author:

- Arunima Krishna, Boston University (USA)

# Public Reactions to CSR 2.0: A Cross-National Study on Creating Shared Values in the World of Crisis. Authors:

- Yi-Ru Regina Chen, Hong Kong Baptist University (Hong Kong SAR, China)
- Ansgar Zerfass, University of Leipzig (Germany)
- *Chun-Ju Flora Hung-Baesecke*, Massey University (New Zealend)
- Shannon A. Bowen, University of South Carolina (USA)
- Don W. Stacks, University of Miami (USA)
- Ben Boyd, Edelman (USA)

# **Developing Participatory CSR in a Time of Distrust: Authenticity, Organizational Listening, and Dialogue. Author:**

 Chun-Ju Flora Hung-Baesecke, Massey University (New Zealend)

#### Author:

 Ryszard Ławniczak, Military University of Technology (Poland)

# The Fit To Partner Test: Theoretical and Practical Considerations for Establishing Corporate and NGO Partnerships in an Uncertain World.

#### Authors:

- Nicky Garsten, University of Greenwich (UK)
- Kevin Read, Pembroke and Rye (UK)
- Caroline Diehl, INSEAD (UK)

# Implications of the paracrises on the companies' stock prices

#### Authors:

- *Marko Selaković*, S P Jain School of Global Management (U.A.E.)
- *Nikolina Ljepava*, American University in the Emirates (U.A.E.)
- *Miroslav Mateev*, American University in the Emirates (U.A.E.)

### 16.15 – 17.00 **ICED TEA WITH EDITORS**

Come meet the journal editors and get 15 tips on publishing your research, followed by informal Q&A.

- Journal of Public Relations Research, Bey-Ling Sha, editor-in-chief
- Corporate Communications: An International Journal, W. Timothy Coombs, editor
- International Journal of Strategic Communication, Ansgar Zerfass, editor
- Journal of Public Affairs, Danny Moss, editor
- Journal of Communication Management, Ganga Dhanesh, co-editor

19.00 – 21.00 **DINNER** (at Vila Podvin in Radovljica, departure at 18.30)

## SATURDAY, 7 JULY 2018

## 8.30 - 9.30 **POSTER SESSION**

Stalling the regression in human rights triggered by political polarization: The new frontier of corporate social responsibility.

#### Author:

- Ganga Dhanesh, Zayed University (U.A.E)

## Making PR Great Again: Global Agencies Respond to the Trump Presidency.

- Elina Erzikova, Central Michigan University (USA)
- Shannon A. Bowen, University of South Carolina (USA)

## Crisis narratives of #Harvey and #Irma: Conversations on Twitter and Instagram.

Authors:

- Jeanine D. Guidry, Virginia Commonwealth University (USA)
- Lucinda Austin, University of North Carolina (USA)
- Seoveon Kim, University of North Carolina (USA)
- Baobao Song, Virginia Commonwealth University (USA)

#### Enacting mediatization in public sector organizations: The role of communication managers Authors:

- Sandra Jacobs, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- Anke Wonneberger, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

## Experts' perception of the influence of cooperation between PR agencies and organization on stakeholders' relationships – results of a Delphi study with Croatian practitioners.

Author:

Petra-Marija Jelčić, Agency IMC & Quadriga University of Applied Sciences (Croatia)

#### The Crisis Manager in Popular Crisis Management Books (PCMBs).

Authors:

- Winni Johansen, Aarhus University (Denmark)
- Finn Frandsen, Aarhus University (Denmark)

#### Immigrant labor in the context of liquid modernity: An analysis of discursive strategies of Sindacato Cinese Nazionale.

Authors:

- Zhuo Ban, University of Cincinnati (USA)
- Alessandro Lovari, Università di Cagliari (Italy)

### Co-Creating More Citizen Involvement in Mäntsälä Municipality.

Author:

Harri Ruoslahti, Laurea University of Applied Sciences (Finland)

#### Intellectual ecology in the age of disturbing social relationships.

Author:

Kaja Tampere, Talinn University (Estonia)

#### Jungian Brand Therapy. Could the new model help find brand solutions in a post-branding world? Author:

Ira Vince, Bijeli zec d.o.o. (Croatia)

## Reflexivity on contradictions. Self-definitions of PR-people, journalists, v-/blogger and instagramer facing the climate crisis.

Author:

- Franzisca Weder, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt (Austria)
- Larissa Krainer, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt (Austria)

## Agenda Setting in the Dialogue of Community of Human Shared Destiny.

Authors:

- Hui (Peter) Zhang, Shanghai Polytechnic University (People's Republic of China)
- Xialoin Zhu, Shanghai Polytechnic University (People's Republic of China)

## 9.30 - 10.30 PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 4

Chair: Ryszard Ławniczak

Erasing the limits. When companies impose themselves between State and People.

Authors:

Chair: Piet Verhoeven

Carolina Andrea Carbone, Universidad de

The impact of emotional crisis communication on stakeholders' empathy with an organization in crisis and post-crisis reputation.

Belgrano (Argentina)

- *Maximiliano Ortner*, Universidad de Belgrano (Argentina)

# How Big Is Public Relations (and Why Does It Matter)'.

Author:

- Toni Muzi Falconi, Methodos (Italy)
- Frank Ovaitt, Institute for Public Relations (USA)

Managing in a volatile, complex, and ambiguous world: A systematic review of 25 years of management research in communication and public relations.

Authors:

- Danny Moss, University of Chester (UK)
- Barbara DeSanto, Kansas State University (USA)

Addressing academic and social neglect: Narratives of progress involving discipline disruptions, financial communication, and a new role for PR.

Author:

- *David McKie*, University of Waikato (New Zealand)

Social Media Research, Measurement, Evaluation in the Public Relations Industry: A Ten-Year Longitudinal Analysis.

Author:

- Donald K. Wright, Boston University (USA)

- Lieze Schoofs, KU Leuven (Belgium)
- An-Sofie Claeys, KU Leuven (Belgium)

# Climate change and urban youth crisis alertness.

Authors:

- Gábor Sarlós, RMIT (Vietnam)
- Zoltán Ferencz, HAS Center for Social Sciences (Hungary)

Understanding corporate values in a crisisprone environment: A comparative study between Turkey and USA.

Authors:

- Nilüfer Geysi, Bahcesehir University (Turkey)
- Selin Turkel, Izmir University of
- *Ebru Uzunoglu*, Izmir University of Economics (Turkey)

Nonprofits and theirs communication professionals – their role in today's world. Authors:

- Ana Raposo, ESCS IPL (Portugal)
- *Mafalda Eiró-Gomes*, ESCS IPL (Portugal)

The intersection of Litigation, Reputation & Brand Trust: The High Cost of Low Trust Author:

- *Shih-Chia Wu*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong SAR, China)

### 10.30 - 10.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

#### 10.45 - 11.45 PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 5

Chair: Ganga Dhanesh

# PR Memes and communicators' perceptions and reflections of PR.

Author:

 Ana Adi, Quadriga University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

Fake news, a construction of reality.

Author:

- Andrej Drapal, Consensus (Slovenia)

Chair: Ruth Avidar

Evaluating Crisis Responses on Twitter: Perspectives from Situational Crisis Communication Theory and Person-Centered.

Authors:

- Jennifer Owlett, William Paterson University (USA)
- Soo-Kwang Oh, Pepperdine University (USA)
- *Kyung-Hyan Yoo*, William Paterson University (USA)

# Adoption and Impact of Internal Social Media use in Organizations.

- Joost Verhoeven, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- *Youri Dechesne*, ISM Consultancy Evolve (The Netherlands)
- *Peter Haan*, ISM Consultancy Evolve (The Netherlands)
- *Maria Franken-Farag*, ISM Consultancy Evolve (The Netherlands)

# Fake news and the crisis of public communication: How organizations are affected by false information and prepared to handle it.

#### Authors:

- Ansgar Zerfass, University of Leipzig (Germany)
- Dejan Verčič, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- Ángeles Moreno, University Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)
- Piet Verhoeven, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- Ralph Tench, Leeds Beckett University (UK)

# Strategic Church Communication in Times of Religious Pluralism in Western Europe. Some Comparative Evidence.

#### Author:

- *Markus Wiesenberg*, University of Leipzig (Germany)

# Missing the good old days? PR in the era of online misbehavior.

#### Authors:

- Deniz Maden, Ege University (Turkey)
- Özgür Köseoğlu, Ege University (Turkey)
- Nahit Erdem Köker, Ege University (Turkey)

# Real-time Social Media Engagement and Millennials' Event Experience.

#### Authors:

- *Kyung-Hyan Yoo*, William Paterson University (USA)
- Gabriela Mera, Today's Business (USA)

# Signs of trust. Investigating social media as connective enablers between municipalities and digital publics. Authors:

- Alessandro Lovari, University of Cagliari (Italy)
- Letizia Materassi, University of Florence (Italy)

# Social Media and Crisis Communication Practices: Ideas, Ideals and Nightmares of Our Time.

### Authors:

- *Ulfet Kutoglu Kuruc*, Eastern Mediterranean University (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus)
- Baruck Opiyo, Eastern Mediterranean University (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus)

### 11.45 – 12.45 PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 6

## Chair: Wim Elving

## Public Relations for Peacebuilding: Case Study from Colombia.

#### Authors:

- Krishnamurthy Sriramesh, Purdue University (USA)
- Ivana Monnard (Switzerland)

#### Chair: Winni Johansen

### How publics respond during infectious disease outbreaks: Blame and information seeking.

#### Authors:

- Lucinda L. Austin, University of North Carolina (USA)
- Brooke Fisher, University of Maryland (USA)
- Yan Jin, University of Georgia (USA)
- Seoyeon Kim, University of North Carolina (USA)

# Market-oriented relations in the digital era: A study of public relations and marketing professionals in Hong Kong.

#### Authors:

- Suk Chong Tong, Hong Kong Shue Yan University (Hong Kong SAR, China)
- Fanny Fong Yee Chan, Hang Seng Management College (Hong Kong SAR, China)

# Turkish press coverage of the Syrian conflict and the possibilities of peace journalism.

#### Author:

Aysun Akan, Izmir University of Economics (Turkey)

## The Role of Public Relations in Building the Bridges: Rethinking the Communication Strategies in Negotiation Process in Cyprus.

Author:

## Public Relations and Behavioral Insights Nudging: How Grunig and Hunt's Domino Model of Communication Effects Lies at the Center of Successful Behavioural Change.

#### Author:

- Terence (Terry) Flynn, McMaster University (Canada)

# Supporting the evolution of emancipative values: a new purpose for public relations.

#### Author:

- *Piet Verhoeven*, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

# Model of Strategic Public Relations – MSPR: the role of PR in a VUCA world.

## Author:

- Susana de Carvalho Spinola, University of Lisbon

- Münevver Çağın Bektaş, Near East University (Cyprus)

"The people have spoken" - listening to the nation's voice on corruption and state capture in South Africa. Authors:

- Ronel Rensburg, University of Pretoria (South Africa)
- Andrea Gevers, Ask Africa (South Africa)
- Melani Prinsloo, Infusion (South Africa)

(Portugal)

Challenges in enhancing disaster communication through spontaneous stakeholder communicative self-organisation. Authors:

- Tanya Le Roux, Bournemouth University (UK)
- *Dewald van Niekerk*, North-West University (South Africa)

#### 12.45 – 14.15 LUNCH

## 14.15 – 15.00 PARALLEL PANEL SESSION 2

What university student leaders expect for practicing PR in a turbulent world, and how global networking can assist their needs

- *Andrew Cook*, PRSSA & Brigham Young University (USA)
- Jan Jamšek, Student Section of Slovenian Marketing Association & University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- *Carolina Falcão*, UFAM & Federal Justice of Amazonas (Brasil)
- Daniel Ziegele, Leipzig University (Germany)

Moderator: **Robert Wakefield**, Brigham Young University (USA)

PR measurement & evaluation: the compass to navigate a VUCA (volatile / uncertain / complex / ambiguous) world – and providing users with the skills to use it.

- Ilia Krustev, A Data Pro (Bulgaria)
- *Hans Ruijgers*, KWR Watercycle Research Institute (The , Netherlands)
- *Fraser Likely*, Likely Communication Strategies (Canada)

<u>Moderator:</u> **Ana Adi**, Quadriga University of Applied Sciences (Germany) & **Thomas Stoeckle**, The SmallDataForum (Germany)

## 15.00 – 15.50 PARALLEL PAPER SESSION 7

Chair: Finn Frandsen

# How actors shape issue arenas on Twitter: Food issues in the Netherlands.

Authors:

- *Sandra Jacobs*, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- *I.R. Hellsten*, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- *Anke Wonneberger*, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

# NGOs' visibility in conflict news coverage – on the relevance of evidence-based communication.

Authors:

- *Marc Jungblut*, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich (Germany)
- Romy Fröhlich, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich (Germany)

# Effects of Astroturfing in Non-Profit Organizations: Two Competing Hypotheses.

Authors:

- Loarre Andreu Perez, University of Oklahoma (USA)
- Bugil Chang, University of Oklahoma (USA)

Chair: Betteke van Ruler

Managing Reputational Costs Via Internal Issues Management: Testing the Effects of Employees' Issues Perceptions and Informational Leak.

Authors:

- Katie Haejung Kim, University of Oklahoma (USA)
- Yeunjae Lee, Purdue University (USA)
- Jeong-Nam Kim, University of Oklahoma (USA)

PR and society: The generative power of history in the present and future.

Authors:

- Julia Jahansoozi, Royal Roads University (Canada)
- *Virginia McKendry*, Royal Roads University (Canada)

Renegotiating the non-social license to operate: Natural gas extraction from goldmine to controversial business. Authors:

- Wim J.L. Elving, Hanze U. of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)
- *Roel van Veen*, Hanze U. of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)

The role and impact of Public Relations on enhancing the visibility of non-profit organisations. Case study: foundation "Croatia for children".

#### Authors:

- Nataša Cesarec Salopek, IMC (Croatia)
- Mirela Polić, IMC (Croatia)

- *Julliette Jansz*, Hanze U. of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)
- *Carina Wiekens*, Hanze U. of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)

Crisis communication consulting: The (new) role of PR agencies in solving organizational crises.

Authors:

- *Damir Jugo*, Edward Bernays College of Communication Management (Croatia)
- *Ivan Pakozdi*, Edward Bernays College of Communication Management (Croatia)
- Zdeslav Milas, Edward Bernays College of Communication Management (Croatia)

## 15.50 - 16.20 **CLOSING SESSION**

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19.00 - 21.00 **DINNER** (at Gostilna Krištof in Predoselje, departure at 18.30)