

JOLT - CICOM Conference

Harnessing Data and Technology for Journalism

Pamplona, Spain, 22-24 September, 2021

Call for Abstracts - Deadline: **June 15th, 2021**

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The Marie-Skłodowska-Curie European Training Network JOLT (<http://joltetn.eu/>) and the School of Communication at the University of Navarra (<http://unav.edu/fcom>) call for the submission of ABSTRACTS for their joint **JOLT - CICOM Conference: Harnessing Data and Technology for Journalism**, to be held on a hybrid format in **Pamplona, Spain, on 22-24 September, 2021** (<https://www.unav.edu/en/web/jolt-cicom>).

Confirmed keynote speakers are Lucy Küng, professor, author and Google Digital News Senior Fellow at Reuters Institute, and Oscar Westlund, professor at the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Oslo Metropolitan University and editor-in-chief of *Digital Journalism*.

Submissions on all aspects of technology and journalism are welcomed, but contributions addressing the theme of “harnessing digital and data technologies for journalism” are particularly encouraged. This includes, but is not limited to, papers addressing issues such as:

- Technological aspects of digital journalism:
 - Developments in artificial intelligence, Big Data, and algorithmic processing and what they mean for journalism.
 - Encouraging experimentation and innovation in journalistic practice.
 - Theoretical approaches that can help us understand technological changes in journalism practices.
- Business and organisational aspects of digital journalism:
 - Promising avenues for journalism business models and financial sustainability.
 - Research agendas and theoretical approaches to understand the future of journalism.
- Political, ethical, and social aspects of digital journalism:
 - Ethical challenges for reporting in the digital environment.
 - Industry and regulatory standards to ensure scrutiny, transparency and accountability.
 - Strengthening research-industry collaborations to support quality journalism.

Submission guidelines:

- Abstracts should be written in English and sent in .doc format, maximum 800 words (including bibliography), to fcom@unav.es.
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JOLT project aims to harness digital and data technologies for journalism by providing a framework for the training and career development of 15 Early Stage Researchers. JOLT addresses the global lack of a systematic, rigorous and innovative approach to digital and data journalism research and training by uniquely combining insights from computer science, data analytics, business, sociology, communication theory, journalism studies, and political science. JOLT is funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska Curie grant agreement No 765140.

Founded in 1986, the International Communication Conference (Congreso Internacional de Comunicación, CICOM) is the oldest academic conference held in Spain about media and communication research. Organised annually by the School of Communication at the University of Navarra, this event gathers international academics, media practitioners and researchers to discuss core issues in the field of Communication.