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6th edition of the International Conference ComSymbol JUSTICE, COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA USES

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Argument

Communication, media, social networks and justice are closely related areas that have a significant impact on society. Social networks, for example, have revolutionized the way people communicate and share information. However, this ease of access to information has also led to problems such as misinformation and cyberbullying. The media, as the main source of information for many people, also has an important role to play in justice. The media can influence public opinion and judicial decisions by presenting a biased or inaccurate picture of events.

In previous editions of the ComSymbol conference, we have tried to start thinking about public and political communication in its broadest sense. Researchers have tried to demonstrate the importance of communication and its tools in the mutations of the public, social and territorial space. One of the sectors essential to the exercise of power in the public space is the third power, namely the judiciary.

In democratic regimes, the judiciary is normally independent of the executive and guarantees the rights of citizens. It ensures that the laws passed democratically in the houses of representatives are applied. In such a democratic context, journalists and the media have often had the major task and duty of denouncing human rights violations, however, they themselves can generate informational abuses that undermine the independent exercise of justice.

In certain cases, related to justice, the media system, understood here in the broadest sense, is marked by the notion of immediacy and the spectacular; it sometimes escapes political and moral values insofar as the

last word is given to public opinion. Judicial truth presupposes hindsight and the duty of reserve, which is not always easy to observe.

The media, beyond their legitimacy to carry out investigations, can instrumentalize a trial and transform it into a media platform.

This 6th edition of the ComSymbol conference on *Communication, (social) media use, and justice* aims to explore the different facets of these fields and to discuss the issues and challenges they pose. It will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss how to ensure that justice is done fairly, that information is shared responsibly and that the risks associated with the use of social networks and the Internet are taken into account.

The judicial logic and the media logic

In this field, which is often unfamiliar to the general public because the rule is that "no one is supposed to be ignorant of the law", the media occupy the gap of simplification and even propaganda. But how can we warn the public and help them to develop a critical mind against a certain "media drift".

Journalists work well on the whole, but some situations are grotesque. Quality information is available, but it is generally less noisy and spectacular. The media have become so powerful with the internet that they try in some situations to dictate their law to the Justice.

Indeed, the question of the media uses adopted in recent years by public and political actors, as well as civil society, has become crucial to interrogate the individual and collective dynamics that take place during the emergence of crises related to the profession and practice of justice.

Researchers are investigating how social networks, traditional media and information and communication technologies in general affect evidence gathering processes, investigations and trials. They also seek to understand how social networks and traditional media affect the formation of public opinion and how this may impact on judicial decisions.

The aim of this international conference is to report on the interactions between the practices of the third estate and the fourth estate. In this edition of the international conference on the theme of "*Justice, communication and media use*", questions will be asked from complementary fields: communication, sociology, psychology, legal sciences and language sciences.

What relationships can be observed and analyzed between the judicial apparatus in its social dimension and the media apparatus in its complexity? What forms of regulation are being established in the public space in the countries of the North and the South? What is the role of judicial training in the control of certain abuses? What are the media impacts to keep the public space of freedom in balance?

We propose the following issues to discuss (non-exhaustive list):

- Judicial mediation between the duty of reserve and freedom of information
- Public opinion, judicial temporality and media temporality
- ICT and digital reforms of justice
- Power of social networks, judicial procedures and ethics
- Judicial power and current issues (family, immigration, etc.)
- Media object of justice: law and liberties
- Justice - relocated in the media and media object
- Human rights, freedom of conscience and religion through the prism of justice and the media, etc.

Important dates

- 5 May 2023: submission of abstracts (3000 characters including spaces) with an indicative bibliography. Languages accepted: French, English and Arabic. Abstracts in Arabic must be accompanied by a translation into French or English.

NOTE: Participants who wish to make only an oral communication are invited to send their proposal by this date.

- 25 May 2023: notification of acceptance of the abstract and oral presentation

- **15 September 2023:** submission of full papers (6000-7000 words including bibliography; instructions will be sent to authors whose abstracts and papers have been accepted)
- 25 October 2023: notification of the results of the evaluation of the full paper by email
Proposals and additional questions should be sent simultaneously to
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Authors whose proposals have been accepted will be notified by email.
All proposals will be subject to a double-blind evaluation by the scientific committee of the conference and the expert committee of the [Essachess - Journal for Communication Studies](#).

Publication of selected papers

The full papers will be published in a special issue of [Essachess - Journal for Communication Studies](#). The journal is HCERES ranked, impacted and indexed by the international databases SCOPUS ELSEVIER, ERIH+, DOAJ, ProQuest, MLA, ULRICH, Ebsco, etc.

NOTE: All accepted full papers will be published provided that they are accepted following the double-blind review and that the publication fee is paid on time.

Publication fee: 200 euros (one or more participating authors with publication).

Payment date

The publication fee must be paid after final acceptance of the full text for publication in the special issue of the journal.

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