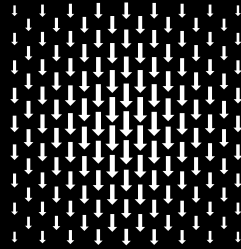


Media Democracy under Pressure — Community Media in Europe



Community media are situated between public service and private-commercial media organizations. They symbolize diversity, pluralism, participative media production and content of civil society. Community media operate as a space for public, democratized, multivocal debates. Despite their long-standing existence – Austria looks back at 20 years of community radio – they are often left aside of the media policy debate.

The focus of this conference is to bring back attention to the democratic role of community media in Europe and the conditions under which they are enabled to create or strengthen democracy. We will discuss:

- What forms of media regulation can enable free media projects?
- Which conditions facilitate truly participative information generated by and for citizens?
- What is needed to strengthen democratic processes?
- What are the responsibilities and expectations of free and community media?

Invitation

Conference: Tue, May 22 2018

12:00–19:00

Venue: Department of Communication,
Währinger Straße 29, HS1 UG,
1090 Vienna

- 11:00–12:00 Registration & Coffee
- 12:00–12:20 Opening with Uni Vienna/IDepartment of Communication, COMMIT, Verband Freier Radios Österreich und Radio ORANGE 94.0
- 12:20–12:35 Jean Monnet Keynote: Katharine Sarikakis/ Uni Vienna: Media for Democratic Communities: A Matter of Urgency?
- 12:35–12:50 Keynote: Ramon Rodriguez Amat, Sheffield Hallam University: Community Media in Spain

12:50–13:00 Keynote Frane Maroevic, OSCE/Office Representative on Freedom of the Media

13:00–15:00 Panel 1 (English)

- Gergely Gosztonyi, Elte University/ Budapest: From Success to Restriction - Community Media in Hungary
- Urszula Doliwa, University of Warmia and Mazury: Community Media in Eastern Europe in the Trap of New Conservatism and Religion in Poland;
- Frane Maroevic, OSCE
- Kate Coyer, Central European University
Moderation: Anthony Mills, France 24, Uni Vienna
- Discussion with the audience: Perspectives on the future of Community Media and its strategies

15:00–15:45 Break

15:45–17:45 Panel discussion (German) Aus dem Community Media Alltag: Österreichische Innenansichten – neue Mediendemokratie der Vielfalt oder Medienkonzentration der Konzerne?

- Alexander Wrabetz, ORF
- Corinna Drumm, VÖP
- Michael Ogris, KommAustria
- Helga Schwarzwald, Verband Freier Radios Österreich
Moderation: Maiada Hadaia

18.:00–19:00 Perspectives on Community Media: Discussion with the audience

19:00 Reception

Languages: English (Panel 1) and German (Panel discussion)

Presented by: University of Vienna/Department of Communication, Verband Freier Radios Österreich, COMMIT, Radio ORANGE 94.0, OKTO



This event is part of „Medienpolitischen Pfingsten“. It includes four days of discussions about media policy of Free Radio stations and Community Media in Austria.

