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We now announce **call for papers** for the international conference **Communication as a discipline and as a field: Sharing experiences to construct a dialogue**

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Defining and reflecting upon the development of communication as a discipline and as a field has been on the communication researchers' agenda for about 50 years; however, there still is no clear agreement among communication scholars about the scope and development vector for this field of study and practice. There still are a lot of disagreements on the nature of communication discipline, including subject area, theoretical and methodological base, etc. Moreover, little is known about the specifics of development of communication discipline in the countries other than the leaders in the field (Hazen, 2008). Multiple communication associations and international conventions have raised the issue of communication as a discipline, taking theoretical, regional, historical, institutional, and other perspectives. Finally, communication is a must-have part of many universities' curricula and one of the most wanted skills and specializations in contemporary service and information job fields. The conference organized by the Department of Integrated Communications at Higher School of Economics in Moscow is aimed at bringing together once more different voices from communication scholarship in order to advance constructing a conceptual map of communication discipline and field in various parts of the globe and thereby further our understanding of the primary role of communication in modern society. We invite you to share your perspectives on the essential questions of the nature of communication as a discipline and as a field.

We welcome conceptual papers as well as comparative and empirical studies on the topic of the state and shape of communication discipline and field around the world. We also intend to welcome studies on the interdisciplinary aspects of communication and the changing disciplinary landscape with the growing power of new media. Possible presentation topics may include, but not limited to:

- Communication discipline: Regional and national perspectives
- Interdisciplinary nature of communication
- Approaches to studying and researching communication
- Communication discipline: the need for intercultural and cross-national dialogue
- National paradigms in communication research
- Communication as transmission of messages and co-production of meanings



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- The role of new media in transformation of communication discipline
- Communication competencies in training modern professionals: a business-oriented approach
- Communication education: challenges, needs, and opportunities
- The map of communication journals: opportunities and constraints.

We expect the following participation formats: Individual papers, panel discussions, and round tables. We will particularly welcome panel discussion proposals which may provoke a discussion of the multiple perspectives on the topic.

Please submit your abstracts **from November 01, 2014 to March 31, 2015**

All abstracts will be blind reviewed by the members of NCA, ECANA, and ICA **from April 01, 2015 to April 20, 2015**

The participants will be informed on the decision **from April 20, 2015 to April 30, 2015**.

For papers to be considered for publication in the conference proceedings volume, full papers should be submitted **by July 1st , 2015** to [aendaltseva@hse.ru](mailto:aendaltseva@hse.ru)

Full papers will be blind reviewed as well. The review results will be sent by **September 1st , 2015**.

To submit your paper or ask further questions about the conference or the Department of Integrated Communications please email **Alexandra Endaltseva**, International Academic Projects Coordinator, Lecturer.

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