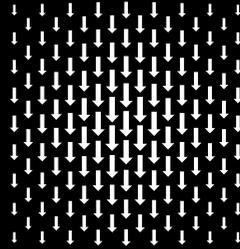


# Media Democracy under Pressure — Community Media in Europe



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: Institut für Publizistik- und Kommunikationswissenschaft, Währingerstraße 29, H51 UG, 1090 Wien
- 11:00–12:00 Registration & Coffee
- 12:00–12:20 Opening with Uni Wien/Institut für Publizistik und Kommunikationswissenschaft, COMMIT, Verband Freier Radios Österreich und Radio ORANGE 94.0
- 12:20–12:35 Jean Monnet Keynote: Katharine Sarikakis/Uni Wien:
- 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 Gosztanyi, 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
- 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 (Podiumsdiskussion)

Presented by: Universität Wien/Institut für Publizistik- und Kommunikationswissenschaft, Verband Freier Radios Österreich, COMMIT, Radio ORANGE 94.0, OKTO



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