



## Call for Papers and Panels

**The 2017 Annual Conference  
Israel Communication Association  
Sapir Academic College, Israel  
April, 2, 2017**

The Israel Communication Association (ISCA) will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference at Sapir Academic College, on Sunday, April 2, 2017

**Foreign Researchers and Visitors** ISCA invites scholars and graduate students from around the world to participate in its 2017 annual conference. Proposals for papers or panels may be submitted in the following tracks: (1) individual papers, empirical or theoretical (2) thematic panels (3) roundtables (4) new books. ISCA also invites applications for the following awards: Best Book, Best Paper, Best Student Paper.

Acceptance is based on a double blind peer-review and decisions by the conference governing committee.

Most of the conference will be held in Hebrew. Non-Hebrew speaking scholars and students are welcome to present their papers or panels in English.

**Deadline for submission:** December 1, 2016

**Notification of acceptance:** January 1, 2017

**Deadline for final paper submission:** March 1, 2017

### **Accommodation and Sightseeing**

Sapir Academic College is located in South Israel, 75 kilometers from Tel Aviv. It can be reached by train and buses. ISCA and the College will assist foreign participants to find appropriate accommodation near the college or in Tel Aviv, and in arranging sightseeing tours.

For all inquiries, please contact ISCA's Secretary Mr. Ori Malkin: [isca2017conf@gmail.com](mailto:isca2017conf@gmail.com)



## Guidelines

### 1. Individual Papers

- a. Abstract of 800 to 1500 words in English or Hebrew. The abstract should not include any recognizable details of the author(s). The abstract should indicate whether it refers to an empirical or a theoretical paper.
- b. Abstract of an **empirical paper** needs to include the following:
  - i. Theoretical background.
  - ii. Research design and methods.
  - iii. Findings.
  - iv. Contributions to research in communication.
  - v. Selected Bibliography (up to one page, not included in the word count), according to APA guidelines.
- c. Abstract of a **theoretical paper** needs to include the following:
  - i. Theoretical background.
  - ii. Contributions to research in communication.
  - iii. Main theoretical arguments.
  - iv. Selected Bibliography up to one page, not included in the word count, according to APA guidelines.
- d. On a separate sheet, please state the following: title of the paper, name(s) of author(s), affiliation and contact information. In addition, please indicate whether the paper was already presented elsewhere.
- e. Upon acceptance for presentation at the conference, the authors will be asked to submit their full presentation/paper to the panel's chair by March 1, 2017.

### 2. Thematic panels

- a. Thematic panel typically includes 4 presenters, a chair and a discussant.
- b. Please provide brief description of the topic and its importance (500 words) and abstracts (800-1500 words) for each of the papers. These abstracts should not include any recognizable details of the authors.



- c. On a separate sheet, please state the following: title of the paper, name(s) of author(s), affiliation and contact information. In addition, please indicate whether the paper was already presented elsewhere.

### 3. Roundtables

- a. Roundtable is a panel on a specific communication topic. It typically includes 5-6 participants, a chair and a discussant. Participants are not required to submit papers. It may include both scholars and professionals such as journalists, spokespersons, or PR experts.
- b. A roundtable proposal should include a topic, an abstract (500 words) explaining the topic's importance and the expected contributions of the panel to communication research, affiliations and contact details for all the participants.

### 4. New Books

- a. ISCA members who published a book in the fields of media and communication during 2016-2017, may apply for the new books panel.
- b. Each proposal should include the book's table of contents.
- c. Authors will present their books in the new books panel.

### Awards

1. **Best Book:** ISCA members who published scholarly books in Hebrew or English during 2016-2017 are invited to apply for ISCA's best book award. Applicants should submit a digital copy of the book.
2. **Best Paper:** This award will be given to researchers whose paper receives the highest score in the individual paper track.
3. **Best Student Paper:** This award will be given to research student whose individual paper receives the highest score in the individual paper track. A paper written by a research student together with a faculty member is eligible for this award.



### **Additional Guidelines**

1. Applicants are allowed to propose up to two papers. In case both papers are accepted for presentation at the conference, the author can present only one of them, unless the second paper is co-authored.
2. All proposals will undergo a blind review by at least two reviewers. Selection of papers for presentation in the conference is based on these reviews and final decisions by the conference committee.
3. All participants are required to pay the conference registration and membership fees. Link for registration and membership is <https://www.fee.co.il/conf2017eng>

All proposals and abstracts should be sent via electronic form, available at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/6xAMqB5m1SC34wUH2>

If you have any questions, special needs or require special assistance to participate the ISCA event, please contact the ISCA secretary, Mr. Ori Malkin: [isca2017conf@gmail.com](mailto:isca2017conf@gmail.com)

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We look forward to seeing you at Sapir Academic College, Israel

### **The conference committee:**

Prof. Eytan Gilboa (Chair), Dr. Orly Soker, Dr. Lea Mandelzis