



Pre-conference at SISP Congress

The Media for Democracy Monitor back to SISP: Highlights from the 2021 edition and future developments

8 September 2021 (online) – 16.00-19.00 CET

link to register for the event:

<https://unipd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqduiurzkuHNCS8zrkUIIgmrNUuFbHUgP8>

event held in English and approved by the Italian OdG as a professional training activity

The [Media for Democracy Monitor](#) is a transnational project aimed at gathering and comparing empirical evidence on the extent to which leading news media in contemporary democracies contribute to the core values of freedom, equality and control.

The third edition of the MDM has been carried out between 2019 and 2021, and produced new knowledge and understanding of media democratic performance facing challenges of economic and digital transformation, as well as the covid19 pandemic crisis.

The final country Reports are now available (on the [project website](#) and [published by Nordicom](#) open access) and allows comparatively analyzing and assessing strengths and weaknesses of media landscapes in eighteen consolidated democracies, with regard to a set of thirty indicators. Also, a collective volume is being published where a number of critical issues and trends are discussed by comparing the data and narratives from the participating countries.

Italy participated in the MDM 2020 thanks to the contribution of fourteen Italian researchers, from different universities, who initially met at the SISP 2019 Congress in Lecce to learn about the project, its methodology and expected outcomes; and then worked with enthusiasm on the project, the Report and in disseminating its results.

This event is an opportunity to gather at the SISP Congress, two years after, to discuss the main findings of the MDM 2020 with the project coordinator, authors of the Italian Report, guest speakers from different MDM countries, and expert discussants.

Chair: Claudia Padovani (University of Padova)

Main findings from MDM 2020

Josef Trappel (University of Salzburg)

Christian Ruggiero (University of Roma La Sapienza)

On misinformation

Jón Gunnar Ólafsson (University of Iceland) with Alice Fubini (University of Torino)

Discussant: Lubos Kuklis (ERGA and Council for Broadcasting and Retransmission of Slovakia)

On gender inequalities

Achilleas Karadimitriou (University of Athens) with Marinella Belluati (University of Torino)

Discussant: Karen Ross (University of Newcastle)

On safety and security of journalists

Janet Lo (Hong Kong Baptist University) with Alice Baroni (University of Padova)

Discussant: Ernest Sagaga (International Federation of Journalists)

Concluding remarks

Giovanni Zagni (PagellaPolitica)

Claudia Padovani (University of Padova)