What is the NapoKo colloquium?
The colloquium is aimed at early career researchers and practitioners in the field of political communication. Those who want to present their completed or ongoing research or project and discuss them with senior academics and practitioners.

How does the colloquium work?
The focus is on your research or project, which will be presented in a 15 to 20 minute presentation. After which you will then get constructive feedback and suggestions in a 30 minute discussion initiated by the respondent. Your presentations will be grouped into sessions by theme and will be scheduled for Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday evening there will be a get-together for getting to know each other and exchanging ideas.

Who are the respondents?
Feedback awaits you from Dr. Oliver Gruber (Department of Education Policy of the Vienna Chamber of Labour), Prof. Sylvia Kritzinger (University of Vienna), Prof. Sophie Lecheler (University of Vienna), Dr. Gabriele Melischek (Austrian Academy of Sciences/Universität Klagenfurt), Dr. Christina Peter (LMU Munich), Prof. Carsten Reinemann (LMU Munich) and others.

How can you take part in the colloquium?
There is no set theme. You can submit your ideas on any topic which deals with political communication research. In a practice panel, participants from political consultancies or political parties can also present their projects and put them up for scientific discussion. Did we catch your interest? Then summarize your thesis (dissertation, master’s, bachelor’s) or project in an extended abstract and send it by September 15th 2019 to: sprecher@napoko.de (800 to 1000 words max., excluding references, figures and tables).

What should you bear in mind when submitting your abstract?
Describe the basics and the (planned) methodological approach as well as hypotheses and (preliminary) results as precisely as possible. Attach a separate cover page with the presentation’s title, type of project (BA, MA, PhD, etc.), the presenter’s name, institutional affiliation, contact details and, if applicable, the project supervisor(s). Be sure to remove any information about the author from the text document and the metadata. This allows us to check your submission anonymously.

What happens after the submission?
In mid-October, we will inform you whether you can present your research work or your project at this years NapoKo colloquium. If a presentation is accepted, an extended abstract (2,500 to 3,000 words max.) would have to be submitted no later than November 15th. The extended abstract will be made available to respondents and other participants for the purposes of preparation and stimulating discussion.

We are looking forward to your submissions! – While we welcome submissions in English please be aware that the conference will be held mostly in German.

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