**Call for Proposals: University of Exeter Workshop on Media and UK Elections**

We invite proposals for presentations at a workshop on Media and UK Elections.

Presenters must use data generated from the ESRC-funded University of Exeter Media in Context projects on the 2015 general election, 2016 EU referendum, 2017 general election, and 2019 general election, either as a standalone dataset or linked with other data.

These data cover topics, actors, and tone in national newspapers, on national television, and in a selection of local newspapers from the day each general election was announced to the Queen’s speech in 2015, 2017 and 2019 (see Media in Context 2019 data pre-release for details of an early version of the data and what will follow  [https://mediaeffectsresearch.wordpress.com/research-output/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmediaeffectsresearch.wordpress.com%2Fresearch-output%2F&data=04%7C01%7CL.Horvath%40exeter.ac.uk%7C99d71cc21d4743870c0508d8d7cec615%7C912a5d77fb984eeeaf321334d8f04a53%7C0%7C0%7C637496630380154610%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FEvq31Y3ueDyD8yNmOjwq%2FOK7lKBuYqIn98bzxo34ZA%3D&reserved=0)).

We welcome proposals that go beyond the topics and actors currently covered in the media data by requesting additional variables. Such requests can include data extractable from the news text or transcripts, such as references made to locations or organisations. We particularly encourage proposals that investigate ethnic minority, gender and LGBTQ+ media representations.

Data will be made available in a single file on Open Research Exeter in which each row represents a summary of the content per media outlet per day, e.g., number of stories per topic, actors mentioned, gender of actors mentioned, tone. The data are also linked to the British Election Study (BES) campaign waves in those years, enabling estimates of media exposure at the individual-level.

Analysis can cover a single election/the EU referendum, or more than one election/referendum, all media or a subset of media, e.g., local media, and can focus on aspects of media coverage using the media data only, or on media effects using the media data combined with the BES.

**We particularly encourage proposals from early career, Black, Asian and ethnic minority, women, and LBTQ+ scholars. Research bursaries of £250 will be given to the four most promising proposals. Applicants will be informed of decisions on March 14th.**

Successful applicants will have 12 weeks from March 14th to prepare presentations using the data. The Media in Context final workshop event will be held virtually on Monday June 14th.

Proposals should include the name(s) of presenters, affiliations, a title and an abstract of no more than 250 words. They should clearly state the question(s) to be addressed with the data and the need for any additional media content variables. Proposals should be emailed to [D.P.Stevens@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:D.P.Stevens@exeter.ac.uk) by March 7th.

The timetable is as follows:

Deadline for proposals: March 7th, 2021

Applications informed of decision: March 14th, 2021

2015-2019 harmonized data made available, including new variables: March 31, 2021

Date/time of virtual conference: Monday June 14th, 2021 10am-3pm.