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The New Public Spheres: mediated democracy, politics, and civic exchange.

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Media Ecology Association

Schedule Information:

Scheduled Time: Thu, Nov 16 - 9:30am - 10:45am **Building/Room:** Convention Center / Room 217 A

Title Displayed in Event Calendar: The New Public Spheres: mediated democracy, politics, and civic exchange.

Session Participants:

Indicators of Public Engagement with Science: Mobilizing Media and Online Civic Activities

*Kyun Soo Kim (University of Alabama), Yong-Chan Kim (University of Alabama), Gooyong kim (Temple University)

Refreshing or subverting the Movement? MoveOn's 'Face America' Online Photo Petition

*Sandrine Dincki (SUNY New Paltz)

Behind the Modern Façade of Communist China: Authoritarian Control of Information as Everyday Phenomenon

*Chin-Yunn Yang (New York University)

Ebay Ethics: Modeling 'Rigid Civility' for Digital Democracies?

*Robert MacDougall (Emerson College)

Documentary Film as a Site for Political Connection and Action

*Anji L. Phillips (Illinois State University), *John McHale (Illinois State University)

Respondent: James C. Morrison (Emerson College)

Chair: Robert MacDougall (Emerson College)

Abstract:

This panel considers a variety of communicative situations where politics or politicizing are the game, and how certain media seem to systematically enable and/or prohibit certain kinds of meanings and messages "getting through." Some of the key questions asked by panelists include: (1) Can message producers today more reliably gauge and predict how particular symbolic constructions (linguistic, photographic, iconic, etc.) will be received and utilized? (2) What are the differences/relationships between

a citizen, a consumer and a political participant today? (3) How do top-down (ie. corporate, governmental, administrative) interests rationalize or otherwise impinge on the content being relayed via specific media? McLuhan's "laws of media" are applied and basic "tetrads" are drawn up so that the various technologies can be more systematically compared and discussed.

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