

### FCT 2017 call for Exploratory Proposals now open!

This long-awaited call is now open. This year the proposals should be developed with the new Atlantic International Research Center (AIR). This is a fabulous global initiative towards a scientific and technology agenda for an integrative approach to the



Atlantic: Climate change and Energy Systems, Space and Ocean Sciences through North-South cooperation.

14 year projects will be funded! Maximum budget of 100,000 Euros for each 1 year project. All proposals within this call require a Portuguese Principal Investigator and a UT Co-Principal Investigator. Successful proposals can receive up to \$75,000 from UT based sources.

**DEADLINE: March 23, 2017**

Click below for all information and the application for this call!

<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/concursos/utaustin/2017/index.phtml.en>

Any questions? Contact Cecilia Garrec, [cecilia.garrec@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:cecilia.garrec@austin.utexas.edu)

### Dr. Cherian George to speak at UT

Come join us on February 8th for this fascinating talk on *Hate Propaganda in Democratic Politics*. Professor Cherian hails from Hong King Baptist University where he researches media and politics with a focus on freedom of expression, censorship and alternative media. He will discuss the dynamics of hate spin, comparing the experiences of the world's

**WED FEB 8** | On the Offensive: Hate Propaganda in Democratic Politics | **3pm CMA 3.124**

**Dr. Cherian George**, Hong Kong Baptist University

Hate propaganda has emerged as a key instrument of political contestation. Outbreaks of religious intolerance in democracies are not random and spontaneous, but part of a dangerous pattern of politics George calls "hate spin". A two-pronged weapon of identity politics, hate spin combines incitement to hatred with orchestrated outrage against perceived insult. George analyzes the dynamics of hate spin, comparing in particular the experiences of the world's three largest democracies—India, the United States, and Indonesia. The presentation draws on his new book, *Hate Spin: The Manufacture of Religious Offense and Its Threat to Democracy*, which *Publishers Weekly* named to list of "Best Books 2016."

**Cherian George** is an associate professor at the School of Communication, Hong Kong Baptist University. He researches media and politics, with a focus on freedom of expression, censorship and alternative media. His previous book, *Freedom from the Press*, examined the media system of his native Singapore. He has a PhD in communication from Stanford University and a Master's degree from the Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and Cambridge University. ([www.cheriangorge.net](http://www.cheriangorge.net))

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three largest democracies...India, the US and Indonesia. His book on the same topic was included on Publisher's Weekly list, "Best Books 2016"

His presentation will be at UT in CMA, Rm. 3.124 at 3pm.

## Congratulations to Ioli Campos, paper accepted!

Ioli Campos, a doctoral student in the Digital Media program, is studying how to improve news literacy education among children and has had her paper, *News literacy education outcomes: Raising critical news consumers and empowering citizens* accepted to the 67th International Communication Conference! The conference will be held in San Diego from May 25-29, 2017. Ioli is the recipient of a \$500 student scholarship for her participation. The ICA is an academic association for scholars interested in the study, teaching and application of all aspects of human and mediated communication.



# Visiting Scholars



## **Welcome to our January Visiting Scholars!**

Jacqueline Silva is working on her doctorate and will engage in research regarding the Impact of Digital Media on Female Entrepreneurship. She arrives end January and will audit classes in the business school. She will stay in Austin until June 2017.



Ilo Aguiar is working on his doctorate and he will further his research aims in examining how readers interact and evaluate data visualizations in news media. Ilo is currently auditing several classes and quite involved with RB Brenner and Deepak Chetty. He will be here until June 2017.