

**Unifying and Advancing Children, Adolescents, and Media Research:
A Pre-conference for Enhanced Collaboration**

When: 8th of February, 2024 from 09:00 till 11:30

Where: De Doelen, Schouwburgplein 50, 3012 CL Rotterdam (Plate room)

Register before 26th January, 2024 through: <https://forms.gle/zZCnoBhCP9QEsRQm9>

Description:

The 'Eetmaal van de Communicatiewetenschap' stands as a pivotal annual event for scholars from Dutch and Flemish universities, providing an excellent platform to showcase and discuss the latest developments in communication science. However, amidst this celebration of the wide range of research conducted at various institutions, there emerges a distinct need for a specialized forum that can unify these insights but also encourage deeper dialogue and stronger collaboration. This is particularly crucial in the realm of Children, Adolescents, and Media (CAM) research, a field marked by its interdisciplinary scope and richness. Often, during the main conference, CAM researchers find themselves dispersed across sessions from different divisions such as Health Communication, Media Psychology, or Human-Machine Communication, potentially leading to missed opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange. Additionally, colleagues from adjacent disciplines like developmental psychology or pedagogical science may not be fully integrated into these critical discussions.

In light of these challenges, we are organizing a pre-conference centered on enhancing CAM research. Our goal is to establish a collaborative hub for both intellectual engagement and practical action. By bringing together researchers from the broad spectrum of CAM research, this event aims to spark in-depth discussions on the future of CAM research. It will also be a platform to pragmatically address how we, as a research community, can optimize our collaborative efforts, minimize overlap in research efforts, and increase our collective impact through coordinated action. Our pre-conference is designed as a dynamic series of moderated round table discussions, focusing on key aspects of advancing CAM research. We believe that through this event, we can significantly enhance the scope and depth of CAM research, ultimately leading to more impactful and comprehensive outcomes in this vital area of study.

To set-up focused and in-depth round table discussions, we ask you to fill out a few background questions when registering for this pre-conference. We thank you for your time and effort. For more information contact Amber van der Wal (a.vanderwal@uva.nl), Chiara de Jong (c.dejong@essb.eur.nl), or Esther Rozendaal (rozendaal@essb.eur.nl). For more information on Eetmaal 2024 see <https://www.eur.nl/en/eshcc/research/etmaal-2024>.