Dear Members of the Committee for Communication and Media Theory, Hungarian Academy of Sciences,

After negotiating with Prof. Petra Aczél, Associate Chair of our Committee, I hereby propose to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Oct. 9, 2020, Friday, from 11:30 to approximately 13:30. The meeting will necessarily be an online one. I propose the meeting to be a workshop, conducted in English, on the topic, and bearing the title, "Online Communication and the New World of Scholarship". I envisage a discussion on the positive and negative experiences we gathered in connection with online teaching and online conferencing during the past few months, enforced on us by the pandemic, a discussion building on what we saw happening in practice, but extending, too, as befits our vocation, to theoretical generalizations and analysis.

The reason for choosing English as the working language of the workshop is twofold: First, we had for quite some time now planned to produce a companion online volume to the unexpectedly successful one we published in 2018 in Hungarian -- see https://www.academia.edu/37455512/Communications_Theory_Media_Theory_in_Hungarian. Secondly, the Committee is a co-organizer of the VLC9 http://www.vll.bme.hu/en/9thvllconference event. The preparation of nutshell contributions for the October workshop would amount so to speak to a royal road for Committee members to participate in VLC9.

So what I am asking for from you now is: 1) A reply confirming that you are willing to attend the online Committee meeting planned for Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, 11:30. 2) A statement as to whether you are prepared to write a paper, of roughly 4000 characters (*characters*, not words), on the said topic, and send it to me as a Word document. If the text contains references, they should please be old-fashioned footnotes, do avoid the
(author, year) style. Images are no problem, you can include them in the text, but send them please also as separate image files. I would expect your document to arrive by Sept. 20 the latest. The papers I will then subject to some rudimentary editing, create links between them, and upload the lot both to https://mta.academia.edu/KristofNyiri and http://www.hunfi.hu/nyiri/

Do invite your students to the workshop. Let them drop us a line, and we will enable them to join the online event.

Awaiting your reply, with thanks and warm regards, Kristóf Nyíri