Audiovisual Journalism: from tradition to new patterns

From the advent of the image’s mechanical recording provided by the photography of Daguerre (1839), through the cinema of the Lumière brothers (1895), the visual narratives of Mélies (1902) and the radio of Marconi (1895), the nineteenth century was marked by discoveries that would allow man to go beyond the resources of his own body and increase the power of his senses, especially sight and hearing, by means of research work and the creation of technical tools which McLuhan calls “extensions of ourselves”. Television, whose first experiments began in the 1920’s, has initiated a special place in the utilization of audiovisual content by making it possible for the viewer to perceive synchronized sounds and images in his domestic environment. And in the process of adoption of these technologies, Journalism has played a key role, and has also been changed by them.

The discussion regarding the dialogue between the theoretical and professional fields of Journalism and audiovisual production is seen as a debate necessary for the understanding of contemporary society, especially starting from the development of digital techniques. If TV journalism currently occupies an important place in most societies, such as the Brazilian one, as the main source of information for a significant portion of the population, the relevance of reflection on its practice, teaching and social utilization increases with the prospect of approaching changes in the broadcasting system, with the implementation of digital TV. In addition, societies are living through a new historical moment in the circulation of information and participation of audiovisual content in different media platforms, particularly that of a journalistic nature. Accordingly, going beyond the importance of TV journalism in Brazilian society, it is important to understand other forms of audiovisual journalistic information, in different media and support systems.

In this way, the objective of Brazilian Journalism Research – BJR dossier is to provide a place for discussions regarding the different practices and approaches relating to Audiovisual Journalism.
in contemporary times, when new patterns, promises or models of information are subject to debate faced with the usage and adoptions of new technologies for dissemination of journalistic content, also with the present-day ethical implications regarding the circulation of information of a public or private nature. What are the concepts, processes and practices of contemporary audiovisual journalism? To what extent is the tradition of audiovisual language being maintained and/or changes are being incorporated either in TV journalism or in other support systems for the circulation of journalism in sound and image? In what way do the processes of hybridization and of media convergence affect the production models of audiovisual journalism? Does the creation of different media platforms transform audiovisual journalism? Have its production routines been maintained or are they undergoing alterations at this time of great circulation of information? What is the usage of socio-discursive practices in today’s audiovisual journalism?

The works submitted should deal with theoretical aspects and/or present empirical studies regarding the concepts, practices and/or processes of Audiovisual Journalism, with respect to its development in different media platforms, accentuating its relationships with the specificity of journalism in its diverse manifestations.

The articles may deal with the following basic lines:

1. The relationships between Audiovisual Journalism and the new information platforms
2. Audiovisual Journalism’s production routines and discursive processes in the production of news in different support systems
3. The relationship between time and space in Audiovisual Journalism narratives
4. Audiovisual Journalism’s interfaces with different areas of knowledge

Works which deal with other basic lines of analysis that are in accord with the thematic of the dossier may also be submitted. Editors of the Dossier: Iluska Coutinho and Edna Mello.

In addition to the thematic dossier, the editors will accept articles for the Articles section, whose editors will be Kênia Maia and Fábio Henrique Pereira.

2 BJR’s presentation and typology of texts

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Articles are received for the Dossier, Articles and Book Review Sections and should adhere strictly to the journal’s norms.

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