

EDITORIAL

# A SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION

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In my capacity as Executive Editor, I am proud to present to you this special volume of **Brazilian Journalism Research** on freedom of the press. Now that the issue is printed, I can look backward and ponder that the goals we established some months ago have been generally accomplished. Recognized authors especially invited to send contributions have responded to my initial request. A surprisingly large number of articles were submitted making the selection a difficult task. Unfortunately, some articles which were rejected were almost as good as those which were published. All these contributions guarantee that the scope of this ever-current theme has been fully covered in this special issue.

The individual points of view of the articles printed are those of their authors and vary in their approach and in their ideological position. I am glad it has been that way. The original idea was exactly this: to give the reader an ample survey of the scene with regard to the theme of freedom of the press. Needless to say, on this topic journalism and communication researchers (like any others) definitely do not always agree because it is controversial by nature and involves a never-ending political discussion.

Most of the articles refer to Brazilian examples and some others deal with specific national cases, although the scope of many of them has universal validity. A few articles also are comparative, which increases

the range of the theme. I have tried to arrange them in order from broader to more specific approaches; nevertheless I remain with the feeling that this has not really been accomplished. Never mind - the issue can be read transversely without any loss of consistency. The first eight articles that are grouped in the section "Revising freedom of the press" were all written by invited recognized authors. The following seven articles were spontaneously submitted and selected from a long list of about 30 articles.

This special issue of **Brazilian Journalism Research** on freedom of the press was accomplished since its starting point by means of a unique association of the Brazilian Journalism Research Association (SBPJor) with the UNESCO Office in Brasília. The result of this cooperation is the issue you now have in your hands. I am especially indebted to the staff members of that Office who helped not only to perform the administrative procedures but also to undertake the editorial actions as well. Nevertheless, as it is supposed to be, the final editorial decisions were elegantly left entirely to me. I hope that future SBPJor associations such as this one will lead to other successful examples of editorial cooperation.

I am sure you will enjoy this special reading.

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