



Call for Articles

Special Issue: Journalism and Trafficking: Developments and Perspectives

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This Special Issue of Brazilian Journalism Research will look at the relationship between journalism and trafficking. Trafficking is a rather complex phenomenon which comprises arms trafficking, drug trafficking and human trafficking. All three top the world's criminal enterprises, with drug trafficking taking the number one slot, human trafficking taking third, and small arms following not too far behind. In great expansion, human trafficking umbrellas sex, labor, organ and child trafficking, or the illegal adoption of children. Trafficking is no respecter of persons; it can affect the young/old, rich/poor, educated/illiterate, Global North citizen/Global South citizen, etc.

Media – in particular news coverage – contribute toward shaping public understanding and opinion on societal issues. They also influence (inter)national policies, programs, and legislative action.

This special issue explores the range of ways that media, broadly construed, are connected with all facets of trafficking. How might media be influencing trafficking legislation? How might it be affecting victims? Perpetrators? What effect has journalism coverage of trafficking had on the crime? In what ways might media representations of trafficking be legitimating or challenging different kinds of power imbalances and social hierarchies based on gender, class or race?

Contributors may choose to look at different types of news media, i.e. newspapers, TV, radio, online, etc., and use quantitative and qualitative data. Submissions that are theoretical, empirical, critical, comparative or applied, and which represent a wide range of conceptual and methodological approaches relevant to a focus on media and domestic and/or transnational trafficking are welcome. While a comparative approach to journalism in the context of trafficking is not compulsory for inclusion, it is strongly encouraged.

Contributors are invited to focus on the following issues:

Journalism and:

- Trafficking legislation
- Trafficking victim recovery
- Trafficking prevention
- Trafficking prosecution
- Trafficking victim protection
- Trafficking representations
- Trafficking and social power imbalances

To be considered, articles must be submitted by December 30 2018.

The length of texts must be between 40 000 and 55 000 characters with spaces.

As the Brazilian Journalism Research publishes two versions of each article (Portuguese/Spanish and English), the authors of accepted papers submitted in Portuguese or Spanish must provide a translation into English. Likewise, the articles submitted and accepted in English must provide a translation into Portuguese or Spanish. A selected number of accepted papers from non-Portuguese or Spanish speaking contexts will be eligible for translation services provided by the journal.

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