



## Call for articles

### **Special Issue: Journalism in Brazil and Africa: Cross-influences, Developments, and Perspectives**

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This Special Issue of BJR will look at the theory and practice of journalism in Africa and Brazil. It focuses on the professional practices and institutions in these contexts of the Global South. Journalism in non-Western contexts has emerged under circumstances that often compelled it to contribute to anti-colonial movements, fight against discrimination imposed by the colonial and later on post-colonial elites against local populations, distance itself from decades of single-party rule and government control on the media sector, while facing unprecedented economic challenges in poverty-stricken countries.

This Special Issue is interested in exploring the conditions within which journalism is practiced and studied in these contexts and how it is different or similar from Western journalism. It also intends to address journalism's relationship to and its role in shifting global relations and changing media environments. It wishes to explore the range of research, education and praxis issues for journalism in the diverse contexts of Brazil and Africa, with an eye on the individual tensions and interests that come to the fore when looking at each individually and comparatively.

This Special Issue of BJR wishes to contribute to meaning-making through a focus on possible cross-influences between these two geographical entities, similar developments and perspectives in their media systems, but also theoretical tools that can fertilize the reflexion about a "de-westernized" approach of journalism. At issue is the need to expand our knowledge through adopting a globalized approach to journalism research, education and practice. What are the varied contextual influences – social, cultural, political, and economic – that impacts upon journalism in these contexts?

How do journalists and journalism scholars in African countries and Brazil perceive of journalism, its changing roles and foci and its relationships with various others? What new and developing approaches to journalism and journalism education and research are central to the intellectual pursuit of internationalizing journalism and media studies in these contexts? How were post-colonial studies integrated in these approaches? What are the constraints that journalists experience in these contexts? How do journalists contribute to political and social change in these contexts? How has journalism adapted to the Internet in access-wise peculiar environments?

We are looking for original contributions from researchers working on any aspect of journalism within these contexts. While a comparative approach to journalism in the context of Africa and Brazil is not compulsory for inclusion, it is strongly encouraged. Papers should not focus on single country case studies, but include a larger reflexion about new concepts and approaches developed in the “Global South”, and especially in these two areas, and how they can connect to each other. Contributors may choose to look at different types of media, i.e. newspapers, TV, radio, online, etc., and use quantitative and qualitative data, or different methodologies (content analysis, discourse analysis, case study, interviews, etc.) in their analyses.

Contributors are invited to focus on the following issues:

Journalism and:

- ✓ politics,
- ✓ representation
- ✓ elections,
- ✓ freedom of expression,
- ✓ citizenship,
- ✓ international relations,
- ✓ media freedom and plurality,
- ✓ corruption,
- ✓ human rights,
- ✓ emerging markets,
- ✓ digitalization,
- ✓ health,
- ✓ education,
- ✓ citizen media/citizen journalism,

**To be considered, articles must be submitted by May 30, 2017.**

The length of texts must be between 30 000 and 40 000 characters with spaces.

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Portuguese or Spanish speaking contexts will be eligible for translation services provided by the journal.

Authors may also submit articles in French, but if approved for publication, they will be requested to provide translations as per the above.

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