From the Guest Editor’s Desk

As the guest editor for this issue of ‘Media Watch' Journal of Communication (https://www.mediawatchjournal.in/), I am pleased with the quality of articles we received on sexual harassment and other topics from an international collection of scholars.

The issue opens with an article from Tim Matheny, Dr. Philip Poe, Dr. Melody Fisher, and Dr. Shane Warren on candidate Donald Trump. The article connects the visual proxemics of the future president with the persuasive appeals used in his campaign speech.

Dr. Heleana Theixos begins our discussion where the #MeToo movement began—in Hollywood and with Harvey Weinstein. But, Dr. Theixos expanded the discussion into a consideration of whether the perpetrators should have a voice in the public discussion of sexual harassment. She makes a compelling argument. The internationalism of the issue is brought forth by other contributors. Sakshi Singh and Anurag Kumar look into the cultural role of Onaatah of the Earth (2017), a book which challenged the place of women in Indian society. Dr. Choja Oduaran and Dr. Okorie Nelson discuss how public radio in Nigeria tackles the issue of sexual harassment. Dr. Layla AlSaqaer interviewed women working in public relationships, a recent career opportunity for women in Bahrain. The article gives women a voice to discuss conflicts between personal expectations and cultural expectations.

From the discussion of MeToo, our contributors take us into the use of social media and its role as a source of information. Dr. Wang Changsong and Dr. Jamilah Hj Ahmad review how social media became a major source of information on Malaysia Airlines flight MH370, a role that had public relations implications, particularly when the wreckage was not found. Dr. Madina Bulatova and Dr. Ayazbi B?isenkulov explained how social media has become a major source of information--and headaches--for journalists in Kazakhstan.

Statistical information presented in two articles present a wealth of information to scholars about the role of media in Russia. Dr. Elena N. Fokina, Dr. Natalya I. Nikitina, and Dr. Marina V. Vinogradova trace the spread of information through social media sources. Dr. Oleg M. Barbakov, Dr. Marina V. Vinogradova, and Alexander A. Shatsky explain the evolving changes in social media use in Russia.

Ryan Rogers convinced us that there was more to say about why people consume sports programming. His statistical approach integrates several theories together and shows how watching sports is the result of multiple, interrelated motivations.

I have been honored to review so many excellent papers for a journal which has honored me many times by publishing my work.

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