Editorial

Guest Editors' introduction

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The last few years have witnessed a series of major economic upheavals and these have had serious systemic and high profile political consequences. The related subsequent events have had ramifications for theoretical as well as empirical approaches to academic analysis. The 2014 fall issue of the *Central European Journal of Communication* provides a contribution and various perspectives covering a range of topics relating to media and political studies. Many of the articles are concerned with analysing the development of "Eastern" practices through the lens of "Western" concepts. Consequently this issue considers and focuses on the examples of Croatia, Estonia, Poland, and Russia and collectively offers these cases as a means of introducing and exploring more general trends and changes in Central and Eastern Europe. More generally the various case studies point to an important ambition of this journal, specifically the mission to explore the way that the various states within the region are developing in ways that defy easy characterization and generalization. Within a generation debate has moved beyond a preoccupation with processes relating to so-called "democratization." Issues like this one enable political communication scholars to demonstrate how, why and where changes are taking place.

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