
FOREWORD

Special Section on Human Communication V

Human Communication Studies focus on the role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in human communication processes. It is committed to improve the theory and methodology concerning the adoption, use, applications, effects, and the psychological, social, and policy implications of ICTs. Areas of research include computer-mediated communication, new media, social media, augmented and virtual reality, assistive technology, technology studies, big data, crowdsourcing, privacy, digital news, crisis, and other technologically mediated social interaction and networking at all levels of analysis (interpersonal, interpersonal, group, organizational, national, and international). These are essential technologies to enrich our Quality-of-Life in the future society.

The objective of this special section is to publish and overview recent progress in the interdisciplinary area of human communication. We call for papers that make an innovative and original contribution to our understanding of ICTs, with a focus on the technology itself within the context of human communication. The editorial committee received a total of 12 submissions. After a thorough and careful review process, the editorial committee has finally selected 5 papers, covering a wide range of topics from sensory and perceptual levels to communication support.

On behalf of the editorial committee of the special section, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who submitted their valuable papers. I am also grateful to the reviewers and the editorial committee members for their devoted efforts towards the success of the special section and the progress of research on human communication studies.

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