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You are holding the first issue of 2019. In this editorial we look back on 2018, a successful year for our journal in which high-quality research from no fewer than 62 authors was published. We launched a special issue on migration titled “Representations of immigrants and refugees: News coverage, public opinion and media literacy”, guest-edited by Kevin Smets (Brussels) and Çiğdem Bozdağ (Istanbul). Furthermore, we are proud to announce that *Communications* is now on the list of the academic journals in information and communication sciences established by the French National University Council (*Conseil National des Universités, CNU-section 71 Sciences de l’information et de la communication*). Also in line with our ambitions to expand the geographical and thematic span of our articles, a new special issue titled “Remaking European Cinema”, guest-edited by Eduard Cuelenaere, Stijn Joye and Gertjan Willems is currently in preparation for 2019.

We thank our editorial board members, who offered feedback on the special-issue proposals as well as our large group of dedicated reviewers, who follow a rigorous peer-review process. The following reviewers supported the journal with their excellent work last year:

Amanda Alencar, Donja Alinejad, Cristina Archetti, Hanan Badr, Ekaterina Balbanova, S.A. Banducci, Joke Bauwens, Matthias Berg, Joan Kristin Bleicher, Heinz Bonfadelli, Nils Borchers, Mark Boukes, Shelley Boulianne, Ricardo Carniel Bugs, Andreu Casero-Ripollés, Carla Cerqueira, Eduardo Cintra Torres, Ellen Claes, Cédric Courtois, Alexander Dhoest, Isabel Ferin Cunha, Karel Denercke, Ivone Ferreira, Rita Figueiras, Hannah Früh, Joanna Garde-Hansen, Marie Gruse, Olga Guedes Bailey, Amira Halperin, Uwe Hasebrink, Klaus Bruhn Jensen, Bengt Johansson, Ana Jorge, Beate Josephi, Slavka Karakusheva, Niamh Kirk, Ivan Lacasa, Asko Lehmuskallio, Darren Lilleker, Silke Lissens, Christine Lohmeier, Kimberly Martin, Jörg Matthes, Arnaud Mercier, Florian Mundhenke, Annamaria Neag, David Onenaert, Tasha G. Oren, Stylianos Papathanassopoulos, Angela Philips, Pablo Porten-Chee, Teresa Ruão, Helmut Scherer, Dov Shinar,

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In the course of 2018, we received 63 submissions originating from over 25 countries. Following the statistics of de Gruyter, our download rates are constantly rising, reaching 13,274 in 2017 (2012: 6,454). Our most read articles in 2018 were:

1. Editorial introduction. Representations of immigrants and refugees: News coverage, public opinion and media literacy.
Kevin Smets / Çiğdem Bozdağ
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/commun-2018-0011>
2. The way Syrian refugees in Turkey use media: Understanding “connected refugees” through a non-media-centric and local approach.
Kevin Smets
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/commun-2017-0041>
3. Critical media literacy through making media: A key to participation for young migrants?
Koen Leurs / Ena Omerović / Hemmo Bruinenberg / Sanne Sprenger
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/commun-2018-0017> (free access)
4. Who drove the discourse? News coverage and policy framing of immigrants and refugees in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.
Christine Ogan / Rosemary Pennington / Olesya Venger / Daniel Metz
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/commun-2018-0014>

These downloads reflect the topicality of our journal.

As 2018 is coming to an end, we wish to thank all of you who have helped us with the production of *Communications* as an editorial team, by doing peer-reviews of article submissions and special-issue proposals, with book reviews, and by guest-editing special issues. We wish to give special thanks to Katrin Voltmer (Leeds), who has decided after many years of conscientiously reviewing submissions to step down from her role as associate editor of *Communications*. We wish her all the best in her new life as a professor emerita. She will stay with us as in a new role, as an editorial board member. We welcome Tristan Mattelart (Paris) as an Associate Editor, who will fill the now empty spot and further expand the reach of our journal, and wish him every success in this new task. Furthermore, our gratefulness to the Book Review Editors Stijn Joye, Heidi Vandebosch

and Olivier Driessens, and – without doubt – to the pillar of our team, the editorial management team around Leif Kramp, Annalena Oeffner Ferreira and – since 2017 – Viviane Harkort at the Center for Media, Communication and Information Research (ZeMKI) Bremen for their daily, often unseen work.

We hope we can count on your commitment to Communications again in 2019.

The Editors