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In an era marked by profound technological advancements and shifting societal norms, journalism and political communication have undergone a transformative evolution. To navigate this dynamic landscape, researchers have delved into the complexities of these intertwined fields, producing a wealth of groundbreaking research that is shaping our understanding of media's impact on society.

"Journalism Research That Matters: Journalism and Political Communication Unbound" is a comprehensive volume that synthesizes the latest findings and perspectives from leading scholars in the field. This seminal work offers a critical examination of the evolving relationship between journalism, politics, and the public sphere, providing invaluable insights for professionals and scholars alike.

Exploring the Nexus of Journalism and Politics

This volume delves into the intricate relationship between journalism and politics, exploring how media coverage influences political discourse, shapes public opinion, and impacts democratic processes. Renowned experts examine the role of journalists as gatekeepers, the dynamics of

political campaigns, and the challenges faced by media organizations in an era of digital disruption.

The nexus of political documentary and alternative journalism

Addressing the social world

Abstract: This article is a critical commentary of how political documentary embodies the traits and functions of alternative journalism. I explore this notion through *Obvero* ('worker') my independent documentary project about the labour migration of Filipino workers to Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand, after the earthquake in 2011. This article maps out the points at where the theories and practices of alternative media and documentary intersect. Analysing political documentary as a format of alternative journalism, it links to the long tradition of film and video production as a tool of social critique. As a form of practice-based research, *Obvero* falls under the rubric of alternative journalism—able to represent the politically marginal sectors of the polity and report on issues underreported in the mainstream press. This article concludes that a distribution platform is responsive to fragmenting audiences works best when alternative journalism no longer targets a niche but transborder audiences.

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Introduction

THE PRACTICES of documentary and journalism are largely intertwined to 'the same ethos and commitments to truth-telling, sense-making, and explaining' (Uricchio et al., 2014, p. 10). Both practices emphasise their obligation to reveal, understand, represent, and address the social and historical world. Although difficult at times to delineate the distinctions between the two subfields, those who distinguish documentary from journalism do so on the basis that it is different in content, style, and format to mainstream journalism. As Dan Krauss has argued: 'The contract with the audience when you are a journalistic organisation is very different from the contract you have with your

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Through rigorous research and analysis, the authors shed light on the complex interplay between journalism and political power, highlighting the need for responsible and ethical media practices to ensure the integrity of democratic systems.

Redefining Political Communication in the Digital Age

The advent of digital technologies has profoundly transformed the way political communication is conducted. This volume explores the emergence of new media platforms, the proliferation of social media, and the impact of these technologies on political discourse.



Experts discuss the opportunities and challenges presented by the digital landscape, examining how it has empowered citizens, fueled political polarization, and raised concerns about the spread of misinformation. The book provides a comprehensive overview of the evolving dynamics of political communication in the 21st century.

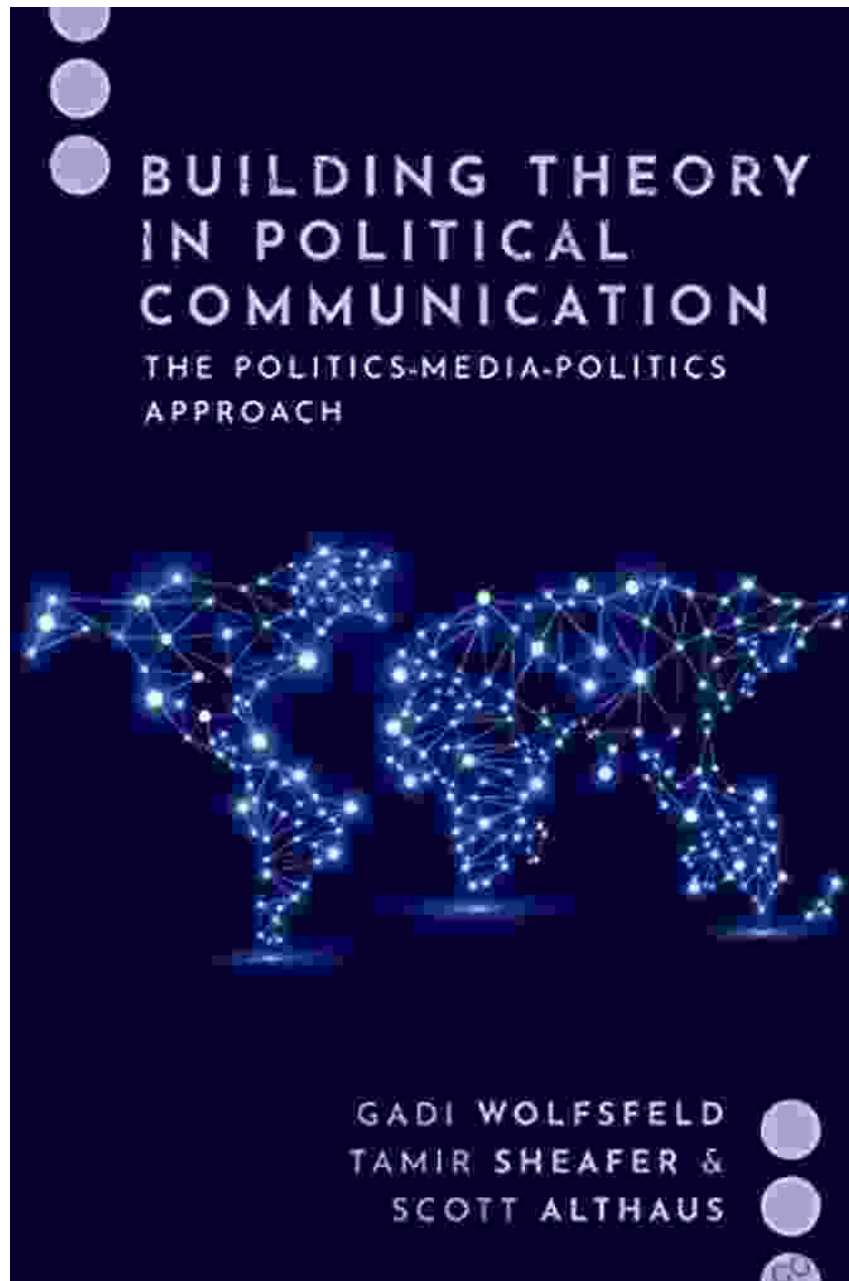
Empowering Journalists and Scholars

"Journalism Research That Matters" is an essential resource for both journalists and scholars seeking to enhance their understanding of the transformative forces shaping the field. It offers practical insights into the latest research methods and ethical considerations in journalism, empowering professionals to produce impactful work that serves the public interest.



For scholars, this volume provides a comprehensive foundation for further research, inspiring new avenues of inquiry and fostering collaboration among researchers from diverse disciplines. By synthesizing the latest findings and perspectives, it sets the stage for groundbreaking research that will continue to shape the future of journalism and political communication.

"Journalism Research That Matters: Journalism and Political Communication Unbound" is an indispensable resource for anyone seeking to understand the complex and ever-evolving relationship between journalism, politics, and society. Through rigorous research and insightful analysis, this volume illuminates the critical role of journalism in a democratic society and provides a roadmap for responsible and ethical media practices.



As the digital landscape continues to reshape the media industry, this book serves as a valuable guide for journalists, scholars, and policymakers navigating the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. By fostering a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of journalism and political communication, we can empower media professionals to

produce impactful work that informs, educates, and empowers citizens in an increasingly complex world.



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