

NCA Editor's Information Report

To: NCA Legislative Assembly

From: Mahuya Pal

Journal Title: Journal of International and Intercultural Communication

This report reflects the following time period: **August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024**

MANUSCRIPT ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION RATE:

- (1) Number of new manuscripts received during this period: **182**
- (2) Number of revised manuscripts received during this period: **47**
- (3) Total number of manuscripts accepted for publication: **16**
- (4) Number of manuscripts returned for revision and resubmission: **46**
- (5) Number of manuscripts rejected: **145**
- (6) Acceptance rate ((3) divided by (1+2)): **7%**

EDITOR'S GOALS AND PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THOSE GOALS:

One of the key goals of the journal is to publish communication theorization of cultural and social change from international perspective. This goal has led to a diverse range of academic discourses such as settler colonialism in Kashmir, Sikh representations, public creativity in Belarus, Latinx films, Tongan students' experiences, Nigerian cultural experiences, the idea of Tahakkum in Morocco, Hispanic political engagement, Russian feminism, Covid-19 stressors for Black individuals, Black activism on TikTok, Korean-Black business interactions, among others.

I also encourage research utilizing a broad range of research methods, which has resulted in publication of research using a wide variety of quantitative and qualitative methods.

Additionally, I continue to circulate the editorial vision widely to different networks asking for submissions that are more interdisciplinary and intersectional in understanding intercultural communication.

Finally, I have planned three special issues which, I believe, will significantly add to the visibility of the journal.

STRENGTHS:

I believe the current decolonial focus is the key strength of the journal. My hope is that we will be able to further broaden the scope of international and intercultural communication with this vision.

I have finalized three special issues with a diverse group of guest editors: a) The continuing relevance of the Global South (and where to find it) b) Caste as a communicative phenomenon:

Power, control, and resistance, and c) Sovereignty, solidarity, and survival: The communicative realities of Palestine. I believe the special issues will significantly add to the decolonial vision of the journal, and expand the boundaries of knowledge on intercultural communication.

Additionally, I plan to further circulate the peer-reviewed category called “International and Intercultural Manifestos” that presents communication ideas in multimedia forms. I believe that this new feature will expand the scope of intercultural communication as well.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

I would love to receive more critical quantitative studies on intercultural communication. I think there is much to be done in this area.

I would also want “International and Intercultural Manifestos” to become a robust space of thought-provoking communication ideas in the journal.

One of the challenges is to reduce the time between accepting a manuscript and finalizing it for production. We need to keep in mind that many manuscripts are written by international scholars whose first language may not be English, so additional time is needed to prepare them for publication. Another challenge is maintaining a reasonable average time from submission to first decision amid a significant increase in submissions.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION:

I believe the editorial vision with an emphasis on decoloniality helps us address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion by diversifying the nature of submissions.

The topics listed in the first response provide a clear indication of how JIIC is inviting a diverse range of scholarship from diverse scholarly identities and geopolitical locations.

I have also paid careful attention to diversifying the editorial board to have a wider representation of scholars for reviewing manuscripts.

Finally, the three special issues planned for the journal will contribute substantially to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.