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EDITOR'S NOTE

Although this issue of *Media Studies* was not originally intended as a special issue, it happened that this selection of articles are interconnected as almost all of them address the Internet and new media, particularly communication on social networks. All articles, except for the first one, were in some way inspired by discussions during the 18th Information Technology and Journalism Conference in Dubrovnik this past May. Therefore, we asked Professor Nenad Prelog, the founder of the conference, to write an introduction for the themes of this issue. In the papers that follow, the authors discuss political communication on social networks and other online platforms. In the focus of this research are political candidates, in national and local elections in Italy, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia and Slovenia. Certainly, a good contribution to the discussion is a paper that explores to what extent and how journalists and reporters on television news in Croatia use social networks as a source of information.

This 8th issue of *Media Studies* opens with an article on media literacy, a topic that, after our special issue *Critical Insights in European Media Literacy Research and Policy* (issue 6), has become a 'hot' policy topic in Croatia and the region.

With this issue we close the first four years of our editorial mandate, and immediately open a new one, with the same team of editors. We are happy that the journal has survived during these times of economic crisis and very scarce funding. We are especially pleased that *Media Studies* is recognized as a relevant scientific journal in Croatia and the region, and slowly but surely, we are building its international reputation.

Finally, we are grateful to the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports which has finally recognized *Media Studies* as a valuable promoter of scientific research and creative discussions at the national and international level, and from this year on, decided to financially support our journal.

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