Call for Papers

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Mis/Disinformation in/on Canada

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We are inviting submissions for a special journal issue on disinformation in Canada. There is a need to study mis/disinformation in North America especially in terms of studying the Canadian context due to the evolving nature of this phenomenon, and this special issue is focused on the examination of recent case studies involving the spread of misinformation and disinformation. We welcome studies that are focused on the empirical investigation of infodemics in or on Canada.

The special issue deals with case studies and theoretical interventions on the state of dis/misinformation campaigns and issues facing Canada by focusing on what is produced in the country and what targets it. The disinformation case studies cover the whole political spectrum including the far-right, far-left, and the mainstream political establishment as well as other fields like public health (COVID-19), climate change, and immigration. Special topics of interests include but are not limited to the following:

- Disinformation during the time of the Canadian federal elections.
- The use of memes and political trolls by political parties or their affiliates.
- State-run trolls targeting Canada.
- Fact checking practices.
- The use of political bots and deep fakes to spread misinformation about political opponents.
- Canadian media literacy efforts to inform and educate audiences about misinformation.
- The use of mobile apps to spread disinformation in Canada like Telegram, WhatsApp, Discord, BitChute, GAB and Parler.
- Disinformation targeting immigrant groups in Canada or disseminated by ethnic Canadian media.
- Disinformation on COVID-19 and its vaccination in Canada e.g. the anti-vaxxer community.
- Conspiracy theories disseminated by the far-right and the far-left.
- News coverage and reporting on disinformation in Canada.

The topics above are not exhaustive, so we welcome other studies that are related to this special issue. We also welcome theoretical contributions and all research approaches including qualitative and quantitative methods. If interested, please see the submission information below:

Submission deadlines

- **Abstract** – 15 **December 2021 (**500 words and a short biography of the author(s). **(**If the abstract is accepted, we will invite you to submit your full paper for peer-review).

- **Full paper** – 15 **March 2022** (Papers (5,000 to 7,500 words), review articles of more than one book (2,500 to 3,000 words), and book reviews (1,000 to 1,200 words).

- **Method:** All manuscripts must be submitted electronically as Word Document attachments, directly to aalrawi@sfu.ca

- **Guidelines:** Available at: http://gmj-canadianedition.ca/for-author/

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