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Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence in Journalism and Media

Message from the Guest Editor

The past decade has seen an increasing use of automation to influence the production, dissemination and gatekeeping of different forms of journalism. At its most extreme, this takes the form of copy entirely generated by algorithms, but Al is also used to modify the ranking of stories in social media or on sites during the news cycle. As such, this Special Issue of Journalism and Media is concerned with the impact of these new technologies on the production and consumption of journalism and other forms of media. This Special Issue will explore the impact and effects of artificial intelligence, considering such things as the role that algorithms play in areas such as the writing and production of news stories, their role in disseminating news (whether fake or real), the activities of Al in gatekeeping information across social media sites, how machine learning can transform the production of the news, the role of AI in shaping the user experience and whether AI is a threat or opportunity for journalists

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