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Investigative Journalism in China: Eight Cases in Chinese Watchdog Journalism / David Bandurski & Martin Hala (Edited)
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2010
184p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789622091740
\$ 25.00

Despite persistent pressure from state censors and other tools of political control, investigative journalism has flourished in China over the last decade. This volume offers a comprehensive, first-hand look at investigative journalism in China, including insider accounts from reporters behind some of China's top stories in recent years. While many outsiders hold on to the stereotype of Chinese journalists as docile, subservient Party hacks, a number of brave Chinese reporters have exposed corruption and official misconduct with striking ingenuity and often at considerable personal sacrifice. Subjects have included officials pilfering state funds, directors of public charities pocketing private donations, businesses fleecing unsuspecting consumers — even the misdeeds of journalists themselves. These case studies address critical issues of commercialization of the media, the development of ethical journalism practices, the rising spectre of "news blackmail," negotiating China's mystifying bureaucracy, the dangers of libel suits, and how political pressures impact different stories. During fellowships at the Journalism & Media Studies Centre (JMSC) of the University of Hong Kong, these narratives and other background materials were fact-checked and edited by JMSC staff to address critical issues related to the media transitions currently under way in the PRC. This engaging narrative gives readers a vivid sense of how journalism is practiced in China.

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Changing Media Changing Societies: Media and the Millennium Development Goals / Indrajit Banerjee & Sundeep R. Muppidi (Edited)
Singapore: Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) & ee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University (WKWSCI-NTU), 2009
219p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814136136
\$ 40.00

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The Press in Chains / Zamir Niazi; Edited by Zubeida Mustafa; Introduction by Zohra Yusuf
2nd revised and Updated Edition
Karachi : Oxford University Press, 2010

Xv, 237p.
Includes Bibliography and Index
978-0-19-547724-5
\$ 29.50

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Mass Media Towards the Millennium - The South African Handbook of Mass
Communication / A.S. de Beer
Pretoria, South Africa : Van Schaik Publishers, 2010
544p.; 245 x 172 mm.
ISBN 9780627023248
\$ 70.00

This publication deals with all the basic elements and some of the major issues of mass communication pertaining to the new South Africa. This title gives the reader an overview of the South African mass communication scene. It describes the development of mass communication as it unfolded during the colonial and apartheid years. It then offers an analysis of the restructuring of mass media systems in the democratic decade of the 1990s and gives an assessment of expected trends in the millennium ahead.

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Tabloid journalism in South Africa: True Story! / H Wasserman
Cape Town, South Africa : UCT Press, 2010
232p.;
ISBN 9781919895437
\$ 39.25

Less than a decade after the advent of democracy in South Africa, tabloid newspapers have taken the country by storm. One of these papers—the Daily Sun—is now the largest in the country, but it has generated controversy for its perceived lack of respect for privacy, brazen sexual content, and unrestrained truth-stretching. Herman Wasserman examines the success of tabloid journalism in South Africa at a time when global print media are in decline. He considers the social significance of the tabloids and how they play a role in integrating readers and their daily struggles with the political and social sphere of the new democracy. Wasserman shows how these papers have found an important niche in popular and civic culture largely ignored by the mainstream media and formal political channels.

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Health Communication in Southern Africa: Engaging with social and cultural diversity /
Luuk Lagerwerf, Henk Boer and Herman Wasserman (eds).
Pretoria, South Africa : UNISA Press, 2009
306p.;
ISBN 9781868885749
\$ 25.50

This book presents studies on health communication, in particular HIV/AIDS communication, in southern Africa, bringing together approaches from usually divergent areas such as psychology, the analysis of social networks, studies of mass communication and the analysis of interpersonal communication, language and document design.

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