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Management Communication Quarterly announces a new series of special Forums that showcase the global impact of organizational communication scholarship. Each forum focuses on the experience, development, and practice of organizational communication in a particular country. These forums will give scholars a nuanced perspective on how organizational communication scholarship developed as a specific field of study within the focus country while still being situated within a broader, more global scholarly field of study. More than just a history of organizational communication within a particular country, these forums will provide scholars with the context necessary for understanding the importance of organizational communication practice in the country and a set of connection points that can facilitate future international research collaborations.

The first forum in this series focuses on organizational communication in Brazil and is edited by Linda Putnam (University of California, Santa Barbara, USA) and Adriana Machado Casali (Universidade Federal do Paraná, Brazil). The essays in the forum trace the socio-political context and the key scholarly interest in reform and social justice that shaped the development of organizational communication in Brazil and highlights fundamental scholarly concerns for stakeholder engagement, dialogue, and academic-practitioner relationships that characterizes Brazilian scholarship.

The forum is now available in the May, 2009, issue of Management Communication Quarterly (volume 22, number 4; http://mcq.sagepub.com/content/vol22/issue4/). Future forums will showcase organizational communication scholarship in France and China with publication dates to be announced later in the year.

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