Remarks from the Guest Editors

It is our pleasure to present Issue 70 of ConnectIST: Istanbul University Journal of Communication Sciences. Reflecting the broad and interdisciplinary nature of communication scholarship, this issue brings together diverse theoretical perspectives, research topics, and scientific approaches, with the aim of contributing to ongoing academic discussions in the field. Communication studies offer a rich framework for understanding and interpreting the changing dynamics of social life. A wide range of topics—including media, culture, politics, the public sphere, representation, identity, institutions, and everyday practices—fall within the scope of the discipline, generating valuable insights into contemporary social processes. In this respect, communication research contributes not only to the advancement of academic knowledge but also to a deeper understanding of social and cultural transformations. The articles featured in this issue examine a variety of communication-related phenomena through different research designs, data collection strategies, and analytical approaches. Collectively, these studies demonstrate the theoretical and methodological diversity of communication scholarship while offering original contributions to the existing body of literature and opening new avenues for future research. Academic publishing is sustained through a strong culture of scholarly collaboration among authors, reviewers, and editors. We would therefore like to express our sincere gratitude to all authors who submitted their work to the journal, to the reviewers whose careful evaluations helped maintain the scientific quality of the publication, and to the editorial team whose dedication and professionalism supported every stage of the publication process. ConnectIST continues to serve as a platform that fosters critical inquiry, intellectual diversity, and academic dialogue within the field of communication sciences. We believe that the contributions included in this issue will further enrich communication research and provide readers with valuable perspectives for reflection and discussion. We hope that you will enjoy reading Issue 70 and thank you for your continued interest in and support of our journal.

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