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Making Online News

The Ethnography of New Media Production

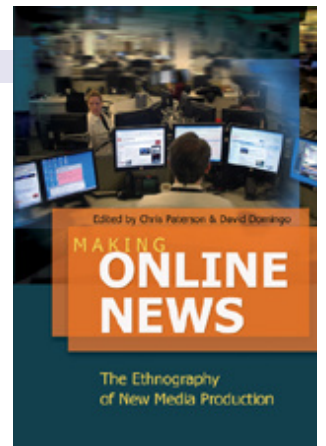
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Book synopsis

By analyzing the daily work of online journalists, this book investigates the production of online news: how it differs from traditional media production, and its consequences for the character and quality of online news. It advocates revitalization of the ethnographic methodologies of sociologists who entered newsrooms in the 1970s and 1980s, while simultaneously exploring new theoretical frameworks to better understand the evolution of online journalism and how newsrooms deal with innovation and change. This collection fills a gap in the field by offering ethnographic descriptions from sites of online news production in many countries, and provides insider perspectives on the real practices and values of new media production, documenting how these often differ from the claims of both producers and theorists.

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Reviews

«Offering a fascinating wealth of rich observation and careful analysis of the rapid changes in news production and distribution, 'Making Online News' is to be welcomed as an addition to media sociology, journalism studies, and political communication. It is methodologically innovative in its emphasis on newsroom ethnography, critically insightful in challenging popular assumptions about the impact of new technologies and - most welcome - internationally inclusive in its scope.» (Sonia Livingstone, Professor of Social Psychology, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics, and President, International Communication Association (2007-2008))

«'Making Online News' is a welcome, timely, and useful addition to the research on newsmaking and the production of media content in this new digital environment of the twenty-first century. It features chapters from a wide range of countries and scholars, including some well-known veterans...and it clearly illustrates the benefits of observational research in studying journalists in their natural habitat of the newsroom. [This] concise and readable volume...nicely fills a distinct gap in our knowledge of the daily work routines and values of online journalists.» (David H. Weaver, Roy W. Howard Research Professor, School of Journalism, Indiana University)

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