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Outlines for rethinking mediation

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PRESENTATION

Traditionally, Iberamerican communication studies have devoted little attention to the issue of new technologies. This adds to rather deficient official policies in the funding of critical and humanistic research on the social use and appropriation of digital networks in relation to processes of empowerment, sustainability and local development. The present state of affairs demands, therefore, a collaborative knowledge promoted by scholars worldwide whose areas of research focus on the topics, methodologies and applied research in this field of particular social relevance. Intended goals for the volume, both short- and long- term, point at the definition of the nature and economic status of local and peripheral cultures within the increasing globalizing process of new systems of information and knowledge processing.

For the reasons mentioned above, we are addressing the international scholarly community to contribute to a compilation that attempts at promoting knowledge in order to provide solutions to issues related to the implementation of e-Government and citizen participation in the new scenario of the technological modernization of urban spaces. A kind of social knowledge on this particular object of study is sought. This same purpose is also shared by the R+D project coordinated by the editor of the volume, "New Information Technologies and Citizen Participation" (Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación. Gobierno de España), which seeks to define the valorization dynamics at work in the interaction between digital information, citizenship and local development.

Main goals of the volume are:

- To provide high level knowledge on the relation between new technologies, public space, citizenship and local development.
- To analyze significant issues in cultural policies, as well as the quality of the exchanges taking place in cultural fronts and other spaces of our current postmodern late capitalist culture. These exchanges may provoke an alteration and/or enrichment of symbolic universes and are closely connected to the use and appropriation of new technologies in projects such as urban planning or the valorization of cultural heritage.
- To discuss critically the hypothesis and theories on ciberdemocracy from the perspective of the techno and transcultural implications of new digital communications.

- To characterize the limits of knowledge on the creation of new tendencies towards social change in order to satisfy the demands of local agents. Also, to bring some theoretical insight into the contribution of new technologies to mobilize resources in favor of local development.

Prospective areas and themes of interest:

- EXOMEMORY AND TRANSCULTURAL STUDIES ON DIGITAL NETWORKS.
- COMMUNICATION, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN THE CONTEXT OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES.
- NEW CULTURAL IDENTITIES AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP.
- NETACTIVISM AND SOCIAL NETWORKS.
- E-GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT.
- SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND COLLECTIVE APPROPRIATION OF NEW INFORMATION SYSTEMS.
- THEORY AND CRITIQUE OF DIGITAL MEDIATION.
- CIBERDEMOCRACY AND THE NEW LOGICS OF POLITICAL ENUNCIATION.
- URBAN POLICIES, LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEW MEDIA.

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