**Call for Papers**

**Media narratives of insurgencies, resistance, and anti-racism in Latin America and the Caribbean**

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The mediatization of police brutality in the United States and Brazil, the violence on Afro-descendant youth in Colombia, and the disproportionate consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on racialized populations throughout the region, have made the fight against racism an imperative within our societies. Communications can take on an insurgent role in a context where hegemonic narratives of whitening and ideologies of miscegenation dehumanize Afro-descendant populations through exoticizing and subalternizing representations (Hall, 2002, 2009; Gonzales, 2018; Lundu, 2012; van Dijk, 2007). What form would an anti-racist, afrodiasporic, and insurgent communication take? This issue of the Revista Conexión seeks to make visible anti-racist narratives and communication strategies from and for the Afro-descendant diaspora in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The idea that in Latin America "we are all mestizos" (Bonilla-Silva, 2014) hides the structural racism of our societies. Given this, Afro-descendants in Latin America have created strategies to build their own narratives through media not always recognized as valid by hegemonic communication or by Eurocentric science. Culinary recipes, choreographic sequences, iconoclastic productions, percussion, religious prayers, *cumananas,* and *décimas*, are examples of counter-hegemonic communication platforms, through which Afro-descendants build educational, nutritional, ecological, religious, aesthetic, and political knowledge. For their part, the inclusion of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in our daily lives and globalization have promoted the collective action of Afro-descendants and the construction of politicized black identities. These communication platforms have served to build transnational spaces of autonomy and insurgency. Thus, Afro-descendants impact mass and non-media communications, denouncing anti-Black racism and hate speech, disputing narratives, and demanding legal changes.

In 2021, the United Nations Decade for the Afro-descendant Population completes its first five years, a year that also marks the end of the National Development Plan for the Afro-Peruvian Population and marks the bicentennial of Peru's Independence. In the last years of the 2010s, countries such as Peru and Mexico included in their national censuses a question on ethnicity that recognizes the presence of Afro-descendants; meanwhile, other countries in the region are starting new census rounds. Similarly, more countries in the American continent are adopting the proposal of Reparations for the Crime Against Humanity of the Transatlantic Traffic raised by the Insular Caribbean through CARICOM. Many of the anti-racist policies implemented in Brazil, however, are threatened with the advance of conservatism, hate speech, and the maintenance of anti-Black police violence.

With this thematic issue, we look forward to contributing theoretically and critically to the discussion in communications about anti-racism; make visible anti-racist narratives and communication strategies from and for the Afro-descendant diaspora in Latin America and the Caribbean, that explore the intersections of race, gender, class, sexuality and possible articulations with other racialized groups; discuss the representations of the Afro-descendant population in traditional and alternative media and non-mediatized communication, with special attention to activism, women and Afro-descendant LGBTQIAP + people and make a critical balance of anti-racism according to legal frameworks. We seek to gather research papers, essays, or reflections in the field of communications and their dialogue with other disciplines of the social sciences, cultural studies, humanities, and arts, in the following:

* Narratives on racism and anti-racism in mass media, content, audiences, and effects in Latin America and the Caribbean.
  + Anti-racist legislation in communications.
  + Ethnic and racial diversity in the media.
  + Representation of Afro-descendants in the media (girls, boys, adolescents, adults and older adults, women, LGBTQIAP + community).
* Non-media communication strategies: critical and social science orientations on communication in intercultural terms, and of resistance and incidence.
  + Social and racial justice; reparative politics, politics of language.
  + Deconstruction of negative stereotypes, construction of significant references.
  + Citizenship (community organizational experiences, collective action, social movements, and Afro-diasporic community leadership).
* Intersectional and comparative studies in counter-hegemonic communication.
* Politics of identity, discourse, power, Afro-diaspora.
* Narratives from black and decolonial feminisms.

We will receive unpublished and original articles in Spanish, Portuguese, or English. We make a special call for works by Afro-descendant activists who have produced analyzes on anti-racism from counter-hegemonic spaces and writing formats (collaborative, participatory action research, etc.). Likewise, we place special emphasis on inviting works that address anti-racist communication narratives of and about women or people from the LGBTQIAP + Afro-descendant community.

The deadline for receiving articles begins on September 10, 2020 and ends on March 2, 2021. The articles received will be submitted to peer review and those accepted will be published in number 15 of the magazine *Conexion*, scheduled for July 2021.

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