

Silvia Knobloch-Westerwick

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Communications expert, focusing on the politics of media

Biography

Dr. Silvia Knobloch-Westerwick has been a faculty member in the School of Communication at The Ohio State University since 2005, where she earned tenure in 2007 and received promotion to full professor in 2012. After receiving her doctorate at the Department of Communication Research at the University of Music, Drama, and Media Hanover, Germany, in 1999, she worked at institutions in the United States and Germany as a post-doctoral fellow (U of Alabama), visiting professor (U of Michigan, TU Dresden), and assistant professor (U of California, Davis). Dr. Knobloch-Westerwick serves as co-editor of Communication Research, a flagship journal of communication science. She has also served as managing editor of Media Psychology (2012-16) and as Graduate Studies Director (2014-15) in the School of Communication at The Ohio State University, as well as chair of the International Communication Association nomination committee (2013-2015). She is a member of the editorial boards of Journal of Communication, Communication Theory, Media Psychology, and Health Communication. Dr. Knobloch-Westerwick's research examines the selection, processing, and effects of mediated communication. A key thread in her work pertains to antecedents and consequences of selective exposure to mediated messages. Her publications include three books; the latest monograph came out in 2015. Further, she has 33 peer-reviewed publications in flagship journals of the communication discipline (CR, JoC, HCR), in addition to about 40 publications in other peer-reviewed journals and 29 book chapters (per November 2016, published or in press).

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing, Media - Broadcast, Media - Online, Media - Print

Areas of Expertise

Media Selection, New Media, Political Communication, Health Communication, News, Entertainment

Education

University of Music, Drama, & Media - Hannover, Germany
Ph.D. Journalism and Communication Research

University of Music, Drama, & Media - Hannover, Germany
M.A. Communication

Leibniz-Akademie, Hannover, Germany
B.A. Business Administration

Accomplishments

Doris Gildea Morgan Scholarship Award for Senior Graduate Research
Awarded by the Ohio State University

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