# Strategic Corporate Communication in the Digital Age



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#### **Endorsements**

Digital communications are increasingly central to the process of building trust, reputation and support. It's as true for companies selling products as it is for politicians canvasing for votes. This book provides a framework for understanding and using online media and will be required reading for serious students of communication.

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# **Preface**

This authoritative book features a broad spectrum of theoretical and empirical contributions on topics relating to corporate communications in the digital age. It is a premier reference source and a valuable teaching resource for course instructors of advanced, undergraduate and postgraduate courses in marketing and communications. It comprises 14 engaging and timely chapters that appeal to today's academic researchers including doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers, early career academics as well as seasoned researchers. All chapters include an abstract, an introduction, the main body with headings and subheadings, conclusions and research implications. They were written in a critical and discursive manner to entice the curiosity of their readers.

Chapter 1 provides a descriptive overview of different online technologies and presents the findings from a systematic review on corporate communication and digital media. Mark Anthony Camilleri (2020) implies that institutions and organizations ought to be credible and trustworthy in their interactive, dialogic communications during day-to-day operations as well as in crisis situations, if they want to reinforce their legitimacy in society. Chapter 2 clarifies the importance of trust and belonging in individual and organizational relationships. Kelly-Ann Allen, Gert Tinggaard Sven, Syed Marwan, and Gökmen Arslan (2020) suggest that trust nurtures social interactions that can ultimately lead to significant improvements in corporate communication and other benefits for organizations. Chapter 3 identifies key dimensions for dialogic communication through social media. Paul Capriotti, Ileana Zeler, and Mark Anthony Camilleri (2020) put forward a conceptual framework that clarifies how organizations can enhance their dialogic communications through interactive technologies. Chapter 4 explores the marketing communication managers' interactive engagement with the digital media. Mark Anthony Camilleri and Pedro Isaias suggest that the pace of technological innovation, perceived usefulness, ease of use of online technologies as well as social influences are significant antecedents for the businesses' engagement with the digital media. Chapter 5 explains that the Balanced Scorecard's (BSC) performance management tools can be used to support corporate communication practitioners in their stakeholder engagement. Cidália Oliveira, Adelaide Martins, Mark Anthony Camilleri, and Shital Jayantilal (2020) imply that practitioners can use BSC's metrics to align their communication technologies, including big data analytics, with organizational strategy and performance management, in the digital era. Chapter 6 focuses on UK universities' corporate communications through Twitter. Emmanuel Mogaji, Josue Kuika Watat, Sunday Adewale Olaleye, and Dandison Ukpabi find that British universities are increasingly using this medium to attract new students, to retain academic employees and to promote their activities and events. Chapter 7 investigates the use of mobile learning (m-learning) technologies for corporate training. Ashley Butler, Mark Anthony Camilleri, Andrew Creed, and Ambika Zutshi (2020) shed light on key contextual factors that can have an effect on the successful delivery of continuous professional development of employees through mobile technologies.

Chapter 8 evaluates the effects of influencer marketing on consumer-brand engagement on Instagram. Inês Rios Marques, Beatriz Casais, and Mark Anthony Camilleri (2020) identify two types of social media influencers. Chapter 9 explores in-store communications of large-scale retailers. Sabina Riboldazzi and Antonella Capriello (2020) use an omni-channel approach as they integrate traditional and digital media in their theoretical model for informative, in-store communications. Chapter 10 indicates that various corporations are utilizing different social media channels for different purposes. Ciro Troise and Mark Anthony Camilleri (2020) contend that they are using them to promote their products or services and/or to convey commercial information to their stakeholders. Chapter 11 appraises the materiality of the corporations' integrated disclosures of financial and nonfinancial performance. Pablo Rodríguez-Gutiérrez (2020) identifies the key determinants for the materiality of integrated reports. Chapter 12 describes various electronic marketing (e-marketing) practices of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises in India. Tejinderpal Singh, Raj Kumar, and Prateek Kalia (2020) conclude that Indian owner-managers are not always engaging with their social media followers in a professional manner. Chapter 13 suggests that there is scope for small enterprises to use Web 2.0 technologies and associated social media applications for branding, advertising and corporate communication. Oluwasola Oni (2020) maintains that social media may be used as a marketing communications tool to attract customers and for internal communications with employees. Chapter 14 sheds light on the online marketing tactics that are being used for corporate communication purposes. Mohammad Hajarian, Mark Anthony Camilleri, Paloma Díaz, and Ignacio Aedo (2020) outline different online channels including one-way and two-way communication technologies.

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