

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS FOR THE SPECIAL EDITION 40 YEARS OF THE SPIRAL OF SILENCE

It was in 1972 when Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann first outlined the main features of the theory of the spiral of silence at the 20th International Congress of Psychology in Tokyo. Forty years later, in the year 2012, the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* is planning to publish a special edition of the *Journal* focusing on the theory. Guest editor is Dr. Thomas Petersen.

What significance did the spiral of silence theory have for the social sciences in the past and what is its significance today? How did the theory influence the development of the field? Which elements of the theory have been empirically confirmed and which have not? Does the theory continue to be relevant today or are there elements that are either outdated from today's perspective or which need to be developed or investigated further? These are just some of the questions that could be addressed in the planned special edition.

Researchers from around the world who deal with the spiral of silence are thus cordially invited to submit articles, including both theoretical discussions and papers focusing on empirical studies. Please submit your manuscript to the IJPOR website at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijpor>—and remember to mark your manuscript as being intended for the “Special Edition Spiral of Silence.” The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2011.