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### **Editorial Review**

#### Review

Combining new evidence with old, Oliver Boyd-Barrett's masterful exploration of the history and contemporary status of media imperialism highlights the fact that its obituary was premature. Its specific contours may have changed but Disney and Time Warner along with Google and Facebook and a smattering of regional media behemoths exercise the power to make agendas including the legitimisation of conquest through war and other means. This is a significant and timely book.

(Pradip Ninan Thomas 2014-10-15)

Boyd-Barrett brings together a remarkably wide array of media experiences and practices from around the planet, and invites us to look closely at their power, viewed on differing levels through the critical lens of 'imperialism'.

(John D.H. Downing 2014-03-11)

Oliver Boyd-Barrett's *Media Imperialism* is both a sweeping and accessible introduction to the topic as well as a highly provocative assessment of a large range of issues concerning media and politics. As absurd as this sounds for a book of this nature, I found it difficult to put down. This is an ideal book for students.

(Robert W. McChesney)

#### About the Author

Dr. Oliver Boyd-Barrett joined Bowling Green State University's School of Communication Studies as Director in 2005, a position he held for three years before deciding to return to faculty in the Department of Journalism. His current research interests include international and national news agencies, news media and the "war on terror," and Hollywood representations of the intelligence community. He was previously Professor of Communication at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California, and has held various appointments at universities in the United Kingdom. Dr. Boyd-Barrett has published extensively on educational and management communications, international news media, and the political economy of mass communication. He is founding chair of the division for Global Communication and Social Change in the International Communication Association.

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