Abstract

This study is a content analysis of a Chinese newspaper’s (People’s Daily) economic news about Latin American economy. It is informed by previous studies about US economic news on the relationship between economic news and economic reality. The purpose of the study is to examine whether previous theories are applicable in international economic news coverage and to reveal possible new factors that influence economic news framing. The result shows that the alleged “accuracy” of economic news is not assumable in People’s Daily, and instead of variables representing economic reality, other variables such as Export Value and a nation’s political stance may be related to economic news framing. This suggests that the examination of international economic news can be far different from and more complex than that of domestic economic news. Theories and analytical framework from the field of international political economy need to be inquired for future research on this topic.