## List of Abbreviations

AP Associated Press

BBC British Broadcasting Corporation

CNN Cable News Network

ECT electronic colonialism theory

EU European Union GNP gross national product

ICANN Internet Corporation for Assigning Names and Numbers

IMF International Monetary Fund

INCD International Network for Cultural Development

Intelsat International Telecommunications Satellite Organization IPDC International Program for the Development of Communication

ITU International Telecommunication Union

LDC less-developed country

MENA Middle East and North Africa NGO nongovernmental organization NIEO New International Economic Order

NWICO New World Information and Communication Order OPEC Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

TQM total quality management
TWE Time Warner Entertainment

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

UPI United Press International
USE United States of Europe
WMD weapon of mass destruction

WSIS World Summit on the Information Society

WST world-system theory

WTO World Trade Organization