

**Goldsmiths Media Research Programme:
Spaces, Connections, Control**

Inaugural Symposium: The Futures of the News

Ben Pimlott Lecture Theatre, Goldsmiths, University of London

Saturday, November 24, 2007

9.30-10.00 Registration

10.00-10.15 Welcome: James Curran (Goldsmiths)

10.15-11.15 Session 1: Media Industry Panel

Chair: Peter Lee-Wright (Goldsmiths)

“The end of the news as we’ve known it”

Martin Turner (Head of Operations, BBC Newsgathering)

“The Ten Most Discussed Topics at Times Online”

Anne Spackman (Editor-in-Chief, Times Online)

“Good news, bad news; new news, future news”

John Glover (Senior Programme Executive, Ofcom)

11.15-11.45 Refreshments

11.45-13.00 Session 2: International Dimensions of News

Chair: Nick Couldry (Goldsmiths)

“The world we are losing: the context of new media change”

James Curran (Goldsmiths)

"News as national soft power: the emerging global English-language channels"

Annabelle Sreberny (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)

“Spinning the Net: *Manga*, Blog-sites and the Spectacle of the ‘Anti-Korean Wave’ in Japan”

Nicola Liscutin (Birkbeck College, University of London)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.15 Session 3: Spaces of the News

Chair: James Curran

“Making sense of making news in a digital age: Journalism and democracy”

Natalie Fenton (Goldsmiths)

“360 Degrees of Separation – the BBC’s new network theories”

Peter Lee-Wright (Goldsmiths)

“Comparing the Influences and Uses of New and Old News Media Inside the Parliamentary Public Sphere”

Aeron Davis (Goldsmiths)

“The Spaces of News project: Examining the future of the news”

Tamara Witschge (Goldsmiths)

15.15-15.45 Refreshments

15.45-16.45 Session 4: Political Journalism and Political Blogging in Comparison

Chair: Aeron Davis

Panel: Nicholas Jones (Freelance Journalist/Author), Michael White (The Guardian), Alex Hilton (Recess Monkey and LabourHome), Paul Staines (Guido Fawkes)

16.45-17.30 Keynote

“Location, Location, Location: Persons, Addresses, and Factuality in the Public Sphere”

Michael Schudson (Columbia University and University of California, San Diego)

17.30-19.00 Reception