

Call for Papers

The Future of Journalism

9th and 10th September 2009

The second *Journalism Practice* and *Journalism Studies* conference to be hosted by the Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies and supported by Routledge, Taylor and Francis, will focus on the topic: **The Future of Journalism**. We invite contributions from the international community of scholars of journalism studies as well as journalism practitioners, journalism educators and trainers, media executives, trade unionists and media regulators.

The environments in which journalists work - across the various media platforms of print, radio, television and online - are changing rapidly in response to innovations in technology, increasingly competitive and fragmenting markets for readers and audiences, government media policy and changing audience requirements for news and the ways in which it is presented and delivered. These changes are impacting on journalists' employment, their perceptions of their professional roles, their professional values and their day-to-day journalism practice. A growing army of citizen journalists now deliver copy for all media platforms, while new media technologies, the changing structures of the global news industries, combined with more competitive markets for advertising revenues are changing radically the ways in which journalism organisations and media businesses function. In these fast-moving times, journalism faces huge challenges and opportunities, although these are shaped, given additional impetus and direction, or slowed down by the distinctive journalism cultures and markets which prevail in different regions of the world.

PLENARY SPEAKERS will be **James Curran** (Professor of Communications at Goldsmith's College, University of London and Director of Goldsmith's Media Research Programme) and **Bettina Peters** (Director of the Global Forum for Media Developments and previously Director of Programmes at the European Journalism Centre and Deputy General Secretary of the International Federation of Journalists). Both speakers will address the theme of **The Future of Journalism**.

Proposals for Papers are invited on the following broad themes:

- The Future of Journalism: Perspectives from different countries/continents);
- The Future of Journalism: New media technologies, blogs, citizen journalism and UGC;
- The Future of Journalism: Business trends and developments;
- The Future of Journalism: Implications and developments for journalism practice;
- The Future of Journalism; Broadcast and print journalism;
- The Future of Journalism; the employment, education and training of journalists;
- The Future of Journalism; Journalism ethics.

Titles and abstracts for papers (250 words max) and proposals for panels of related papers, should be emailed (by 9 January 2009) to Bob Franklin at journalismstudies@press.uk.net Please indicate which of the seven key themes listed above your paper addresses. All abstracts and papers will be reviewed by a panel of specialists and members of the Editorial Board. A selection of papers will be published as special issues of *Journalism Practice* and *Journalism Studies* in April 2010. At the 2007 Future of Newspapers conference, 65 of the 110 submitted papers were presented at Conference and 27 were published in *Journalism Studies* and *Journalism Practice*.

The plenary speakers

James Curran is Professor of Communications at Goldsmith's College University of London where he is Director of the Goldsmith's Media Research Programme. James has held a personal Chair at Goldsmith's since 1989 along with endowed visiting chairs at Penn, Stanford, Stockholm and Oslo Universities. He has been a member of the Annenberg Press Commission, USA and is currently the UK representative on the European Commission Committee promoting research on broadcasting in Central and Eastern Europe. He has written or edited eighteen books including *Power Without Responsibility*, *Media and Cultural Theory*, *Mass Media and Society*, *Contesting Media Power*; *Alternative Media in A Networked World* and *Media and Power*.

Bettina Peters is the Director of the Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD) a network of 500 media assistance organisations from around the globe. Before joining GFMD, Bettina worked as Director of Programmes at the European Journalism Centre with responsibility for EJC's programme of journalism training, especially in the Middle East/North Africa and Eastern Europe. From 1990 until 2002 Bettina worked at the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) as European Coordinator and then Deputy General Secretary. She holds a Master's degree in Politics and Journalism from the University of Hamburg and has edited a range of publications including a global survey of women in journalism, the EJC Handbook on Civic Journalism and the Handbook on Human Rights Reporting in Africa.

Guidelines for submitting proposals for papers and panels

Research Based Papers - Abstracts of 250 words should be emailed by 9th January 2009 and addressed to Bob Franklin at journalismstudies@press.uk.net. The abstract should be submitted in Word or RTF format and be accompanied by the author(s) names(s), institutional affiliation, as well as the address, telephone and email of the lead author.

Panel Submissions – Panel proposals should be headed with the Panel Title, the proposed list of participants, their institutional affiliations and email contacts, plus a description of the Convenor's ambitions for the Panel and the titles of individual papers. (All paper givers must also submit an abstract for their paper, as above, stating the panel at which they wish to present.) The Conference welcomes proposals for panels on any aspect of the theory and practice of journalism studies which focuses on any of the seven themes within the broad rubric of **The Future of Journalism**.

Submission of complete papers

Papers will be selected on the basis on submitted Abstracts and authors will be notified of the decision by 31 March 2009. Fully worked papers will be required by 31 July 2009 and will be posted on the Conference website accessible only to delegates ahead of the Conference. Submitted papers should be research based and approximately 5000 words or 15 double typed A4 sheets. All referencing should follow Harvard conventions and be submitted in the house style of *Journalism Studies* and *Journalism Practice* – brief style points are available on the inside cover of the journals.

Please send Abstracts and proposals for Panels to Bob Franklin, Editor *Journalism Studies* and *Journalism Practice* at journalismstudies@press.uk.net

The deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday 9th January 2009
(Authors will be informed of the decision by 31 March 2009)