CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE (1-2 SEPTEMBER 2011)
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Media, communication and democracy: global and national environments

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The Conference is being jointly organized by the School of Media and Communication and the European Union Centre (at RMIT University, Australia) and MDCEE (Media and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe, an ERC-funded interdisciplinary research project based at the University of Oxford, UK).

We would like to invite researchers working on media, communication and democracy in the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe, the Asia Pacific region, Latin America or Africa (including post-socialist societies and transitional political entities, or on new democratic forms and formations), to submit paper abstracts of up to 500 words by 28 February 2011. Some funding towards travel, accommodation and subsistence to attend the Conference will be available for successful applicants. Final copy of selected papers will be due by 29 February 2012, for inclusion in a special issue of Communication, Politics & Culture (Issue 45.1) in July 2012.

Proposals are welcome from any discipline and from both theoretical and empirical (qualitative and quantitative) perspectives. We will consider proposals from all regions and countries but favour a focus on the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe, the Asia Pacific region, Latin America or Africa.

The Conference will be organised around the following areas:

- Class, property, markets and money: the social environment of communication and democracy
- Re-thinking the relations between media and democracy: institutions, organizations, representations, scales of government
- The changing practices and relations of journalism: towards democratic affordances?

Themes to be explored may include:

National media and globalisation · Class, democracy and the media · Media ownership and democracy · Political advertising · Media policies and media politics · Populism and democracy in new media · Religion, media and democracy · Technology and journalism as a profession · Public interest journalism · Media and political parties · Journalism in the global news world · Democracy and transformation of public spaces · Citizen journalism · Political blogging and the rhetorics of democracy · Changing political control of the media · Media, location and culture · Objectivity, impartiality and the governance of journalism · Media and elites · E-government and Government 2.0

Submissions of up to 500 words, double spaced and in word format, are to be e-mailed to: eucentre@rmit.edu.au

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