Welcome to the inaugural Department of Media and Communication Research News Bulletin. The primary purpose of this bulletin is to provide awareness and information on recent and forthcoming staff research and opportunities to those who are interested in the activities of the Department. I hope those who read it will find useful.

We welcome feedback and if you have any questions and suggestions, please email Al Challis, Research Administrator, Department of Media and Communications a.r.challis@lse.ac.uk

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RECENT AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS


Articulating Dissent analyses the new communicative strategies of coalition protest movements and how these impact on a mainstream media unaccustomed to fractured articulations of dissent.

Pollyanna Ruiz shows how coalition protest movements against austerity, war and globalisation build upon the communicative strategies of older single issue campaigns such as the anti-criminal justice bill protests and the women’s peace movement.


The recent eruption of popular protests across North Africa and the Middle East has reopened academic debate on the meaning and strategies of resistance in the 21st century.

This book argues that Western notions of state and civil society provide only a limited understanding of how power and resistance operate in the African context, where informality is central to the way both state officials and citizens exercise agency.
ARTICLES


BOOK CHAPTERS


REPORTS


RECENT FUNDING AWARDS

*Sonia Livingstone*’s new grant, *Preparing for a Digital Future*, is part of *Connected Learning*, a way to approach education in the 21st century that takes advantage of today's abundance of information and social connection, and recipient of a $4.9 million grant. Read the full press release [here](#).

RECENTLY SUBMITTED FUNDING PROPOSALS

*Sonia Livingstone* and *Leslie Haddon* have recently submitted a collaborative research bid to the Australian Research Council with the working title: *Toddlers and tablets: exploring the risks and benefits 0-5s face online* with colleagues from Edith Cowan University and the Dublin Institute of Technology.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Open Calls

Research Fellowships

*Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: Individual fellowships*

The aim of the Individual Fellowships scheme is to support the mobility of researchers within and beyond Europe as well as helping to attract the best foreign researchers to work in the EU. The scheme is open to experienced researchers who hold a doctoral degree or have four years’ equivalent research experience.

There are two types of grants available: European Fellowships are held in EU Member States or Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to or moving within Europe while Global Fellowships support a
secondment to a country outside Europe with a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host. The European Fellowships will include a panel for researchers reintegrating into Europe which will be of interest to EU nationals who have recently joined the School following a period outside the EU.

The fellowships provide a monthly living and mobility allowance together with a contribution to training expenses and overheads. Fellowships are open to researchers in all disciplines.

**Deadline:** 11th September 2014

**Further information:**

**Other Opportunities**

**AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Awards**

The aim of these awards is to encourage and develop collaboration and partnerships between Higher Education Institution departments and non-HEI organisations and businesses. The awards provide opportunities for doctoral students to gain experience of work outside the university environment. Any topic within the AHRC’s subject domain is eligible. Selection of successful applications will not be subject to quota systems and there are no priority areas, however, PhD proposals which address AHRC’s research themes are encouraged.

*If you are interested in applying to this call, please contact the Research Division as there is a cap on the number of applications the School can submit*

**Deadline:** 9th July 2014

**Further information:** http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/Funding-Opportunities/Pages/Collaborative-Doctoral-Awards.aspx

**Future Calls**

**Research Grants**

**European Research Council Advanced Grants Scheme**

This scheme supports established independent research leaders to conduct innovative, high-risk projects that open up new directions in their research fields or other areas. The scheme is open to all disciplines and the sole evaluation criterion is the excellence of researcher and research proposal. Funding of up to €2.5m is available for projects of up to 5 years.

**Deadline:** 21st October 2014 (the call will be published on 17th June)

**Further Details:** http://erc.europa.eu/advanced-grants

**Responsive Mode Funding**

**Research Grants**

**AHRC Standard Research Grants**

These grants provide between £50,000 and £1,000,000 fEC for collaborative research projects of up to 5 years’ duration. Proposed projects should involve both a principal investigator and at least one co-investigator who must each commit at least 4 hours a week to the project. Projects may be based at a single institution or a number of institutions. The AHRC are currently piloting a scheme which allows the inclusion of international co-investigators, this will run until 31st December 2014.

There is also an Early Career Route for the scheme which provides between £20,000 and £250,000 fEC for projects of up to 5 years’ duration. To be eligible for the scheme, applicants must be within 8 years of the award of their PhD or equivalent professional training or within 6 years of their first academic appointment.

**Further details – Standard Route:** http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/Funding-Opportunities/Pages/Research-Grants---Standard-Route.aspx
ESRC Standard Research Grants
The ESRC’s standard research grants scheme provides awards ranging from £200,000 to £2 million fEC for research projects of up to 5 years’ duration in any subject area within the ESRC’s remit. The inclusion of international co-investigators is welcome.

Further information: http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/3717/research-grants.aspx

The Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grants
These awards support innovative and original research projects of high quality and potential, on any topic in any discipline. The Trust favours proposals which reflect the personal vision of the applicant, demonstrate strong research design, transcend traditional disciplinary academic boundaries and involve risk in setting research objectives. Research Project Grants may be held for up to five years for a maximum sum of £500,000. 75% of the resources must be used to fund research staff to work on the project with the principal investigator; the costs of teaching replacement can also be claimed. There is no deadline for outline applications.

Further details: http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/RPG/RPG.cfm

Fellowships
AHRC Research Leadership Fellows Scheme
This scheme has recently been renamed to emphasize the need for applicants to give equal consideration to research and leadership. The scheme provides time for research leaders, or potential future research leaders, to conduct individual research alongside collaborative activities which have the potential to generate a transformative impact on their subject area and beyond. In addition to demonstrating support for high quality, world leading research and associated outputs, proposals must include collaborative activities to support the development of the Fellow’s capacity for research leadership in the arts and humanities.

The Fellowships scheme provides salary and associated costs for periods of between 6 and 18 months. Proposals with a full economic cost of between £50,000 and £250,000 may be submitted.

Proposals may be for research at a range of stages of development, provided that the Fellowship will lead to substantial high quality research outputs. Please note that applicants will need to have been in their current post for at least a year at the time of submission.

There is also an Early Career Route for the scheme which provides Fellowships of between 6 and 24 months. To be eligible for the scheme, applicants must be within 8 years of the award of their PhD or equivalent professional training or within 6 years of their first academic appointment and have at least two years' postdoctoral experience in the academic/research environment.

Further details – Standard Route: http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/Funding-Opportunities/Pages/Fellowships.aspx
Further details – Early Career Route: http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/Funding-Opportunities/Pages/Fellowships---Early-Career-Researchers.aspx

Networking
AHRC Networking Scheme
The Research Networking Scheme supports forums for the discussion and exchange of ideas on a specified thematic area, issue or problem. The intention is to facilitate interactions between researchers and stakeholders through a short-term series of workshops, seminars, networking activities or other events. Proposals for full economic costs of up to £30,000 for a period of up to two years may be submitted and an additional £15,000 is available for networks involving international participation.
Further details: http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/Funding-Opportunities/Pages/Research-Networking.aspx

The Leverhulme Trust International Networks Scheme
Leverhulme Trust International Networks enable a UK-based principal investigator to lead a research project on a significant research theme which is dependent on international collaboration. Networks must involve at least 2 and a maximum of 7 or more relevant overseas institutions and a maximum of 7 institutions can be involved in the network. This scheme provides up to £125,000 for travel and subsistence costs and the salary of an administrator for networks of up to three years’ duration. Outline applications can be submitted at any time.

Further details: http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/IN/IN.cfm

LSE RESEARCH ONLINE PERFORMANCE DATA
The Department continues to perform well in the uploading of full text versions of academic publications into LSE Research Online (LSERO) and this is reflected in the download figures for the period August 2013 to April 2014 as the table below indicates.

Table 1
In addition, the Department has the highest download figures of any department in the School as can be seen below in Table 2 over the same time period (Aug 2013–April 2014). This coincides with the Department also having the highest percentage (43%) of full-text items in LSERO, with the next nearest department being Social Psychology (36%).
Table 2

If you wish to deposit into your research into the LSERO repository, please email Al Challis a.r.challis@lse.ac.uk with a peer-reviewed, pre-published version (PDF/MS Word) of your publication, along with full citation details. Alternatively, you can email Lucy Ayre (Manager, LSERO) and her team directly lseresearchonline@lse.ac.uk if you have any queries.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Media and Communications PhD Symposium

Power in Media and Communications: Change or Continuity?

Date: Thursday 5 June 2014, 09:00–18:00

Venue: Graham Wallis Room, Old Building, LSE

The role and distribution of power is a central issue to media and communications studies. However, there is room for debate as to whether various forms of media, media institutions, mediation practices and communications labour demonstrate substantively new forms of power or if they are simply more recent manifestations of established systems.

The symposium is particularly geared towards PhD students in the early stages of their research. The emphasis will be on thoughtful discussion and engagement with fellow PhD students, along with feedback from leading academics at the LSE Department of Media and Communications. This year’s keynote speech will be given by Professor Nick Couldry.

The symposium will take place on Thursday 5 June 2014 from 09:00 to 18:00, and will consist of four panels. Each panellist will present their research in 15 minutes, with talks followed by a Q&A session.