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A Message from the Media Futures Organising Committee

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Media Futures conference, the conference marking the 20th Anniversary of the Department of Media and Communications at the LSE.

We are excited to host this event – an opportunity for many intellectual exchanges and lively debates involving many colleagues from around the world. We hope that you find the event both inspiring and useful, whether you are a student, a researcher, or a practicing professional.

The conference theme is Media Futures. It is our intention to address both the critiques of the present and to consider and imagine alternative pathways. We are living in turbulent and increasingly dangerous times, which are defined and influenced by the things we study and research, namely media, communication infrastructures, algorithms, and data. Faced with an uncertain future, we can discern both dystopian and optimistic scenarios. In the former, we need critique and values to validate those critiques. Regarding the latter, alternative imaginaries of hope, social justice and solidarity need to be developed or indeed rejuvenated.

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors, invited speakers, reviewers, authors, volunteers and all participants for making this event a memorable one. We are looking forward to an exciting two days of sharing ideas and visions with friends from all over the world.

Key Information

- View the conference outline and abstracts at: lse.ac.uk/mediafutures
- The LSE Campus Map is available at: lse.ac.uk/lse-information/campus-map.
- If you need any assistance please approach a volunteer, who will be wearing a T-shirt with our logo.
- For security queries, approach the Reception Desk at both the Cheng Kin Ku Building (CKK) (previously New Academic Building) and the Marshall Building on the Ground Floor.
- During the registration you will receive a name badge. Please remember to always keep your badge on, as this will be your security clearance for all LSE buildings including the conference after party.
- We kindly remind everyone not to interrupt speakers when they are presenting. Anyone who is disrespectful to any guest, speaker, staff, volunteer, or anyone else at the conference will be asked to leave immediately.
- Lunch will all be a mixture of meat, fish, vegetarian and vegan, with other dietary requirements catered for if participants have requested this.
- Conference participants can email media.futures@lse.ac.uk with questions, but please note that staff will be busy on the days of the conference and so may not reply straightaway.
- **Note:** from Monday 12 June, the New Academic Building (NAB) will be officially renamed to Cheng Kin Ku Building (CKK).

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- **General queries about the conference:** email media.futures@lse.ac.uk
- **COVID Measures on Campus:** There are no COVID restrictions in the UK, but we all have a role in supporting our community and protecting vulnerable individuals. Conference participants are very welcome to wear a face covering on campus, and people should be respectful of others' decisions on face covering use in all situations. If you are worried you may have COVID, please note that testing kits are widely available at most local pharmacies in the UK.

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Conference Outline

Day 1 - Thursday 15 June

Time	Event	Room
09:00-10:00	REGISTRATION	*CKK.LG
10:00-11:20	Plenary 1: Remembering Mediapolis: Media Morality and Disrupted Futures	*CKK.LG.08 (Sheikh Zayed Theatre)
11:30-13:00	SESSION 1	
	Authoritarianism and Resistance Online	PAR.LG.03
	Media, Self and Visions of Work	*CKK.LG.01 (Wolfson Theatre)
	National Public Spheres and New Media Agendas	MAR.2.08
	Media Pasts and Presents	MAR.2.10
	Humans of the Digital Society	MAR.1.09
	Nonhuman Intelligence	PAR.1.02
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	*CKK (Outside Wolfson Theatre)
14:00-15:30	SESSION 2	
	Digital Media and Feminism: Friends or Enemies	*CKK.LG.01 (Wolfson Theatre)
	What is News Now For?	PAR.LG.03
	Mediation and Political Violence	MAR.2.10
	Imagining Data Futures	MAR.2.08
	Imagining Queer Futures	MAR.1.09
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK	*CKK (Outside Wolfson Theatre)
16:00-17:30	SESSION 3	
	Violence and Truth	PAR.LG.03
	Assembling Publics	MAR.2.10
	Embedded Media	MAR.2.08
	Utopian and Dystopian Digital Futures	PAR.1.02
	Participatory Realities in Digital Times	MAR.1.09
18:30-23:00	RECEPTION AND CONFERENCE PARTY	Sway Bar, 61-65 Great Queen Street, WC2B 5BZ

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Day 2 - Friday 16 June

Time	Event	Room
09:00-10:00	REGISTRATION	*CKK.LG
10:00-11:20	Plenary 2: Imagining New Realities: A 21st Century Take on Justice	*CKK.LG.08 (Sheikh Zayed Theatre)
11:30-13:00	SESSION 4	
	Voice and Rights	PAR.LG.03
	Representing and Protesting	MAR.2.08
	The Variety of Platforms	PAR.2.03
	Global Journalism	MAR.1.09
	The Digital Border	MAR.2.10
	Media Children, Mediated Families	*CKK.LG.01 (Wolfson Theatre)
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	*CKK (Outside Wolfson Theatre)
14:00-15:30	SESSION 5	
	Global Audiences and Counter-Practices	MAR.2.08
	Exploiting Life Through Media	PAR.2.03
	Mediated Violence: Rights and Erasures	PAR.LG.03
	Digital Migration and Post-Humanitarianism	MAR.1.10
	Politics and Policies of Justice	MAR.2.10
	Imagining Media Past and Future	*CKK.LG.01 (Wolfson Theatre)
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK	*CKK (Outside Wolfson Theatre)
16:00-17:30	CLOSING PLENARY: Contentious Trajectories: Future Paths for Media and Communications	*CKK.LG.08 (Sheikh Zayed Theatre)

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Plenary Speakers

REMEMBERING MEDIAPOLIS: MEDIA MORALITY AND DISRUPTED FUTURES



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IMAGINING NEW REALITIES: A 21ST CENTURY TAKE ON JUSTICE



LINA DENCIK
Professor in Digital
Communication and Society,
Cardiff University



YASMIN EL-RIFAE
Writer, Editor and Producer of The
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**SEETA PEÑA
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Associate Professor, LSE

CONTENTIOUS TRAJECTORIES: FUTURE PATHS FOR MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS



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Nick Anstead and Bart Cammaerts for their contributions to our podcast series. Their insightful perspectives and engaging storytelling have captivated our audience, making each episode a memorable experience. We are truly grateful for their commitment. Emma Goodman for her leadership in the blog series and to Ava Waugh and Anandita Malhotra for their valuable contributions to the series. Additionally, we would like to express our gratitude to Zeashan Ashraf (@zeashashraf on Instagram) for his outstanding work as the conference photographer.

We extend our gratitude to the diligent organising committee, professional services staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring the smooth execution of every aspect of the conference. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed and have been essential to the overall success of the event. Last but not least, we would like to thank all the conference attendees. Your active participation and engaging discussions have made this conference truly remarkable.

Together, we have celebrated 20 years of excellence, collaboration, and progress. We hope that the connections made, knowledge shared, and experiences gained during this conference will continue to have a lasting impact. Once again, thank you for being a part of it. We are grateful for your contributions and look forward to continued collaboration in the years to come.

Conference Outline

Scan the QR codes on a phone or tablet to access abstracts and the conference outline.



Abstracts





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