



## Summer Research Bulletin

Welcome to the Department of Media and Communications **Summer Research Bulletin**. The primary purpose of this bulletin is to provide awareness and information on recent and forthcoming research and opportunities to those who are interested in the activities of the department.

We welcome feedback and if you have any questions and suggestions, don't hesitate to email **James Deeley**, Research Administrator, Department of Media and Communications [j.a.deeley@lse.ac.uk](mailto:j.a.deeley@lse.ac.uk).

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### Recent Publications



**Haddon, Leslie** and **Vincent, Jane** (2015) *UK children's experience of smartphones and tablets: Perspectives from children, parents and teachers*. Net Children Go Mobile, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK.

**Couldry, Nick** (2015) *Social media: human life*. Social Media and Society, 1 (1).

**Powell, Alison** (2015) *Open culture and innovation: integrating knowledge across boundaries*. Media, Culture and Society, 37 (3). pp. 376-393.

**Carl Fridh Kleberg** (2015) *Polis* Polis Journalistfonden Fellow, *The Death of Source Protection? Protecting journalists' sources in a post-Snowden age* based on research conducted at Polis.



**Cammaerts, Bart** (2015) *Pirates on the liquid shores of liberal democracy: movement frames of European pirate parties*. Javnost - the Public, 22 (1). pp. 19-36.

**Wendy Willems** (2015). *Race and the reproduction of colonial mythologies on land: a postcolonial reading of British media discourse on Zimbabwe* (pp. 298-315). In: W. Mano (ed.), *Racism, ethnicity and media in Africa: mediating conflict in the twenty-first century*. London: I.B. Tauris.

**Chouliaraki, Lilie** (2015) *Digital witnessing in war journalism: the case of post-Arab Spring conflicts*. Popular Communication: The International Journal of Media and Culture, 13 (2).

**Driessens, Olivier** (2015) *On the epistemology and operationalisation of celebrity*. Celebrity Studies.

**Livingstone, Sonia** (2015) *From mass to social media?: advancing accounts of social change*. Social Media + Society, 1 (1). pp. 1-3.

**Banaji, Shakuntala** (2015) *Behind the high-tech fetish: children, work and media use across classes in India*. International Communication Gazette, 77 (6). (In Press)



## Research Out and About

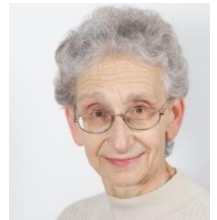
**Robin Mansell** (Faculty Professor) delivered a keynote at the **International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) conference** in Montreal 16 July titled *Imaginations of the Digital: Ambiguity, Power and the Question of Agency*, a paper in *Unpacking 'Black Boxes': Understanding Digital Intermediary Innovation* for the IAMCR Communication Policy & Technology Section of IAMCR, and a third paper on *Governing Knowledge Societies: Competing Models and Norms* for the Governance and Public Service Media in Knowledge Societies.



**Svenja Ottovordemgentschenfelde** (PhD Researcher) was awarded an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre PhD Partnership Exchange Bursary. From April - July 2015, she spent three months at the National University of Singapore (NUS) and worked with **Dr Elmie Nekmat** of the Department of Communications and New Media on her doctoral research project.

**Claire Milne** (Visiting Senior Fellow) will be presenting a keynote at the **ACCAN (Australian Communications Consumer Action Network) National Conference**

2015. Claire will be extending earlier work on telecoms affordability, and, gathering data from websites on terms and conditions for mobile prepayment, and would welcome help with websites in non-Western European languages. The work is unpaid but assistance will be acknowledged.



On 13 May, **Shani Orgad** (Faculty Associate Professor) gave a keynote lecture at the **Myth(s) in the Social Sciences and Humanities** conference at The University of York. The lecture focused on media representations of immigration and was entitled: 'The Others are Coming: Ambivalent and incomplete imaginings beyond dreams and nightmares.'

**Paolo Dini** (Senior Research Fellow) and **Laura Sartori** (University of Bologna) gave a presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> SASE Conference in London on 3 July, entitled **Sardex: From Parallel Currency to Institution: A Micro-Macro Case Study**.



**Keren Darmon** (PhD Researcher) presented emerging findings from her PhD project as part of a panel on **Digital Feminism at Consuming /Culture: Women and Girls in Print and Pixels**, Oxford Brookes University, 5-6 June.



The Italian translation of **Lilie Chouliaraki's** (Faculty Professor) award-winning book *The Ironic Spectator*, 'Il Spettatore Ironico' (Mimesis publications), was launched in March 2015, when she lectured extensively in Italian Universities, including Bologna and Rome.

**Angelos Kissas** (PhD Researcher) attended the ICCMTD (International Conference on Communication, Media, Technologies and Design) in Dubai in May 2015. He presented a paper entitled "Political Advertising in the crossroad of Political Pragmatism and Political Ideology".

**Nick Anstead** (Faculty Assistant Professor) spoke to the media on numerous occasions in the run-up to the General Election 2015, including The One Show, **AFP**, Associated Press, Reuters, and this interview on **Daily Politics** (from 02.36).



LSE academics have been closely involved in the ongoing process of reviewing the role, purpose and funding of the BBC and will continue to input until the BBC Charter is renewed in 2016. **Charlie Beckett** gave evidence to Parliament at the House of Commons Select Committee in April 2014. **Damian Tambini** gave evidence on 7 July 2015 to the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications, which is conducting an inquiry into the remit and funding of the BBC. In September 2015 the **LSE Media Policy Project**, in Collaboration with the BBC Trust, will hold a workshop on the future funding and scope of BBC services.

**Don't forget:** Email James at **J.A.Deeley@lse.ac.uk** if you are presenting your research to an audience outside of LSE.

## New Departmental Blog on Parenting for a Digital Future



**Sonia Livingstone** (Faculty Professor) has launched a new blog *Parenting for a Digital Future* aimed at parenting organisations, professionals and practitioners. The blog brings insights from the Department's research on parenting in the digital age, and that of other researchers around the world into current public and policy debates. Contributing to the running of project are **Alicia Blum-Ross** (ESRC Fellow) and **Svenja Ottovordemgentschenfelde** (PhD Researcher).

The P4DF team have convened an LSE-wide cross-departmental research group as well as a number of presentations over 2015. To discover more visit [www.parenting.digital](http://www.parenting.digital) and Tweet with the hashtag #P4DF.

## Forthcoming Events

### The Creative Economy: Invention of a Global Orthodoxy

Wednesday 25 November | 6.30-8pm | Hong Kong Theatre or Old Theatre

Based on his research, **Philip Schlesiger** (University of Glasgow and LSE Visiting Professor) will ask: Where did the creative economy discourse come from? Why do governments love it? Do bodies implementing creative economy policy actually work? Responding to Philip will be **Angela McRobbie** (Goldsmiths) and **Jonathan Neelands** (Creative Industries Federation).



### Making News for the New World

Thursday 12 November | 6.30-8pm | Room tbc

In this Polis public lecture, **FT Editor Lionel Barber** will discuss how the FT addresses current challenges facing news organisations and seeks an expanded role for its editorial values in a global context.



In Michaelmas Term 2015, the **Media Policy Project** will host a talk by **Sharon White**, Chief Executive of Ofcom. Sharon White took over as Chief Executive of Ofcom in March 2015. White has worked as a civil service adviser at the Prime Minister's Policy Unit and in Washington DC as a senior economist at the World Bank. She is a trained economist and studied at Cambridge University and UCL.



The Media Policy Project will also host a public lecture by Information Commissioner **Christopher Graham**. As Commissioner, Graham reports directly to Parliament, with a range of responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and related laws.



### Research Dialogues

Informal lunchtime research discussions (bring sandwiches), presented by our Faculty, Visiting Fellows and PhD Researchers. Sessions will run fortnightly on Thursdays in Weeks 1,3,5,7,9 at 12.30-2pm, beginning on 1 October (room to be confirmed). The programme will be coordinated by **Bingchun Meng**.



## The Social Theory Network

The **Social Theory Network** links the LSE Departments of Media & Communications and Sociology. It was established in early summer 2015 by **Nick Couldry** and **Olivier Driessens** (Media & Communications); together with **Nigel Dodd** and **Leon Wansleben** (Sociology). The Network provides a platform for interdisciplinary debates on social theory. It runs regular seminars and lectures with internal and external speakers, which are open to all LSE staff and PhD Researchers with an interest in social theory. Hear the most recent presentation by **Andreas Hepp** (ZeMKI, University of Bremen) and **Nick Couldry** on *The Mediated Construction of Reality: Remembering Schutz and Elias*.

## Funding Awards

**Wendy Willems** (Faculty Assistant Professor) is part of a consortium in receipt of a research grant from the Norwegian Research Council (NRC) for the project *New Media Practices in a Changing Africa* (2015-2018). The Principal investigator will be Jo Helle Valle, co-investigators: Wendy Willems, Katrien Pype, Ardis Storm-Mathisen, Letshwiti Tutwanel, M. Mogalagwe, Jean Comaroff.



**Robin Mansell** (Faculty Professor) has been awarded a two year grant to participate in the *Enhancing Life Project* supported by the Templeton Foundation, University of Chicago and Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany. Robin's project focuses on the way contemporary perspectives on technological innovation in the digital era are deeply rooted in people's imaginative lexicon, that is, in their imaginaries about how the world is, or could be. A monograph, several papers, and teaching materials will result from this project.

**Koen Leurs** (Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow) has been awarded 250,000 euros from the **NWO VENI Innovational Research Incentives funding scheme** for researchers who have recently obtained their PhD. Koen will be conducting a three-year study on 'Young connected migrants. Comparing digital practices of young asylum seekers and expatriates in the Netherlands'.



**Nick Anstead** (Faculty Assistant Professor) is in receipt of funding from the Open Society Foundations from the Media Democracy Fund for his project *Data, Democracy and Political Communication*.

## Funding Opportunities

### Open Calls

**The British Academy Newton Advanced Fellowships**

**Deadline:** 16 September 2015

**The British Academy: Newton Mobility Grants**

**Deadline:** 16 September 2015

**ESRC Future Research Leaders competition**

**Deadline:** 29 September 2015

**The Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorships**

**Deadline:** 8 October 2015

**ERC Starting Grants**

**Deadline:** 17 November 2015



### Forthcoming Calls

**British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships,**

**Opens:** 26 August, **Deadline:** 7 October 2015

**British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Grants**

**Opens:** 2 September, **Deadline:** 14 October 2015

**Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowships**

**Opens:** 1 September, **Deadline:** 12 November 2015

**Leverhulme Trust International Academic Fellowships**

**Opens:** 1 September, **Deadline:** 12 November 2015



### Research Grants (Responsive Mode Funding)

**AHRC Standard Research Grants (Standard Route: Early Career Route)**

**ESRC Standard Research Grants**

**ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative**

**The Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grants**

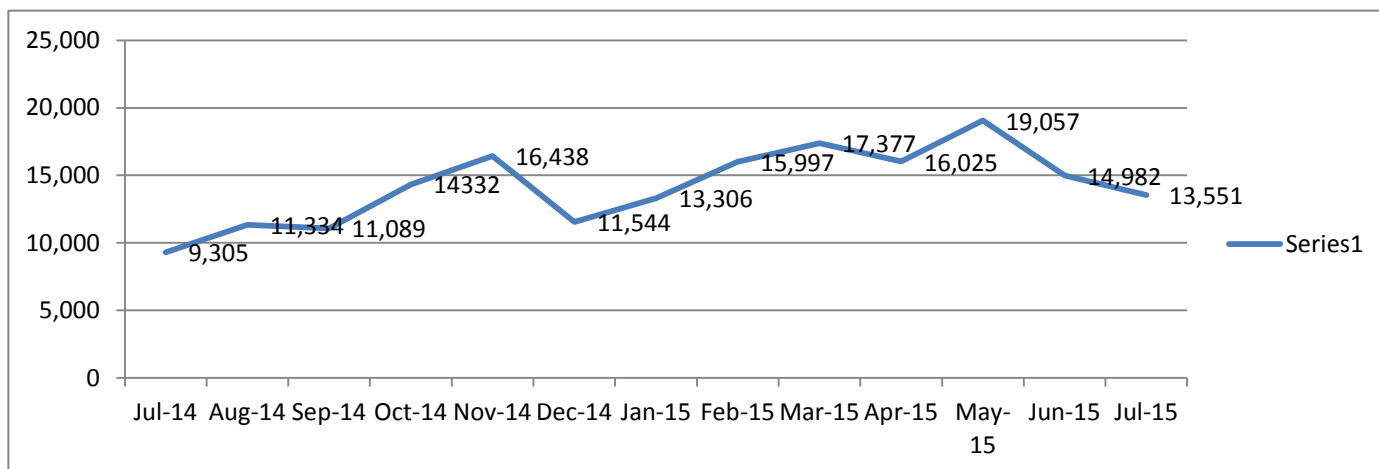


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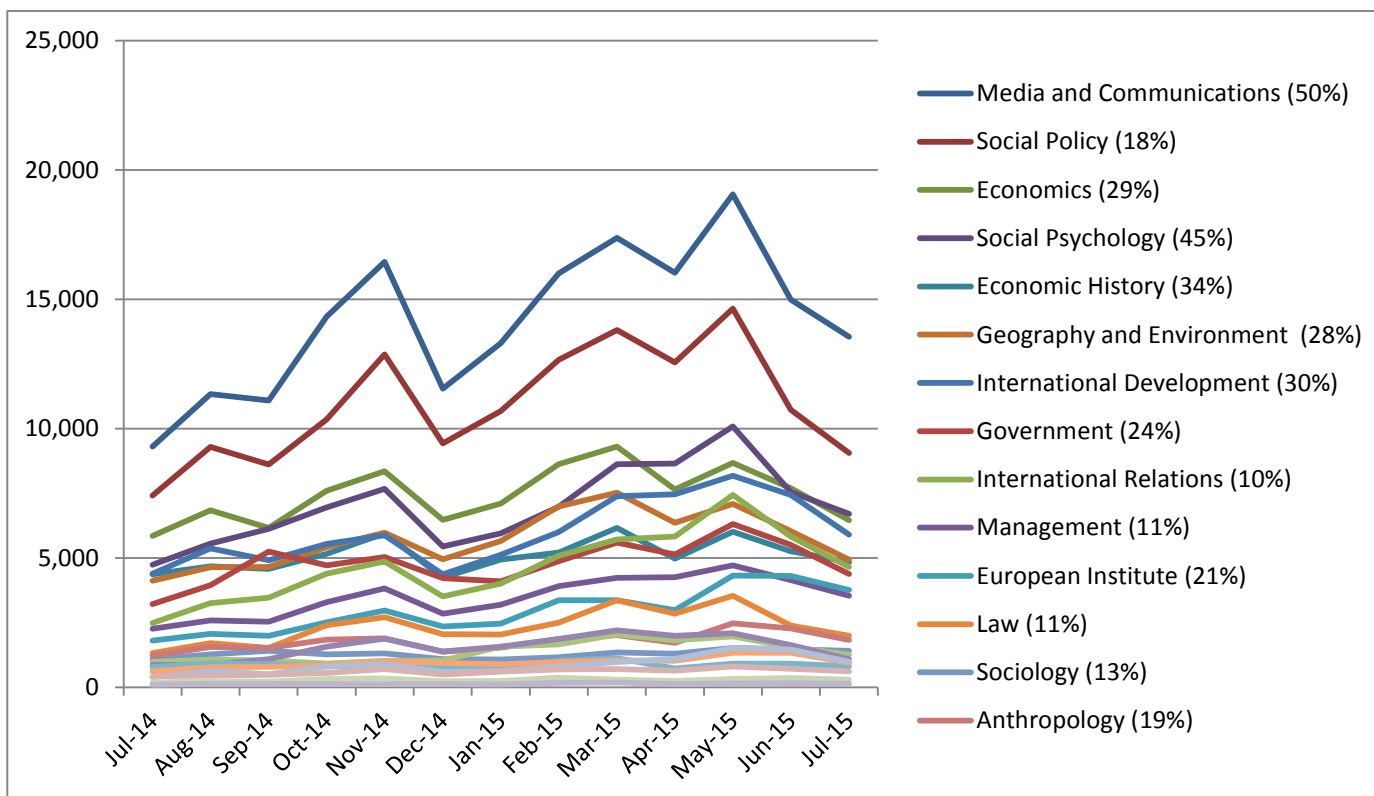
**AHRC Networking Scheme**

**The Leverhulme Trust International Networks Scheme**

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