



CALL FOR PAPERS:

Youth, Media and Communication

**A Joint Youth Study Group and Media Study Group Seminar
Liverpool John Moores University, 9 September 2009.**

The relationship between young people and media has been the subject of extensive and ongoing academic research and debate. While Stan Cohen set the tone for an ever-growing body of work on media stigmatisation of groups of young people, the CCCS sparked off debate about the extent to which youth could reject, escape or even parody dominant media messages - and conversely about the potential for media to co-opt youth styles, practices and identities. In addition to furthering debates such as these in a variety of ways, more recent theorists have focused upon the nature and role of different forms of representation within specialist youth-oriented media, while others have examined the apparently increasing range of possibilities for young people to produce and distribute their own forms of content, whether online or elsewhere. Other researchers, meanwhile, have explored the connections between young audiences and more traditional media forms, such as news programming, for example.

This event, co-organised by the BSA Youth and Media Study Groups seeks to bring together scholars with a range of interests in the relationship between young people and media. We welcome paper proposals relating to both 'new' and more traditional forms of media. Submissions may focus on a variety of areas, including questions on media representation, on youth consumption of different forms of media, on youth as media producers and on the significance of online or mobile forms of social interaction.

We encourage papers from PhD students and other new scholars as well as from established academics and would also value contributions from practitioners. The organisers will be exploring the options for publishing selected contributions.

Please submit abstracts of no more than 200 words, complete with full contact details, to Paul Hodkinson, at p.hodkinson@surrey.ac.uk, by 31 May 2009 at the latest.

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