'Digital Policy: Connectivity, Creativity and Rights'

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Centre City Campus, University of Wales, Newport
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Launch Seminar
Digital Wales: Inclusive Creativity and Economy

Led by Prof. Gillian Youngs (University of Wales, Newport), Dr Tracy Simmons (University of Leicester), Prof. William Dutton (Oxford Internet Institute), Prof. Katharine Sarikakis (University of Vienna).
Digital policy is currently high on political, communications and commercial agendas. Controversial areas such as copyright infringement, the future and functions of public service content, and the role of Ofcom are core issues. In the longer term the potential for economic transformations and growth through the digital economy, including the development of new skills, technological and industrial innovation and creativity, are at stake. This seminar series aims to bring together a distinctive mix of academic researchers at all levels, including research students, with policymakers and practitioners to focus on three key areas: connectivity, creativity and rights. The series aims to explore questions such as: What kind of digital future is envisaged in Britain? Who continues to be left out or at risk in this digital future? What can be done to overcome major technical, knowledge and skills barriers to this? What new kinds of creativity and innovation are being unleashed by digital change and how can these be expanded? How is the public service ethos being tested and enhanced in the digital environment? The series will consider connectivity from social and skills-based as well as infrastructural and technical perspectives.

Programme

10:00 am	Registration. Tea and Coffee.
10.30am – 11:00am	Welcome.
	Stephen Hagen, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Derek Lawther Dean of the School of Art, Media and Design.

Introduction to the Series and the Seminar

11:00am – 12:15pm	Opening Panel. Ian Hargreaves (Cardiff University), David Warrender (Director Digital Wales, Welsh Assembly Government), William Dutton (Oxford Internet Institute), Rhodri Williams (Ofcom).
12:15pm – 1:15pm	Alan Burge (Communities Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government), Matt Chilcott/Ann Smith (University of Wales, Newport), Panayiota Tatsou (Swansea University), Sangeet Bhullar (Wise Kids)
1:15pm – 2:15pm	Lunch
2:15pm – 3:30pm	Katharine Sarikakis (University of Vienna), Khaled Galal (Independent Consultant)/Gillian Youngs (University of Wales, Newport), James Moxey (Swansea Metropolitan University), Iain Tweedale (BBC).
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Artist Keynote: John Goto (University of Derby)

'New Realities'

4:00pm - 4.15pm	Tea and Coffee
4.15pm – 5.30pm	Lorna Hughes (National Library of Wales), Russell Roberts (University of Wales, Newport), Christopher Morris (University of Wales, Newport), Anna Reading (University of Western Sydney), Hamish Fyfe (University of Glamorgan)
5.30pm	Closing summary and comments Tracy Simmons (University of Leicester) and Gillian Youngs (University of Wales, Newport).