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18:00	**Opening Keynote Address and Public Lecture**
	Speaker: Professor Paolo Mancini: 'Media fragmentation, party system and democracy'
	University of Perugia, Visiting Fellow with Media and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe research project, University of Oxford.
	Venue: State Library of Victoria Theatrette, Swanston Street Melbourne VIC 3000. (Entry 3 179 LaTrobe Street)
	Drinks and canapes to follow.
	Registration desk will be available.

Thursday 01 September, 2011

		Storey Hall (Room 1)	Storey Hall (Room 2)	Storey Hall (Room 3)
08:30		**Registration**		
09:00		**Conference Welcome**		
09:30		**Session 1**		
		Theme 1: Focus on the EU	*Theme 2: Journalism and Change*	*Theme 3: Shaping, Responding, Using*
09:30	09:50	*Local Hooks and Regional Anchors: Media Representation of the EU in the Pacific* Natalia Chaban, Serena Kelly and Jessica Bain (National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury, NZ)	*Citizen journalism and changing practices of citizenship: the case of Singapore's STOMP portal.* Lucy Morieson (School of Media and Communications, RMIT University, Australia)	*"I reserve my right to Tweet" An analysis of the use if Twitter among Malaysian politicians.* Norhayati Abd Manaf (Sunway University, Malaysia)
09:50	10:10	*"Europeanization" as a vehicle for globalization of the media.* Eva Polonska-Kimunguyi (Monash European and EU Centre, Monash University, Australia)	*From Lapdog to Watchdogs: The state of the media in Solomon Islands.* Alexandra Wake (RMIT University, Australia)	*Responding to political change: the media paradox in the democratic process in Indonesia.* Syamsuddin Aziz (University of Melbourne, Australia)
10:10	10:30	*Evaluating two different 'Media Springs': Media laws and political culture in Singapore and Hungary.* Eva Polonska-Kimunguyi and Hoe-Yeong LOKE (Singapore EU Centre, Singapore)	*An Increasingly Democratic 'Global Public Sphere'?: The Effects of El Jazeera English on the Global News Environment.* Saba Bebawi (Swinburne University, Australia)	*Voice of China's emerging hawks? A critical analysis of the global times.* Chengju Huang (RMIT University, Australia)
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11:00	11:30	**Morning tea break**		
11:30		**Session 2 - Plenary**		
		Theme 4: Wikileaks panel		
11:30	11:50	*Man of the year? Wikileaks, journalism, celebrity and authenticity*. Jason Wilson (University of Canberra, Australia)		
11:50	12:10	*Wikileaks and the consequences of chaos.* Brian McNair (Queensland University of Technology, Australia)		
12:10	12:30	*Vigilance to Vigilantes and Back Again: Designing Radical Transparency in the Digital world.* Luke Heemsbergen (University of Melbourne, Australia)		
12:30	01:00	Discussion		
01:00	**02:00**	**Lunch break**		
02:00		**Session 3**		
		Theme 5: Mediating Publics	*Theme 6: Media and Religion*	*Theme 7: Texts of Political Communication*
02:00	02:20	*Different Ways, same outcome? Liberal communication policy and development of public broadcasting. Baltic public service broadcasting from economy perspective 1949 – 2010.* Andres Joesaar (University of Tartu, Estonia)	*New religious "prosperity" movements and their social and economic implications for the political process.* Peter Horsfield (RMIT University, Australia)	*Gruen Nation: Dissecting the show, not the business.* Nicholas Carah (University of Qld, Australia), Sven Brodmerkel (Bond University, Australia) and Angie Knaggs (University of Qld, Australia)
02:20	02:40	*Public Broadcasting and Politicisation in Post-Apartheid South Africa.* Corinna Arndt (University of Cambridge, UK)	*Islam, Democracy and the Media.* Rizwana Yusuf (Institute of Hazrat Mohammad SAW, Bangladesh)	*Election posters as a medium of political communication in Slovenia: am informative or persuasive tool?* Tomaž Deželan and Alem Maksuti (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)
02:40	03:00	*Digital Citizens: Young People's Online and Offline Political Participation (Adelaide and Seoul).* Mary Griffiths (University of Adelaide, Australia) and Youn-Min Park (University of Korea, Korea)	*Media and Democracy in Nigeria: cultivating divisive politics between predominant religions and geo-political blocs.* Murtada Busair Ahmad (International Islamic University, Malaysia)	*Fouling the Political Air: Presidential Election Advertising Campaign and Advertising Regulation in Nigeria* Herbert Batta (University of Uyo, Nigeria)
03:00	03:30	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
03:30	**03:50**	**Afternoon tea break**		

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03:50		Session 4		
		Theme 8: Rhetorics and Battles	**Theme 9: Media, Politics, Journalism**	**Theme 10: Institutions, Information, Security**
03:50	04:10	*Contradictory Populism Online: Nationalist and Globalist Discourses on Serbian Radical Party Websites*. Shanthi Robertson and Anita Samardzija (RMIT University, Australia)	*Polish Media 22 years after socio- political breakthrough - the road to professionalization and democratisation.* Adam Szynol (University of Wroclaw, Poland)	*Journalism, Defamation Law and Democracy: Contested Public Speech in Four Countries.* Andrew T Kenyon (University of Melbourne, Australia) and Timothy Marjoribanks (LaTrobe University, Australia)
04:10	04:30	*Media, Populism & Democracy: The Case of the Resource Super Profits Tax in Australia* Cathy Greenfield and Peter Williams (RMIT University, Australia)	*Politics, Media and Democracy: A Romanian case study.* Teodora Crisia Miroiu (University of Sydney, Australia)	*What the Right 2 Know campaign tells us about democracy in South Africa.* Eric Louw (University of Qld, Australia)
04:30	04:50	*Media Wars in Latin America: Feuds, Seizures and Reforms.* Michelle Natolo (Griffith University, Australia)	*Commercialisation of Media and the changing face of Indian Democracy.* Ursula Rao (University of NSW, Australia)	TBA
04:50	05:20	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
05:20	05:30	**Wrap up the day**		
05:30		**Close**		

Friday 02 September, 2011

		Storey Hall (Room 1)	**Storey Hall (Room 2)**	**Storey Hall (Room 3)**
08:30		**Registration**		
09:00		Session 5		
		Theme 11: Citizenship Questions	**Theme 12: Media Models and Political Roles**	
09:00	09:20	*Engaging with Gov 2.0, the Great Firewall Debates, and Wikileaks: Immersed in the Co-production of Digital Policy.* Mary Griffiths (University of Adelaide, Australia)	*The 'independent' press and the fight for democracy in Zambia: a critical analysis of The Post newspaper.* Brian Chama (Roehampton University, UK)	
09:20	09:40	*The Impact of Federal Policy on Local E-Government* Julie Freeman	*The Role of Independence Online Media: Managing Contention Political Issues in Malaysia.* Rosyidah Muhamad (LaTrobe University, Australia)	
09:40	10:00	*Re-examining media and democracy: mediated knowledge, interpretive practice, and citizenship* Ramaswami Haridranath (University of Melbourne, Australia)	*Mass Media, Ownership and Participation in Democratic process in Nigeria: From 1999-2011.* Anieflok Udoudo (University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria)	
10:00	10:30	Discussion	Discussion	

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			Theme 13: Citizens, Media, Government	Theme 14: Campaigns and Political Mobilisation
10:30	**11:00**	**Morning tea break**		
11:00		**Session 6**		
11:00	11:45	**Keynote speaker A/Professor Ingrid Volkner: 'The Public Sphere as a Deterritorialized Space'**		
		University of Melbourne, Australia		
11:45	12:30	Discussion		
12:30	**01:30**	**Lunch break**		
01:30		**Session 7**		
			Theme 13: Citizens, Media, Government	*Theme 14: Campaigns and Political Mobilisation*
01:30	01:50		*Media Citizens' Democratic Empowerment in Nigeria: The Attenuating Effects of Media Political-Economy, Elite Domination and Citizens' Socio-Economic Conditions* Lambe Kayode Mustapha (International Islamic University, Malaysia) and Taofeeq Adekunle Yusuf (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA)	*Middle East between: Digital Democracy and digital society: Egypt as a case study.* Amany Masod Elhedeny (Cairo University, Egypt) and Dina Mansour (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy)
01:50	02:10		*Russian Media from Yeltsin to Medvedev: Past Perfect, Present continuous, Future Non Simple.* Elina Bardach-Yalov (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel)	*A Facebook/ Twitter Revolution - On the Way Towards Democracy in the 21st Century* Angelika Wyka-Podkowka (Frankfurt University, Germany)
02:10	02:40		Discussion	Discussion
02:40	**02:50**	**Short break**		
02:50		**Session 8**		
02:50	04:00	***Concluding Conversations: Professors Jan Zielonka (University of Oxford, UK), Stephanie Hemelryk Donald (RMIT University, Australia), Jacques Rupnik (Sciences-Po, France) and Radoslaw Markowski (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)***		
04:00		**Conference close**		
04:10		**Farewell Drinks and Canapes**		