CALL FOR PAPERS:
Widening the Lens: Developments in Research on Journalism and Environmental Issues

Joint event organised by the British Sociological Association Media Study Group and the News and Journalism Group, University of Leicester

University of Leicester - Wednesday, 17th September 2014, 9.30-4pm

Academic concern with the mediation of climate change has dominated discussions about the reporting of environmental issues recently. Responding to this trend, this event seeks to widen the research lens to discuss other ongoing work in this field. It will provide a platform to introduce research in established areas of journalism and environmental issues and welcome discussion on emerging themes (such the production of energy, food and issues related to mobility). The presence of these and other prominent subject matter will be examined together with developments that new research offers to our established understanding of: (i) news sources/claim makers and rhetoric; (ii) news institutions and journalists’ work; (iii) news framing and representations; (iv) news audiences; and (v) developments online. In short, this event offers an exciting opportunity to think about the connections between journalism and the construction and understanding of environmental issues. We welcome papers from ongoing research, already published studies or theoretical discussion on this topic. Suggestions include, but are not limited to:

- Historical development of environmental representations in the news media
- Environmental agenda setting, within and across, the old and new media ecologies
- Media frames, representations and the mediation of competing issues and viewpoints on the environment
- News sources and public relations
- Events, environmental groups and news visibility
- News images and the visualisation of the environment
- News work, news cultures and journalistic production of environmental representations
- News media, the environment and the everyday practices of audiences
- The environment, new media and participation.

Please send 250 word abstracts for 20 minute papers to, Dr Julian Matthews at: jpm29@leicester.ac.uk


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