

**University of Leicester  
Department of Media and Communication  
Research Seminar Series**

**TITLE: 'Internet Studies: Past, Present and Future Directions', Panayiota Tsatsou, University of Leicester**

**ABSTRACT:**

Panayiota will present her forthcoming book *Internet Studies: Past, Present and Future Directions* (September 2014, Ashgate). She will offer an overview of her book and present some of its answers to questions such as:

- How does work in the field of Internet studies inform us about the multi-layered, complex and controversial role and significance of the Internet?
- What are the lessons, challenges and possible risks that scholars in the field of Internet studies must be prepared to encounter in the future?
- What one can say, if anything, about the agendas emerging in the field of Internet studies?
- Will Internet studies constitute a fully-fledged discipline in the future?

**SPEAKER'S BIO:**

Dr Panayiota Tsatsou is a Senior Lecturer in Media and Communication at the University of Leicester. Her research addresses timely topics concerning the role and significance of digital media, such as digital divides and digital inclusion. She recently conducted AHRC funded research on digital inclusion and minority communities in Wales and has just completed British Academy funded research on digital identity, literacy and inclusion. She is now starting a new project on the employment of digital technologies in social research in the UK.