

*AUT University's Journalism, Media and Democracy Research Centre (JMad) invites papers for a one-day conference entitled:*

## **AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MEDIA HISTORIES COMMONALITY, AUTONOMY, CONVERGENCE**

**Keynote speaker: Professor Peter Putnis, University of Canberra**

**September 13, 2012  
AUT University, Auckland, NZ**

As adjacent white settler societies, Australia and New Zealand experienced similar histories of telegraph installation, news agency dependence and newspaper proliferation. After dominion status was conferred separate histories of national independence and media-communication development lasted until the 1970s. From then Maori and Aboriginal activist media openly challenged colonialist versions of national history. Media communication ownership began to assume a trans-Tasman dimension and the commercial media cultures of magazines, newspapers and television began to overlap. Today, the commonalities and differences of our media histories inhabit a global media environment.

With these thoughts in mind researchers are invited to submit papers in response to the following themes and sub-themes. Each themed conference session will mix Australian and New Zealand content. Cross-national, comparative research is especially welcome.

### **Media organisations and news journalism**

- Early news agencies
- Newspaper histories
- Journalism as a profession
- Events, scandals, censorship
- Technology, newsgathering and newsrooms
- Press associations

### **Maori and Aboriginal media**

- Maori/Aboriginal press during colonisation
- Indigenous radio
- Land rights and activist media
- Maori/Aboriginal journalists, Indigenous media; language recovery

### **Political economies of media**

- Trans-Tasman media ownership, past and present
- Broadcasting regulation
- Media moguls
- National and foreign media ownership

### **Australian and NZ media in Asia-Pacific**

- ABC in South-east Asia and the South Pacific
- Media, colonialism and development
- A-NZ journalism education in the Asia-Pacific region
- TVNZ and RNZ in the South Pacific region

### **Journalism, war and conflict**

- A-NZ journalism in WWI
- WWII
- Vietnam
- Korea
- Wars and censorship

### **Alternative/oppositional media**

- Trade union press
- Feminist print media
- A-NZ 1960s New Left publications
- Student magazines
- Rebellious radio
- Gay media
- Immigrant and diasporic media

### **Media representations of national identities**

- Constructing ANZAC mythologies
- Australia/Waitangi day histories
- Sport, media, nationalism
- Cultural contestations of national identity
- Colony to Dominion, media coverage
- Trans-Tasman union? Recurring debates

### **Telecommunications**

- Early telegraph history
- International cabling
- Phases of television regulation
- Early mobile technology
- A-NZ telco ownership

### **Media and popular culture**

- Early recorded music
- Soundscapes, memory
- Radio enthusiasts, radio sets
- Women's magazines histories
- Comics
- Early television

## **Abstracts due by July 31, 2012**

Send abstracts to Associate Professor Wayne Hope ([wayne.hope@aut.ac.nz](mailto:wayne.hope@aut.ac.nz) or [jmad@aut.ac.nz](mailto:jmad@aut.ac.nz)).

**Registration:** NZ\$175 (Earlybird before June 30 NZ\$130; student concession NZ\$70). Prices incl GST.

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