

Interactive Futures: Young People's Mediated Lives in the Asia Pacific and Beyond

Call for Papers

A conference hosted by the Consortium for Youth, Generations and Culture, Sociology, Monash University, the Griffith Centre for Cultural Research, Griffith University and support from the Monash Asia Institute

This conference explores young people's engagement with new modes of mediated communication, self-expression and culture-making across the Asia Pacific and beyond. It will map young people's mediated lives in the region, consider implications for citizenship, ethics, political & cultural agency and social bonds, and generate debate about the ways emplacement, embodiment, and location shape youth access to and practices with media—new and old, virtual and material.

Keynote Speakers include: Associate Professor Sun Sun Lim (Communications and New Media, National University of Singapore); Dr Paul Hodgkinson (Sociology, University of Surrey); Professor Neil Selwyn (Education, Monash University)

We invite papers that explore:

- how young people interact with new and old media to actively produce and consume local and transnational youth cultures, social identities and collective experience;
- how localized media practices shape experiences and expectations of youth, including notions of transition to adulthood, gendered and raced identities, citizenship, and political practices.
- inequalities/differences in access and use, for example, in relation to class, gender, sexuality, ability, and place;
- everyday management of mediated lives (sexting, gaming, online activism, everyday uses of social media);
- collective meaning-making through media (community building, cosmopolitanism, sociality, political engagement);
- ethical and methodological challenges in researching youth media cultures.
- how the everyday media practices of youth become more long-term projects, providing a platform for the articulation of post-youth identities.

Please send paper proposals (no more than 200 words) with your affiliation details and email address **no later than Friday June 13th, 2014 to halina.bluzer@monash.edu** with "Paper Proposal for Interactive Futures" in the subject line. Presenters will be notified via email in July.

For more information and registration go to <http://artsonline.monash.edu/ifc2014>

When: Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd December, 2014

Where: Monash University Caulfield Campus, Melbourne