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Welcome

Has there been a shift in political use of the internet and digital new media - a new web 2.0 politics based on participatory values? How do broader social, cultural, and economic shifts towards web 2.0 impact, if at all, on the contexts, the organizational structures, and the communication of politics and policy? Does web 2.0 hinder or help democratic citizenship? This conference provides an opportunity for researchers to share and debate perspectives.

We received a fantastic response to the call for papers, the results of which are contained within the mouth-watering programme of excellent panels below.

We warmly invite you to join us for what promises to be an exciting and stimulating event.

Andrew Chadwick, Director
Ben O'Loughlin, Associate Director
New Political Communication Unit
Conference Organisers

Overall Schedule

Thursday	Friday
9.00-10.50: Registration and coffee/refreshments	9.15-10.45: Panels Session 4
10.50-11.00: Welcome: Andrew Chadwick, Ben O'Loughlin	10.45-11.00: Coffee/refreshments
11.00-12.00: Keynotes: Robin Mansell, Helen Margetts	11.00-12.30: Panels Session 5
12.00-1.30: Panels Session 1	12.30-1.30: Keynotes: Micah Sifry, Michael Turk
1.30-2.15: Lunch	1.30-2.15: Lunch
2.15-3.45: Panels Session 2	2.15-3.45: Panels Session 6
3.45-4.15: Coffee/refreshments	3.45-4.00: Coffee/refreshments
4.15-5.45: Panels Session 3	4.00-5.30: Panels Session 7
5.45-6.45: Keynotes: Stephen Coleman, Rachel Gibson	5.30: Close
6.45: Drinks reception and banquet (no dress code)	

About the Keynote Speakers

Thursday 11-12: Robin Mansell, Helen Margetts

Robin Mansell, *The Light and the Dark Sides of Web 2.0.*
Robin Mansell joined the LSE in 2001 as Professor of New Media. Since October 2006 she has been Head of the Department of Media and Communications. She is also co-Director of the Department's PhD Programme and Director of the MSc Communication, Information and Society. Her research is concerned with the social, economic and policy issues associated with information and communication technologies. It examines the integration of new technologies into society, interactions between engineering design and the structure of markets, and sources of regulatory effectiveness and failure. She brings the perspectives of both the political economy of media and communication and the sociology of developments in these areas to her work. She has a special interest in research concerning the governance of new technologies and social networks, and the relationships between technological innovation, social transformation and the causes and consequences of social inequality. Robin is President of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), elected in July 2004, serving for four years until July 2008.

Helen Margetts, title to be confirmed.
Helen Margetts is Professor of Society and the Internet at the OII. She is a political scientist of international standing in e-government and digital era governance, investigating the nature and implications of relationships between governments and the Internet and related information and communication technologies in the UK and internationally. She has published major research reports in this area for such agencies as the UK's National Audit Office, in addition to important books and articles. Her dissertation in this area was awarded the Walter Bagehot Dissertation Prize by the UK Political Studies Association in 1997 and in 2003 she and Patrick Dunleavy won the Political Science 'Making a Difference' award from the UK Political Studies Association.

Thursday 5.45-6.45: Stephen Coleman, Rachel Gibson

Stephen Coleman, title to be confirmed.
Stephen is Professor of Political Communication and Director of Research at the Institute for Communications Studies, University of Leeds, one of the largest centres of communication studies in the UK. His main research interests are e-democracy, democratic theory and political representation, political efficacy, forms of deliberation and decision-making, reality TV formats and popular representation, modes of media interactivity and legislative institutions. He co-directs (with Professor Ann Macintosh) the Centre for Digital Citizenship, a new interdisciplinary research centre which conducts research into the changing nature of citizenship and governance in a networked society; questions the broad range of theoretical and rhetorical claims made by proponents of e-governance and e-citizenship; contributes to the design and development of social technologies that have the potential to support public communication; engages with

policy-makers in the UK, Europe and globally to understand and respond to the challenges and opportunities of citizenship in the digital era; and works with communities and social movements to explore the democratic potential of digital media.

Rachel Gibson, *Trickle-up Politics?: the Impact of Web 2.0 technologies on citizen participation*.
Rachel Gibson joined the University of Manchester Institute for Social Change in December 2007 as Professor of Political Science and co-director of the Institute for Political and Economic Governance (IPEG), after holding a number of research and teaching positions within the UK and internationally, including the Australian National University, the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) and the University of Leicester. She has directed a number of ESRC and Australian Research Council funded projects dealing with the impact of the new media on political parties, participation, and parliaments and new methodologies for studying online networks. Along with Stephen Ward she has conducted a series of studies of UK parties and voters use of new media technologies in General Elections since 1997. She has published widely on the topics of new media, political parties and election campaigning and is currently leading the DCERN research group (Democracy, Citizens and Elections Research Network) at Manchester, which focuses on the changing nature of citizen politics from a comparative perspective.

Friday 12.30-1.30: Micah Sifry, Michael Turk

Micah Sifry, *The Revolution Will Be Networked: How Open Source Politics is Emerging in America.*
Micah Sifry co-founded the influential US political website Personal Democracy Forum and the award-winning group blog techPresident.com, which covers how US candidates are using the web, and how the web is using the candidates. Since 1997, he has been a senior analyst with Public Campaign, a non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Washington, DC working on comprehensive campaign finance reform. In that capacity, he has published articles and op-eds in *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, *The American Prospect*, *The Hill*, *Salon.com*, *IntellectualPolitics.com* and many smaller papers and magazines. He is also, with his colleague Nancy Watzman, co-author of *Is That a Politician in Your Pocket?* (John Wiley & Sons, 2004), a book on how money in politics affects people in their everyday lives. His book *Spoiling for a Fight: Third-Party Politics in America* (Routledge, 2002) was described in *Newsday* as "a commanding survey of contemporary third parties... In a more politically developed country, Sifry's reporting would be the gold standard of contemporary journalism." Micah is a graduate of Princeton University (B.A. in Politics, 1983) and New York University (M.A. in Politics, 1989). He is also an adjunct professor at the Political Science Department of the City University of New York/Graduate Center, and a founding member of its Independent Politics Group. TechPresident.com won the 2007 Knight-Batten Award for Innovation in Journalism.

Michael Turk, *Managed Chaos: Bringing Order to User-Generated Activism*.
Michael Turk is Vice President of Industry Grassroots for the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, where he is working to build a robust grassroots activist base for the cable industry. Before joining NCTA, Turk served as the eCampaign Director for the Republican National Committee. Prior to his position at the Committee, Turk was the eCampaign Director for Bush-Cheney '04. In his

professional career, Turk has lived at the intersection of politics and technology - crossing from the political, to the commercial and into government. Beginning in 1994 with the creation of one of the first state party websites on the Internet, he has served as the e-Government Portfolio Manager for Government-to-Citizen projects at the Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the Presidency; redeployed the Department of Energy's internet presence at energy.gov; and worked with Grassroots Enterprise - an Internet focused public affairs firm - as a technology and activism consultant.

Panel Sessions

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You have the opportunity to chair one of the panel sessions. We will be finalising panel chairs over the coming weeks and will endeavour to match the interests of chairs with the thematic content of panels. You can volunteer now to enter the pool of potential chairs by filling in this web form (please do!):

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	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4	Panel 5	Panel 6	Panel 7
Thursday 12.00-1.30: Panels Session 1	**WikiCandidate: Technology, Participation, and Political Discourse** 1. WikiCandidate, political discourse and the peculiarities of the technological - Tarleton Gillespie, Cornell University, USA. 2. Discourse 2.0? What role does communication platform play in mediating political deliberation? - Dmitry Epstein, Cornell University, USA. 3. The hidden agenda: online spaces as public arenas - Josh Braun, Cornell University, USA.	**Parties, Elections and Campaigning I** 1. Extraterritorial electioneering: The globalization of local campaigns - Zephyr Teachout, Duke University, USA. 2. Explaining the differing impact of the internet on campaign finance in the US and the UK - Nick Anstead, Royal Holloway, University of London. 3. Democratizing Candidate Debates in the U.S.: Comparing the YouTube, Yahoo, and MSNBC Democratic Party Debates - Jennifer Stromer-Galley, University at Albany, SUNY, USA.	**Governance I** 1. Constituency communication on the WWW in a comparative perspective: Changing media or Changing democracy? – Thomas Zittel, University of Mannheim, Germany. 2. Borderlines and Boundary Zones: Professional Rhetoric and the Drafting of A Journalism 'Shield Law' – Christopher Anderson, Columbia University, USA. 3. Disconnected citizenship? Emerging synergies and tensions in the government 2.0 landscape - Shefali Virkar, University of Oxford.	**Mobilisation and Engagement I** 1. The internet and other ICTs: Tools for mobilization or reinforcement? – Kenneth Winneg, University of Pennsylvania. 2. Political online forums: for citizens already dedicated? – Annika Bergstrom, Goteburg University, Sweden. 3. Interactivity, efficacy, and politics: Extending analysis of strategies and effects – John C. Tedesco, Virginia Tech, USA. 4. Social Media and Politics: Methodological Considerations in Designing a Study of Political Engagement - Maja Turnsek, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, & Nicholas Jankowski, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Netherlands.	**The Politics of Blogging I** 1. Rethinking the public/private: the new culture of blogging – Gillian Youngs, University of Leicester. 2. Social network analysis of ideological landscapes from the political blogosphere: the case of South Korea - HanWoo Park, YeungNam University, South Korea. 3. An exploration of political blogging in Greece - Kostas Zafiropoulos and Vasiliki Vrana, University of Macedonia.	**Platforms, Power, and Politics I** 1. Technolution 2008: How improved and new technologies are impacting political candidates, media systems, and citizens during the US presidential campaign – Andrew Williams, Virginia Tech, USA. 2. The friend of my friend is my friend?: Ideological clustering on Facebook - Brian J. Gaines, Jeffrey J. Mondak, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. 3. Building the public sphere or a spiral of silence? A study of political social networking applications – Mary Francoli, Carleton University, Canada.	**Theorising Web 2.0 I** 1. From 'change the world' to 'changing Wikipedia'? Contrasts, before and after web 2.0, of democracy in the promotional rhetoric of the internet – Matthew Allen, Curtin University of Technology, Australia. 2. A cultural etymology: Activists, entrepreneurs, and the pre-history of web 2.0 – Lucas Graves, Columbia University, USA. 3. Uncivil society: political power making beyond web 2.0 – Marcus Breen, Northeastern University, USA.

	Media, War and Conflict	Parties, Elections and Campaigning II	Governance II	Mobilisation and Engagement II	Civicweb: Young People, the Internet and Civic Participation	Platforms, Power, and Politics II	Mobilities and New Media Production
Thursday 2.15-3.45: Panels Session 2	1. Theorising ethnoreligious, sociopolitical, politico-economic and cultural cyberconflicts: A reappraisal - Athina Karatzogianni, University of Hull. 2. Broadcast Yourself: A History & Categorisation of Terrorist Video Propaganda – Maura Conway & Lisa McInerney, Dublin City University, Republic of Ireland. 3. Uploading war propaganda: Noopolitik in the age of YouTube - Christian Christensen, Karlstad University, Sweden.	1. Taking our country back: Participatory democracy, technology, and the production of electoral politics during the Howard Dean campaign – Daniel Kreiss, Stanford University, USA. 2. Political leadership in the web 2.0 world – G. R. Boynton, University of Iowa, USA. 3. Howard Dean's 2004 presidential campaign, the Downing Street e-petitions road tax battle, and Beppegrillo.it: A comparative study – Giovanni Navarria, University of Westminster.	1. The three key roles of moderator in online discussions: The case of French local governments' forums - Stephanie Wojcik, University of Oxford. 2. Exploring participation on the town square in the era of social networking - John C. Tedesco, Andrea Kavanaugh, Manuel Perez-Quinones, & William Sanders, Virginia Tech, USA. 3. E-participation in the legislative process: procedural and technological lessons from Estonia - Andrew Glencross, European University Institute, Italy.	1. 'Permanent campaigns', global networking and digital media: The case of 'Make Poverty History' – Anastasia Kavada, University of Westminster. 2. The New Logic of Collective Action: Political Activism and Mobilization in the Internet Age – Young-Mie Kim, Ohio State University, USA. 3. Decentralized networks or revolutionary vanguardism?: The evolution of social movements in South Korea - Jinsun Lee, Rutgers University, USA.	1. The case of the missing forums: user voice and interactive features on youth civic websites in the UK - Shakuntala Banaji Institute of Education, University of London. 2. Greenpeace and WWF: the internet and affective political marketing towards young people - Fadi Hirzalla & Liesbet van Zoonen, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. 3. Invited but ignored: How www.ungtval.se aimed to foster but failed to promote youth engagement - Tobias Olsson, Lund and Växjö University, Sweden 4. Web 2.0 enabled inclusion for minorities or just another segregated space?: a case study of 'Zhoriben' - Eva Bognar, Eotvos Lorand University of Sciences, Hungary & Judit Szakács, Central European University Hungary.	1. In the face of empowerment: The implications of Facebook's commercial nature in user empowerment through self-disclosure – Marcelina Piotrowski, York University, Canada. 2. Pathos in Facebook: a new ethos of community? - Kalliopi Kyriakopoulou, Queen's University, Canada. 3. The Uses of YouTube: A study of 'Bus Uncle' online videos - Donna Chu, Chinese University of Hong Kong.	1. The cell phone photojournalist – Brian Brown, University of Western Ontario, Canada. 2. Photoblogging: A digital challenge for change – Karen Smith, University of Toronto, Canada. 3. Mobile technologies and dissent: constucting space and politics through new visibilities – Yasmin Ibrahim, University of Brighton. 4. The April 16 archive: historiography in the age of multimedia - Gooyong Kim, UCLA, USA.

	Citizen Journalism I	**Theorising Web 2.0 II**	**Governance III**	**Mobilisation and Engagement III**	**Parties, Elections and Campaigning III**	**From Wikis to War Blogs: Theorizing the Role and Implications of Web 2.0 platforms**	**Web 2.0 and Minority Voices**
Thursday 4.15-5.45: Panels Session 3	1. Downloading democracy: election news on the internet – Stephen Schifferes, BBC News/University of Oxford. 2. Who's afraid of the MSM? Evolving relationships between public affairs citizen journalism and the mainstream media with case studies from youdecide2007 – Stuart Cunningham, Terry Flew, Jason Wilson, & Graham Young, Queensland University of Technology, Australia. 3. Rhetorics and participation in the era of web 2.0: the case of collaborative journalism – Taina Bucher, University of Oslo, Norway.	1. Web X.0: Politics as imagined technology – David Berry, Swansea University. 2. Social theory foundations of social software and the web: From web 1.0 towards web 2.0 and web 3.0 – Christian Fuchs, Wolfgang Hofkirchner, Matthias Schafranek, Celina Raffl, Marisol Sandoval, & Robert Bichler, University of Salzburg, Austria. 3. Theorizing new media: Reflexivity, knowledge and the web 2.0 – Sam Han, CUNY, USA. 4. Social networks: Contested spaces of desire, power and discipline – Yan Grenier & Andreea I. Carnu, Universite Laval, Canada.	1. E-government and the model of social and political collaboration in the 'sovereign democracy' of Russia – Anatoly Kulik, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia. 2. The hollow promise of better democracy through the transformative and competitive power of e-government in Canada – Kirsten Kozolanka, Carleton University, Canada. 3. E-government and web 2.0: Towards citizen-government centricity? – Ana Guerrini, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya.	1. The Inner Digital Divide: How the Web Contributes (or not) to Political Equality – Sandra Gonzalez-Bailon, University of Oxford. 2. Manufacturing Participation: Examining trajectories of action in two new media citizenship initiatives – Zoetanya Sujon, LSE. 3. The ZyprexaKills Campaign: Peer Production and the Frontiers of Radical Pedagogy – Jonah Bossewitch, Columbia University, USA. 4. The Internet and Political Knowledge – Hannes Richter, University of New Orleans, USA.	1. Politicians and Web 2.0: the current bandwagon or changing the mindset? – Darren G. Lilleker, Bournemouth University, & Nigel Jackson, Plymouth University. 2. Norwegian parties on web 2.0 – Oyvind Kalnes, Lillehammer University College, Norway. 3. Webforum design and debate practices during the 2007 French presidential campaign – Nicolas Desquinabo, Universite de la Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3, France.	1. Web 2.0 under actor-network theory: conceptualization, definition, analysis – Jeremy Depauw Université Libre de Bruxelles. 2. Hegemonies and counter-hegemonies in the Iraqi war blogs – Bart Cammaerts, LSE & Nico Carpentier, VUB – KUB – FUSL. 3. Collaborative citizenship or professional conduct? Negotiated discourses of participation as authorship in open content communities – Panagiota Alevizou, LSE. Discussant: Tim Markham Birkbeck University of London. *Chair:* Zoetanya Sujon, LSE.	1. Ethnic political spheres online – Kathrin Kissau, University of Münster, Germany. 2. Click on democracy: An assessment of internet use in Kenya's 2007 general election – George Nyabuga, Worcester University. 3. Cyber nationalism: the imagined Cameroon Anglophone community in cyberspace – Emmanuel Anye Fru, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. 4. The rise of Catosfera: a case study of the Catalan blogosphere – Josep Sort, Universitat Ramon Llull, Spain.

Friday 9.15-10.45: Panels Session 4	Surveillance, Censorship and Democracy I	Politics, Activism and the Cultural Theory of Networks	Theorising Web 2.0 III	Mobilisation and Engagement IV	New Digital Divides? I	Web 2.0 Activism
	Surveillance, Censorship and Democracy I 1. Premise of web 2.0, promise for closed countries? An experimental case study of using mashups to challenge Internet filtering - Mahmood Enayat, University of Oxford. 2. Social media and political activism in the Arab world - Mohammed Ibahrine, Al Akhawayn, University in Ifrane, Morocco. 3. Self-censorship and the rise of cyber-organizations: An anthropological study of a Chinese online community - Cuiming Pang, University of Oslo, Norway. 4. Surveilling the User: Why the Politics of Social Search Matters - Theo Roehle, Hamburg University, Germany.	**Politics, Activism and the Cultural Theory of Networks** 1. Mobil(e)ising the multitude: the political significance of mobility in contemporary protest and resistance movements - Joss Hands, Anglia Ruskin University. 2. The permanent election campaign: web 2.0 and the new political staff - Greg Elmer, Ryerson University, Canada. 3. Web 2.0 and politics of attention, sociability and capture - Jussi Parikka, Anglia Ruskin University. Discussant - Neal Curtis, University of Nottingham.	**Theorising Web 2.0 III** 1. Part of the problem? Meditations on mediation and the politics of Web 2.0 – Patrick McCurdy, LSE. 2. On the path to the great community? A Deweyan analysis of the democratic implications of internet-based collaborations – Azi Lev-On, Ariel University Centre, Israel. 3. From participatory web to e-participation? – Steffen Albrecht, Hamburg University of Technology, Germany.	**Mobilisation and Engagement IV** 1. Children's political participation inside the Newsround website: towards larger democracy? - Claire Brown, Universite Paris III Sorbonne Nouvelle, France. 2. Citizens in disguise? Assessing digital natives and the new civic engagement – Deen Freelon, University of Washington, USA. 3. Social and Artistic Critique: Two Different Types of Participatory Politics on the Net? - Veronika Kneip & Johanna Niesyto, University of Siegen, Germany.	**New Digital Divides? I** 1. Navigating the digital divide: Web 2.0 and the politics of development - Andy White, University of Nottingham Ningbo & Felicia Chan, University of Ulster. 2. Technology change, community creation, and common values - Irene Wu, Georgetown University, USA. 3. Dissensus, debate and democracy: Blogging politics in the Philippines - Carla Montemayor, University of Sheffield. 4. Building an inclusive web 2.0: reflections on the role of web professionals – Helen Kennedy, University of East London.	**Web 2.0 Activism** 1. Only in America? Candidates' websites in the 2008 US presidential primaries - Cristian Vaccari, University of Bologna, Italy. 2. The Labours of Internet-Assisted Activism - Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, Columbia University, USA. 3. User-generated citizen activism in the social web: capturing emerging forms, properties and opportunities – Damian Lanfrey, City University.

Friday 11.00-12.30: Panels Session 5	Mobilisation and Engagement V	Parties, Elections and Campaigning IV	Platforms, Power, and Politics III	Surveillance, Censorship and Democracy II	New Perspectives on E-Democracy	Tools, Technologies and Democracy	The Politics of Blogging II
	1. Realizing the social Internet? Online social networking meets offline social capital - Josh Pasek, Stanford University, USA, Eian More, University of Pennsylvania, USA, & Daniel Romer, University of Pennsylvania, USA. 2. Politics as friendship: the impact of online social networks on voting behaviour - Young-Mie Kim, Ohio State University, USA. 3. Internet election 2.0?: a case study of the Korean presidential election of 2007 – Yeon-ok Lee, Royal Holloway, University of London.	1. CampaignSpace: A comparison of 2008 official campaign websites and MySpace – Paul Zube, Michigan State University. 2. Reaching out on their own turf: Social networking sites and Campaign 2008 – Rebecca Hayes, Michigan State University. 3. Did web 2.0 make a difference in the 2007 Danish Parliament election campaign? - Lisbeth Klastrup, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark.	1. Why is there no right wing Daily Kos?: An examination of the current and potential power of the progressive and conservative blogosphere - Jack Gallagher, University of Glasgow. 2. Facebook, Torytube.ca and the Ontario election in Canada - Zachary Devereaux, Ryerson University, Canada. 3. Agenda-setting on the Spanish social bookmark site Meneame - Jan Barbosa, Universidad de Navarra/Universidade Federal da Bahia, Spain.	1. Comrades online: The benign neglect of internet democracy in Russia? – Sarah Oates, University of Glasgow. 2. Web 2.0 in China. The collaborative development of citizen's rational discussion? - Severine Arsene, Sciences-Po/ OrangeLabs, France. 3. The limits of Singapore's 'light touch' web regulation - Cherian George, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. 4. The Singapore socio-Political Blogosphere: Is it a Habermasian Public Sphere? – Steven McDermott, Edinburgh.	1. The normalisation hypothesis: a critique – Scott Wright, University of East Anglia. 2. The politician of the future: less dependent on party and media? - Gerrit Voerman, University of Groningen, Netherlands. 3. Electronic democracy and its citizens: visions and realities Angelika Fueting & Marco Braeuer, Ilmenau Technical University, Germany.	1. Feeding Congress to the web: A new architecture for the Capitol - Michael Dale, Aphid Stern, & Warren Sack, University of California-Santa Cruz, USA. 2. Crabgrass: Facilitating and analyzing online political organizing in the web 2.0 era - Gabriella Coleman, Elijah Saxon & Dan Scott, New York University, USA. 3. The software politics of web 2.0 in/through Drupal - Fenwick McKelvey, Ryerson/York Universities, Canada.	1. New media democracy or pain in the RSS? An examination of political bloggers and their impact on the 'mainstream' media agenda in the UK – Simon Collister, Leeds Metropolitan University. 2. In blogs we trust? Attitudes and beliefs about blogs and politics - Chris McIntyre & L. Suzanne Suggs, University of Lugano, Switzerland. 3. The influence of blogs?: New forms of participation in the formation of opinion concerning the recently passed policy statement of the German Social Democratic Party (SPD) - Mario Anastasiadis, University of Bonn, Germany.

Friday 2.15-3.45: Panels Session 6	Theorising Web 2.0 IV	Young People, Web 2.0 and E-Democracy	Citizen Journalism II	Politics of Intellectual Property	Parties, Elections and Campaigning V	Platforms, Power, and Politics IV
	1. Networks and the politics of the paranodal - Dr Ulises Mejias, SUNY Oswego, USA. 2. Of people and algorithms: Web 2.0 and the production of visibility - Bernhard Rieder, Universitý de Paris 8. 3. The cost and effort of (anti-) social networks – Ryan Bigge, Ryerson University, Canada.	1. Youth and digital democracy: Intersections of practice, policy, and the marketplace – Kathryn C. Montgomery, American University, USA. 2. I want to feel included: Views of younger voters on traditional and new media communication channels - Rebecca Hayes, Michigan State University. 3. Chasing the youth vote: Kevin07, web 2.0 and the 2007 Australian federal election – Dylan Kissane, University of South Australia. 4. Media literacy in the digital age: Developing and maintaining online strategies for a media literate society – Julie Frechette, Worcester State College, USA.	1. Noncitizen journalism - Sasha Costanza-Chock, University of Southern California, USA. 2. If the cap fits…: Hyperlocal citizen media and the future of representative democracy - Jason Wilson, Axel Bruns, & Barry Saunders, Queensland University of Technology, Australia. 3. Comparing action and social movements in the virtual public sphere. Web 1.0 to web 2.0: From Silence and Disruption to acting In concert - Veronica Alfaro, New School for Social Research, USA.	1. Pirate Bay: From pirates to politicians: The story of the Swedish file sharers who became a political party - Fredrik Miegel and Tobias Olsson, Lund University, Sweden. 2. 'What is public should be free': An Analysis of public broadcasting policies on content delivery and web 2.0 - Cinzia Padovani, Southern Illinois University, USA. 2. Liberal cyber-regimes: property rights and constitutional principles - Mauro Santaniello, Universita degli Studi di Salerno, Italy. 3. Critical research methods for open source technologies - Nathaniel Tkacz, University of Melbourne, Australia.	1. Lost in technology? Political parties and online campaigning in Germany's mixed member electoral system – Thomas Zittel, University of Mannheim. 2. 'Page Not Found': The internet and the party crisis in Israel - Michael Dahan, Sapir Academic College/Bar Ilan University, Israel. 3. Learning the ropes: The adoption of blogs by candidates in the 2007 Finnish national elections - Tom Carlson, Åbo Akademi University, Finland. 4. Internet and Social Networking sites in election campaigns: Gabriela Women's Party in the Philippines wins the 2007 Elections - Kavita Karan, Jacques D. M. Gimeno, & Edson Tandoc, Jr., Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.	1. Stigmergic collaboration: some lessons from Linux and Wikipedia – Xavier Olleros, University of Quebec, Canada. 2. Climate Games: How green blogs may lead the way to a sustainable society - Jeroen Timmermans, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands. 3. Framing participation and using the internet to promote an environmentalist event - Dan Mercea, University of York.

Friday 4.00-5.30: Panels Session 7	Web 2.0 and the Muslim World	Platforms, Power, and Politics V	Interpreting the New Cultural Politics	The Politics of Blogging III	Governance IV	New Digital Divides? II
	1. Use of the web by Islamists in Pakistan - Arshad Sharif, University of East London. 2. The Turkish extreme right online network: the case of the Nationalist Action Party - Nazli Aytuna, Galatasaray University, Turkey. 3. Iranian internet use: Participatory values and their democratic offspring? - Shirin Sadeghi, SOAS, London.	1. Avatars as political Activists: virtual politics and avatar activism in Second Life - Caja Thimm, University of Bonn, Germany. 2. Politics in Second Life: A better world or a waste of time? - Joshua Levy, CUNY, USA. 3. Political subjectivation and issue publics on Facebook - Ganaele Langlois, York/Ryerson Universities, Canada.	1. Beyond the 'network public sphere': rethinking social industry, labour and ownership in web 2.0 – Ben Roberts, University of Bradford. 2. Is art resistance?: An entertainment-education analysis of Nine Inch Nails Year Zero online alternate reality game – Keith Okrosy, CUNY, USA. 3. 'Selfploitation': Participatory Pornography in Web 2.0 - Alan Rhodes, York University, Canada.	1. Web 2.0 and political conflict: Can news blogs strengthen democracy through conflict prevention? – Maria Touri, University of Leicester. 2. Doing politics in cyberspace: Iraqi women's warblogs - Perri Campbell, Monash University, Australia. 3. Analyzing online discussion forums of ultra-orthodox Jewish women - Azi Lev-On, Ariel University Centre, Israel.	1. Government 2.0 in France: the spirit of state in the age of the internet – Amar Lakel, University of Bordeaux. 2. Web 2.0 and organizations: what is at stake? - Laurence Cabyguillet, Orange Labs, France. 3. Bi-directional civic activities: Reflexivity in administrational and actionist approaches - Mr Jarmo Rinne, University of Tampere, Finland. 4. Citizens4Citizens - Albert Meijer, Utrecht University.	1. Subsidizing the use of high speed internet? Use of web 2.0 services and the social capital of citizens - Bert Sadowski and U Matzat, University of Technology Eindhoven, Netherlands. 2. Promotion of ICT enabled innovation in the third sector to fight social exclusion – Alexandra Hache, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Spain. 3. Community-Based Access Television and Web 2.0 – John Higgins, Menlo College, USA.

Any aspect of this programme may change.

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Registration and accommodation packages

(a) Full conference and accommodation for 1 night: £159.00
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(b) Full conference and accommodation for 2 nights: £209.00
Includes full conference attendance, premium ensuite double room for Wednesday and Thursday nights, breakfast, lunch and refreshments on Thursday and Friday. Does not include optional conference banquet (see below). Note: Double rooms contain one double bed.

(c) Full conference without accommodation: £109.00
Includes full conference attendance and lunch and refreshments on Thursday and Friday. Does not include optional conference banquet (see below).

(d) Conference banquet (optional): £30.00
Three course, silver service banquet on Thursday evening in Founders Dining Hall.

(e) Extended stays: £65.00
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Pre-conference schedule, abstracts and papers

Mid-January, 2008:   Full draft programme and details of registration and accommodation packages. Registration opens. Places are limited, so please book early.

February 27, 2008:   Deadline for your final paper title and a 250 word abstract to be **submitted by EMAIL ONLY to Lisa Dacunha:** lisa.dacunha@rhul.ac.uk Abstracts sent via postal mail will not be accepted. Please do not send full papers: these can be uploaded to the website (see below).

Abstracts will be published on the conference site. Uploading of full papers prior to the conference is encouraged but is not mandatory.

Please upload your paper at this page.

Papers can be downloaded by conference participants at this page.

You are, of course, very welcome to distribute your own paper during the conference.

March 3, 2008:   End of registration period. Full programme finalised.

April 17-18, 2008:   The conference.

Journal of Information Technology and Politics special issue

As you will be aware, the *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* has set aside a special issue in which we will publish the best of the conference papers. The selection of papers will be conducted in accordance with the JITP's usual review process. The procedure will be as follows:

1. Pre-submission of full papers to guest editor, Andrew Chadwick by: May 16, 2008.
2. Guest Editor sends out invitations for final paper submissions by: May 30, 2008.
3. Deadline for final submission of full papers to JITP review system: July 18, 2008.
4. Anonymous review of papers involving multiple reviewers takes place over the summer of 2008.

See the JITP's website at http://www.jitp.net for details of how to submit your manuscript. Please type 'Web 2.0 special issue' on the paper's title page.

Contact Details and Links to Useful Information

For administrative queries relating to the conference, such as payments, registration, accommodation and so on, please contact:
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For conference updates and online registration please visit: http://newpolcom.rhul.ac.uk/politics-web-2-0-conference.

See the Royal Holloway Visitor's Guide, including travel directions, maps and information about the local area.

Round-up of links related to the conference

Register online.

Volunteer as a panel chair.

Email final titles and abstracts to lisa.dacunha@rhul.ac.uk

Conference home page.

Upload your final paper.

Download papers.

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Led by the Department of Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway, University of London, the New Political Communication Unit was created in the Spring of 2007. Our research agenda consists of three strands:

- Comparative and international political communication: the Internet's impact on political mobilization, campaigning and identity; the relationship between media, war, new security challenges and conflict; audience reception studies in the context of the proliferation of media; the dynamic between citizens' changing uses of media and a transforming news environment; citizen journalism; technology and mobilities.
- Communication and comparative governance: e-government, e-democracy and the changing interface between representative institutions, public bureaucracies and citizens; changing organizational practices shaped by new patterns of communication.
- Comparative and international communication policy: Internet and new media governance and regulation; privacy, surveillance and security, the political economy of new media; cultural diversity policy; digital divide and development issues.

We offer a taught Masters stream in New Political Communication and PhD supervision in our areas of expertise.

The Unit's network inside Royal Holloway incorporates academic staff from the Department of Politics and International Relations, the Department of Media Arts, the School of Management, the UNESCO Centre for ICT4D in the Department of Geography, the Department of Psychology and the Department of Computer Science.

Our external networks include scholars and practitioners in a wide variety of organisations and countries.

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