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## Call for papers

The Institute for Journalism & Society  
Department of Journalism, Hong Kong Baptist University  
*and*  
The Foreign Correspondents Club of Hong Kong

will host the conference

## **The Changing World of International News in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Impact of Digital Technology**

14-16 April 2009

at

Foreign Correspondents Club, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong  
*and*

Jockey Club Academic Community Centre,  
Hong Kong Baptist University, Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong

Keynote speech by

Prof. John M. Hamilton

*Hopkins P. Breazeale Foundation Professor, Louisiana State University* □

*Manship School of Mass Communication*

*Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs*

## **What the conference is about**

*If digital technology is changing the whole news sector, no part of the industry is changing so radically as international news. With digitisation opening up the means of transmission to a multitude of new players, the role of the established providers is changing more today than in the 150-plus years since the international news agencies opened.*

This conference seeks to bring together academics, journalists and others interested in the profession to discuss the effects of digitisation – satellites, web technology, optic fibre and wireless – on international news. The new technology has not only necessitated adaptation to new ways of communicating the news across borders, it has affected every aspect of the sector: the way international news agencies operate, the training and education of journalists, commercial pressures, the ability of the news to challenge governments and big business, the new competition from blogs and citizen journalists. A main focus of the conference will be on the changes taking place in Asia. An edited book is planned to publish the papers in the conference.

## **Details for prospective participants**

The conference is open to academics, journalists and any others who wish to contribute to the discussion of these myriad issues. Papers on any of the topics mentioned above or in any way related to them will be considered for presentation. Our suggested panels include (but are not limited to) the following:

- China and international news
- Citizen journalists, bloggers and international news
- The role of the western international television news providers
- Multi-tasking and other changes in the work of journalists
- The international impact of domestic news available overseas
- The foreign correspondent and digital media
- Technology and international news

Proposals for alternative or further panels are welcomed.

The language of the conference will be English, but Putonghua will be used for some panels on China.

#### Book publication

Suitable papers will be considered for inclusion in the edited book planned for publication after the conference. Participants whose papers are accepted for the book may qualify for a travel subsidy if coming from overseas. All papers for the book must be submitted in complete form by 21 February 2009. Instructions for papers to be included will be provided when the content of the book has been finalised.

### **How to send in abstracts:**

Please submit abstracts of no more than 300 words as MS Word attachments via email to [ijs@hkbu.edu.hk](mailto:ijs@hkbu.edu.hk) on or before January 12, 2009, indicating whether the article is also to be considered for submission to the book.

On the first page, please state the paper's title and the author's name, position, institution affiliation, email address, postal address, telephone/fax numbers. Please also provide a signed statement that the paper has not been published or presented elsewhere and that the presenter/s will register for the conference (see below).

After the acceptance of the abstract, the full paper should be submitted by 21 February 2009 if inclusion in the book is planned and by 1 March 2009 for all others.

### **Registration**

Conference registration fee: HK\$800 (before 21 February 2009); HK\$1,000 (after 20 February 2009). The fee includes breakfast and lunch at the FCC on day 1 plus lunch and refreshments on days 2 and 3. Please use the registration form, downloadable from the website in .pdf or MS Word format.

## Accommodation

A small number of rooms are available at HKBU's Ng Tor Tai (NTT) Guesthouse ([http://www.hkbuntt.com.hk/ntt\\_index.php](http://www.hkbuntt.com.hk/ntt_index.php)) – please apply through the conference administration email at [ijs@hkbu.edu.hk](mailto:ijs@hkbu.edu.hk). There are also several good hotels nearby which you can book direct (please mention that you are with HKBU Department of Journalism's conference for discount) or through the conference administration ([ijs@hkbu.edu.hk](mailto:ijs@hkbu.edu.hk)).

Please note that bookings should be made early so that discounts can be confirmed – also, it's Easter holiday week so there will be competition.

Appx HK\$7.8 = USD1

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