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Public Lecture Notice  
13th of June 2011  
6.30-8.00pm  
Lecture Theatre 1  
The University of Melbourne  
221 Bouverie Street

What's Wrong with Television:  
Media Narratives of Economic Crisis  
Associate Professor Ron Jacobs  
State University of New York

Drawing on his new book *The Space of Opinion*, Ronald Jacobs discusses the differences between newspaper and television narratives about the economic crisis. Jacobs shows how newspaper commentaries focused on economic corruption and the need for financial regulation, while television overwhelmingly focused on political corruption, aligning closely with the party positions of the political field. In general, cases of economic crisis offer strong evidence for the important role that newspapers play for improving the quality of mediated deliberation, at least compared to television. They also show why the presence of academic voices improves the quality of mediated public debate.

Ron Jacobs is current an associate professor in sociology at the State University of New York in Albany. He has written extensively over the course of the last decade on the subject of media narratives and the development of the news. He is also the author of the book *Race, Media and the Crisis of Civil Society: From Watts to Rodney King*. Ron was also a visiting fellow of the Yale School of Cultural Sociology in 2003.

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