

Media Thematic Group

Aims and objectives:

To encourage, develop and support research, teaching, public engagement and collaboration in the field of media.

Media is increasingly central to all dimensions of contemporary societies, and the media itself is an increasingly significant site for sociological research and teaching. Building on a diverse range of theoretical and empirical approaches, sociology has provided important insights into all aspects of the media, including media production, content, and reception, and interactions between media and society. As media continues to develop in rapid and diverse ways, crucial challenges continue to emerge for sociologists in researching, teaching and engaging the media. The thematic group on media will explore the changing social significance of all forms of media and communications industries, and provide a forum in which researchers interested in the media can come together to meet, exchange ideas and resources, and explore and develop research collaborations. Preliminary points of focus for the group include, but are not limited to:

- Media production, content and reception
- Theoretical and methodological debates
- Digital media and public participation
- Locating media within its societal context, including law, politics, economy and culture
- Innovative teaching practices about, and with, digital media
- Public engagement with media

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