

Call for papers/workshops:

Media, Investigative Journalism and Technology

Practitioners, journalists, academics, researchers and students who work in the creative industries are invited to participate in a Fourth Estate “conversation” at the inaugural Media, Investigative Journalism and Technology Conference 2010.

The conference will be held at AUT University in Auckland, Aotearoa/New Zealand, from December 4-5, 2010. www.ciri.org.nz/conference2/index.html

This international conference is dedicated to exploring investigative and independent journalism and documentary techniques, methodologies and technologies of critical value to public interest issues and to identify and support journalists, photographers and film makers facing pressures and obstacles.

Pressures faced by investigative journalists include resistance from publishers, editors – due to time and resource constraints – and also post-publication issues such as legal and related to contacts. Investigative journalists risk being isolated where a professional media environment fails to encourage probing Fourth Estate-style reportage.

It is hoped that a legacy of the conference will be the establishment of a collaborative and supportive group dedicated to investigative journalism in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Academic papers will be peer-reviewed. **Papers and presentations (commentaries) from the conference will be considered for publication in a double blind peer-reviewed special edition of the *Pacific Journalism Review* in May 2011.** www.pjreview.info

South Pacific and diversity investigation case studies are particularly welcome. Also, a broader range of papers on media and democracy are encouraged.

Confirmed keynote speakers include **Kunda Dixit**, editor of the *Nepali Times*, a leading Asia-Pacific investigative journalist, and **Professor Wendy Bacon**, director of the Australian Centre for Independent Journalism; and *Seattle Times* assistant managing editor **Jim Simon**, a specialist in Asia-Pacific investigative journalism.

We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland in December 2010.

Themes may include:

- Investigative journalism methodologies

- Investigative documentaries
- Media technologies
- Internal media pressures on investigations
- Resource constraints and risks (legal, contacts, isolation)
- Freelance/independent investigations
- Public interest media support networks
- Case study poster presentations
- Other media and democracy topics

Revised dates for submitting proposals:

1. Research or scholarly paper: (up to 6000 words for full double blind peer-review), peer-reviewed abstract and/or full peer-review (please request this)
Friday, October 22, 2010
2. Industry commentary, film documentary or presentation (peer-reviewed abstract, up to 300 words): **Friday, October 22, 2010**
3. Poster session or workshop (peer-reviewed abstract, up to 300 words):
Friday, October 22, 2010

All refereed abstracts will be published as part of conference proceedings.

Papers can be submitted for blind peer-review and publication with *Pacific Journalism Review* after the conference, or will be published as part of the peer-refereed conference proceedings in a special publication on the new Pacific Media Centre website due to go live in late October.

Conference Chair: **Dr David Robie**

Director, Pacific Media Centre

Auckland University of Technology

Conference Organiser: **Andrea Steward**

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