

**Workshop on Media and Listening
with Professor Charles Husband
for ECR and postgraduate researchers**

Thursday 13 November
University of Technology, Sydney

Postgraduate and Early Career Researchers are invited to participate in a full-day workshop on 'Media and Listening' with international guest speaker, Professor Charles Husband. The workshop will include a presentation and thematic discussion of Charles Husband's recent work on media, multiculturalism, listening and understanding, as well as opportunities for participants to discuss and gain feedback on their own research projects.

This workshop concludes a year-long exploration of the social and cultural construction of 'listening'. Other workshops have explored topics such as media and multiculturalism, conflict, disability, technologies, and practices. We are keen to include previous workshop participants as well as welcome researchers and scholars who will join us for the first time.

ECR and Postgraduate researchers interested in participating should send

- a brief (4 pages max) Resume
- a one page 'Expression of Interest' outlining their research interests and the relevance of the workshop.

EOI and CV should be sent via email (as separate attachments saved in either word or rich text format) to Catherine.Thill@uts.edu.au by close of business Wednesday 22 October.

There is a limited amount of funding available to support participation by ECRs and PGs residing outside Sydney. Potential participants based outside the capital cities are particularly encouraged to apply.

The workshop is convened as part of 'The Listening Project' and is funded by the ARC Cultural Research Network and supported by the Transforming Cultures Research Centre, UTS.

For further details on the project, please visit the website
http://www.transforming.cultures.uts.edu.au/news_events/Listening_project.html

Please see the following page for further information on Professor Husband.

Professor Charles Husband

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Charles Husband specialises in the politics of diversity and ethnic relations in multiethnic societies and is the author of *The Right to be Understood* (1996). Over the last ten years and more, a significant amount of Husband's time has been committed to international networks that have had the aim of generating a new cohort of young researchers with competence in inter-disciplinary research in the area of ethnic relations.

Professor Husband has a commitment to inter-disciplinary research and analysis and a long established interest in understanding the intersection of the social psychology of collective identities, the politics of human rights, and the negotiation of ethnic relations. The role of the mass media in generating and reproducing ideologies of racism and social exclusion: and, more generally, the fundamental contribution of the media to a viable civil society has been a core pillar of activity throughout Husband's work. With the new dynamics of a globalized, and ironically, increasingly fragmented and targeted media-environment, the complexities of analysis have continually benefited from an inter-disciplinary perspective.

The sociology of ethnic relations without the insights of social psychology can seem too static and socially over-determined. The social psychology of individual and collective identities necessarily leads to an engagement with context: historical, sociological and political. Contributing toward contemporary social policy issues would seem to demand the creative interplay of all these forces. Husband's work has seen an interplay between contributions to theoretical debates and the concrete application of this theory to specific areas of social policy, including: the mass media, education, social work, health and social care, and the politics of multiculturalism. Typically, this work has involved collaboration with relevant government bodies or NGOs.

Professor Husband's Website:

http://www.brad.ac.uk/acad/socsci/staff/departmental/husband_c/