19th Nordic Conference on Media and Communication Research
13-15 August, 2009, Karlstad, Sweden

Program

Thursday 13 August

12 pm–3 Registration
3 pm–3.30 Conference Opening
3.30 pm–5 Plenary Session 1
Where is Liberation in Contemporary Media Culture?
Moderator: Christian Christensen

Keynote
Mission Impossible: Neoliberal Subjectivities and Empowerment
Mikko Lehtonen, University of Tampere

Not Radical but Critical: Ethical Engagement in the Hollywood War Film
Rikke Schubart, University of Southern Denmark

Media and Society: Some Sad Remarks on a Crippled Body and a Dying Soul with a Special Reference to Science
Sverker Sörlin, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm

6 pm Karlstad City’s Reception

Friday 14 August

9 am–4 Working Groups
4 pm–5 Meetings with national research organizations
5:30 pm–7 Video Art Installation
Body, Soul and Society
6:30 pm–8 Buffé
8 pm–12 The Media Pub and FSMK DJ-event

Saturday 15 August

9 am–12 Working Groups
12 pm–12.30 Evaluation and chair election
1.30 pm–3 Plenary Session 2A
What is a Healthy Soul in a Healthy Body?
Ethics, Aesthetics and Sustainability in Media Society
Moderator: André Jansson

Keynote
The Body as Morph and Questions of Bodily Transformation in Contemporary Visual Culture
Anner Jerslev, University of Copenhagen

Makeovermania – A Perfect Body – A Perfect Soul. Techniques of the Self in a Modern World
Thomas Johansson, University of Gothenburg

“God-Looking Samaritans” Shop til it Stops: Consumption, Development and African AIDS
Lisa Ann Richey, Roskilde University

1.30 pm–3 Plenary Session 2B
“DigIT or Not”: Are We Addicted to the Media?
Kaarina Nikunen, The Academy of Finland at the University of Tampere

Online among Us: Experiences of Virtuality in Everyday Life
Lars Nyre, University of Bergen

Media Ecology from McLuhan to Jenkins: A Discussion
Tobias Olsson, Växjö University and Lund University

3.30 pm–5 Plenary Session 3
New Dynamics in Online Social Networking: Revisiting Communication, Consumption and Division of Labour
Moderator: Miyase Christensen

The Embody Self in a Digital Age: Risks, Threats, and Prospects for a Pluralistic Future
Charles Ess, Drury University, Springfield, Missouri, USA

The Precarious Citizen: Control and Value in the Digital Age
Katharine Sarikakis, Gustaf and Anne-Marie Ander Foundation Visiting Professor in Global Media Studies at the Department of Media and Communication Studies, Karlstad University

5.15 pm–6 Meeting for division chairs and Nordic conference committee
7 pm–11 pm Conference Dinner, Blue moon bar (Sandgrund)
11 pm–02 am Nightclub, Blue moon bar (Sandgrund)