**PhD Symposium in Media and Communications**

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**Programme**

09.30-10.00 Coffee & Welcome

10.00-11.10 **Session 1: Media for Social Change**

Chair: **Tasiu, Abdullahi** (City)

**Namrata Acharya** (City)

*Community Media as a Catalyst of Transformative Climate Justice in India*

**Kin-Long Tong** (UCL)

*Rethinking the Politics of Scale: Independent Publishing for Social Changes in Hong Kong and beyond*

**Marianne Brown** (City)

*Music for All: Transformative Elements of Music Projects for Women and Children Fleeing Domestic Violence*

11.10-11.20 Break

11.20-13.00 **Session 2: Cultural Landscapes: Gender, Community, and Spiritual Narratives**

Chair: **Anastasia Denisova** (Westminster)

**Yasmine Barbosa** (City) – online

*Framing the Gatekeeping Process in a Post Me Too World from a Gender Perspective: When the Manosphere Intersects with Journalism*

**Harry Meadows** (Westminster)

*Personal Ecologies: Insights from a Community Gardener’s Gamespace*

**Yassmin V Foster** (Goldsmiths)

*My Likkle ‘Ouse Party*

**Fred Scott** (City)

*Philosophical and Spiritual Implications of Ferruccio Busoni’s Doktor Faust*

**Kym Oliver** (City)

*Black Disabled Women & Gender Expansive People, Alone in a Universe: Locating the Roots of Intracultural Dissonance through Law, Media and other White Supremacist Mechanisms*

13.00- 13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15 **Session 3: Media and Politics: Power, Public Diplomacy and Fact-Checking**

Chair: **TBC**

**Mohammed Alrmizan** (City)

*Turkish International Media: TRT between Political Communication and Public Diplomacy*

**Xuda Wang** (Westminster) - online

*Digital Soft Power Paradigm and Practice*

**Marcos Ortiz** (Goldsmiths)

*Mapping the Endogamous Interdependencies and Dynamics of Post-Uprising Chilean Media*

**Haiyue Zhang** (Westminster) – online

*How does Chinese journalism combat international fake news: fact-checking methodology for Mingcha*

15.15-15.30 Break

15.30- 16.50 **Session 4: Navigating Digital Realms: Behavioral Engineering, Identity, and the Politics of Organization**

Chair: **Milly Williamson** (Goldsmiths)

**Yazan Nasrallah** (Goldsmiths)

*Digital Faciality*

**Debbie Ball** (Westminster)

*Auditing Persuasive Tech: To What Extent Are Design Features Programmed to Steer User Behaviour in 'Private' Messaging Apps?*

**Matthew Stewart** (Goldsmiths)

*Digital forms of organisation: graph theory and the spatial division of labour*

**Simone Pellegrino** (Goldsmiths)

*Toxicus Amor Fati: Politics of Chance in the Age of Contingency*

16.50-17.00 Closing

17.00-18.00 Wine Reception