

Websites review

Crimimedia – Grup de Recerca Premsa i Dret Penal (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

<<http://crimimedia.uab.cat/>>

Although this initiative has only just started, Crimimedia has the merit of being set up by uniting the areas of journalism, politics and penal and public law, becoming a means of closely following how the media cover information that might be relevant in terms of favouring or legitimising the lines of action of criminal policy, policy that is currently quite heavily conditioned by the media. The different cases analysed are truly interesting, tackling diverse issues such as the dissemination of images of people arrested, the debate in the media concerning life sentences and the reform of the law on criminal liability for minors.

Portal de la Comunicació (InCom, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

<<http://www.portalcomunicacion.com/esp/home.asp>>

Created in 2000, the Portal de la Comunicació offers information and documentation on the different aspects of communication (the media, information society, information and communication technologies (ICTs) and their repercussions and influences on social organisation). Its portal provides extensive resources on communication: a detailed bibliography, up-to-date information on congresses and symposiums around the world, as well as information and in many cases introductory reviews of new publications. It also has an open space where monographs are periodically published on a specific theme, interviews, talks and different texts. In the autumn of 2009 it started its version in Portuguese, in collaboration with OberCom, in addition to the existing versions in Spanish and Catalan.

Internet Interdisciplinary Institute (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)

<<http://in3.uoc.edu>>

The IN3 is a research institute of the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya created in 2000 under the direction of sociologist Manuel Castells. As a research institute, it specialises in the network society and knowledge economy and offers a doctorate in Information and Knowledge Society with an interdisciplinary focus and an international ambition. Its website contains details of its organisation and research staff, as well as announcements of courses, scholarships and congresses, and exhaustive reports on all its productive activity (articles, books, working papers, doctoral theses, reports, etc.)

Groupe de Recherche sur les Enjeux de l'Information et de la Communication (Université Stendhal)

<http://w3.u-grenoble3.fr/les_enjeux/>

The GRESEC, which belongs to Université Stendhal in Grenoble (France), specialises in research into information and communication. Its research is based on four main lines: industrialisation of information and culture, changes in the public area, new information and communication technologies (ICTs), knowledge, interfaces and systems for processing the French language. Via its website you can access numerous articles ordered by subject (international communication, public communication / political communication, industrialisation of culture and information, theories and models of communication, journalistic practices), as well as links to different resources in French on communication.

Institut des Sciences de la Communication (CNRS)

<<http://www.iscc.cnrs.fr/>>

The Institut des Sciences de la Communication of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in France was created in 2006 and is led by Dominique Wolton. One of its main missions is to become the leader in interdisciplinary research for the CNRS, working on five broad areas of research: 1) language and communication, 2) political communication, public space and society, 3) globalisation and cultural diversity, 4) scientific and technical information, and 5) science, technology and business. Its website offers information on the projects underway, as well as calendars of international gatherings, residence programmes for foreign researchers, etc.

OberCom. Investigação e Saber em Comunicação

<<http://www.obercom.pt>>

The OberCom observatory is a centre of research and information to promote the area of communication. Among its partners we find public and private bodies such as the telecommunications regulatory authority, Portuguese state radio and television and some business organisations for information professionals. Its website has many different documents and reports on the structure of the Portuguese communication sector, making OberCom one of the most reliable sources in terms of information describing the area. Also of note is its online journal (OBS*), international in nature, which has the special feature of accepting articles in Catalan, among other languages.

Centre for Digital Citizenship (University of Leeds)

<<http://ics.leeds.ac.uk/sub1.cfm?pbcrumb=CdC>>

The Centre for Digital Citizenship (CDC) promotes research on everything related to citizenship in a digitally networked society. Its website, located within the website of the Institute of Communication Studies of the University of Leeds, provides access to a collection of works on the new forms of digital citizenship, information on the research projects (including doctoral projects) in which the Centre is taking a part on the new forms of digital participation, biographical information on the members collaborating with the CDC and online publications, as well as information on congresses and conferences on digital citizenship.

Oxford Internet Institute (Oxford University)

<<http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/>>

Since 2001, the Oxford Internet Institute of Oxford University in the United Kingdom has carried out one of the most important research programmes in the area of new technologies and the internet. Its website provides details on its research-based activities but also on teaching, documentation and networking. Its research projects cover social, economic, political, legal, industrial and ethical aspects of the internet in general. It also provides videos on the activities carried out by the Institute, a calendar of events related to its area of study and access to a specialised mailing list.

Centre for Freedom of the Media (University of Sheffield)

<<http://www.cfom.org.uk/index.html>>

The Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM) is an interdisciplinary research centre located within the department of Journalism Studies at the University of Sheffield. The Centre analyses the media's degree of independence and denounces when this is cut back or undermined. Its website provides access to extensive information on free speech and the impact on this by anti-terrorism laws, journalistic practices of the European Union, news in Africa, and the public media and their social function. It also has links on media independence and a calendar of future congresses related to this issue.

Institut für Medien, Kommunikation, Information (Universität Bremen)

<<http://www.imki.uni-bremen.de>>

The aim of this research institute located at Universität Bremen is to analyse the processes associated with the media and their effects within the context of cultural diversity and social, organisational and technological change. With a clear interdisciplinary aim, the proposal is to integrate researchers from the areas of media and communication studies, cultural studies and information management. Its website provides both the teaching services offered by the institute itself as well as a series of research projects being carried out. The IMKI also takes an active part in the annual celebration of the International Conference on Cinema, held in Bremen since 1995.

Center for Communication & Civic Engagement (University of Washington)

<<http://ccce.com.washington.edu/>>

The aim of the Center for Communication & Civic Engagement (CCCE), which belongs to the University of Washington (United States), is to analyse communication processes and the technologies used by the media to facilitate greater citizen involvement in politics and social life. Given the emergence of new forms of citizenship, politics and public engagement, the CCCE carries out different projects which can be accessed via its website. Among others, we can find information on political engagement, civic learning and commitment, elections and the relations between the digital media and politics. Updated information can also be accessed and there are also links to different organisations and blogs of interest.

Nieman Foundation for Journalism (Harvard University)

<<http://www.nieman.harvard.edu/NiemanFoundation.aspx>>

The Nieman Foundation, established in 1938 at Harvard University (US), examines the main changes occurring within journalism, analysing the rights and responsibilities of firms that own the media. Its website provides access to its quarterly publication, *Nieman Reports*, dedicated to the critical analysis of journalism. Other resources can also be accessed, such as the *Narrative Journalism Project* that provides materials for educators and students, the *Nieman Watchdog Journalism Project* that, since 2004, has offered recommendations to the press on how to act independently and originally, and the *Nieman Journalism Lab* that identifies good practices in journalism.

Norman Lear Center (USC – Annenberg)

<<http://www.learcenter.org/html/about/?cm=about>>

The Norman Lear research centre analyses the social, political, economic and cultural impact of entertainment in the world. Installed within the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, it principally serves as a bridge between academic research and the entertainment industry. Its website provides access to different projects by the centre, such as *Celebrity, Politics and Public Life* (an analysis of political life within popular culture) and *Entertainment Goes Global* (implications of the globalisation of entertainment). It also has a calendar of seminars, links to different online publications and information on USC Annenberg courses related to entertainment for the different disciplines (medicine, architecture, law, politics, etc.).

Political Communication Lab (Stanford University)

<<http://pcl.stanford.edu/>>

Directed by the professor of Communication, Shanto Iyengar, the Political Communication Lab (PCL) develops and administers experimental studies of public opinion and political behaviour through the use of both online and traditional methods. Its website has many different resources, in the format of books or articles, on changes in political communication. Also of interest are the videos of different talks on the issue and the important archive of North American political campaigns that the Lab makes available to the public. Finally, the website also provides information on political communication courses given by Stanford University, where the Lab is located.

International Press Institute (IPI)

<<http://www.freemedia.at>>

The International Press Institute is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary in 2010. One of its main activities is aimed at ensuring the injustices are denounced that are suffered by journalists while exercising their profession in various conflicts in the world. Its website mainly offers the different reports produced on the state of free speech and the conditions of journalism in specific countries and regions, with particular attention to zones such as Africa and the Middle East. There is also an archive of its activities, the awards given by the IPI, links to its annual events, blogs by the organisation, etc.

Center for Research on Children, Adolescents and the Media (University of Amsterdam)

<<http://www.ccam-ascor.nl/index.php>>

Belonging to the University of Amsterdam and run by the prestigious Patti M. Valkenburg, this Dutch research centre strives to have an academic focus that is also oriented at the public in general. The centre's main mission is to study the role of the media in the life of children and adolescents. The five specific lines of research range from online communication and the use of the internet by children and young people in their social relations to addiction to video games, including children's cognitive relations towards the media in general and the presence of explicit sexual material on the internet and the risks this entails for children.

Center for Media Literacy (CML)

<<http://www.medialit.org/>>

The Center for Media Literacy (CML) is an educational organisation that is dedicated to promoting and supporting media literacy education as a framework for accessing, analysing, evaluating, creating and participating in media content. The CML focuses mainly on the young to help them develop critical thinking and media production skills need to live fully in the 21st century media culture. Its website provides access to different documents (some translated into Spanish), resources for teaching media literacy and a collection of good practices in this area.

Center for Communication Research (City University of Hong Kong)

<<http://com.cityu.edu.hk/ccr/>>

The CCoR is very well connected internationally and is therefore an important point of connection with the situation of Chinese communication research. The centre divides its scientific work into three large areas: (1) the effects of globalisation on the Chinese media, (2) the structural characteristics of the internet and an analysis of its flows (blogs, social networks, hyperlink), and (3) the socio-cognitive effects of computer-based communication. The website includes information on its scientific work, as well as a news section with the activities carried out by the centre, the profile of all the research staff and a calendar of events.

NHK Broadcasting Culture Research Institute (Bunken)

<<http://www.nhk.or.jp/bunken/index-e.html>>

The NHK Broadcasting Culture Research Institute or Bunken is a Japanese institution created in 1946 dedicated to investigating the situation of broadcasting in all its dimensions. Its website has a back catalogue of its monthly newsletter where not only audience surveys are analysed, one of its strong points, but also studies and reflections on many different subjects related to culture and mass communication in Japan and other places. It also has reports, annual bulletins and specific monographs that analyse some areas more in depth. Some of these are only available in Japanese but many are also in English.

National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR)

<<http://www.niscair.res.in/home.asp>>

Created in 2002 from the "merger" between two Indian research centres: the National Institute of Science Communication (NISCOM) and the Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre (INDOC), the main aim of this centre is to centralise information resources and disseminate scientific knowledge in the areas of health and environmental sciences, among others. Its website has different informative programmes on scientific subjects aimed at the public at large, but also has an academic resource centre. It also helps to promote the right to information based on the dissemination of existing legislation on this area and other related resources.