# Concepts and Methods Workshop:

# Structural Approaches to Online Communities and Networks



### Hosted by the News & Media Research Centre (N&MRC), Faculty of Arts and Design

### Date: Wednesday 27th August 2014

#### Location: Seminar Room 1, Ann Harding Conference Centre, Building 24, University of Canberra

**Program**

8.45am: Registration, welcome

9.00am: Opening remarks, Dr Jerry Watkins, Director, News & Media Research Centre, Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra

Workshop process, Dr Mathieu O'Neil, News & Media Research Centre, Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra

**Session 1: Theoretical frameworks**

9.15am: Mahin Raissi, Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University: "Facebook ego networks and social capital in real life"

9.35am: Response: Professor Caroline Haythornthwaite, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, The iSchool at The University of British Columbia

9.55am: Dr Alexia Maddox, Sociology, Deakin University: "The emergence of open social systems: how to theorise and research global online communities"

10.15am: Response: Dr Mathieu O'Neil, News & Media Research Centre, Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra

10.35am: Open discussion

10.50am: Break

**Session 2: Mapping strategies**

11.00am: Jake Wallis, School of Information Studies, Charles Sturt University: "#digitalactivism: networks, new media and political action"

11.20am: Response: Dr Robert Ackland, Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University

11.40am: Ben Ennis-Butler, Centre for Creative and Cultural Research, Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra: "Visualising online cultural collections"

12.00pm: Response: Professor Angelina Russo, Centre for Creative and Cultural Research, Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra

12.20pm: Open discussion

12.30pm: Break

**Session 3:** **Structured dialogue part I**

1.30pm: Facilitators: Dr Julie Freeman and Dr Sora Park, News & Media Research Centre, Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra

Participants respond to the following triggering question: "what are the most promising areas for future research into online communities and networks?" Participants identify up to three responses and explain them to others. Participants then order these responses by voting for the most relevant ones.

3.00pm: Break

**Session 4: Structured dialogue part II**

3.15pm: Facilitators: Dr Julie Freeman and Dr Sora Park, News & Media Research Centre, Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra

Participants cluster concepts into groups, and decide on the working paper structure.

4.45pm: Wrap-up, summary

5.15pm: End

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