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MEDIA FRAGMENTATION, PARTY SYSTEMS AND DEMOCRACY

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The issues surrounding media fragmentation impact both party systems, and forms of democracy. The first consequence is the so-called “crisis of journalism”. The situation is felt keenly in Western democracies, and particularly in the USA. A more segmented, less centralized, more advocacy oriented media system is taking the place of the previous dominant professional model based on the ideology of neutrality and objectivity. There are rather different stories of media institutions and growth in China, India and SE Asia, but the themes of diversification and new media are nonetheless shared worldwide.

- » **Date:** Wednesday 31 August, 2011
- » **Time:** 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- » **Venue:** Theatrette, State Library of Victoria,
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