

Educational Media Ecologies: International Perspectives

Call for papers for an interdisciplinary conference at the University of Paderborn (March 27-28, 2012)

From educational gaming through portable e-readers to cell phones, media are interpenetrating educational spaces and activities. Accordingly, understanding media in environmental or ecological terms has become increasingly important for education internationally. In North America, for example, the centenary of McLuhan's birth has focused attention on approaches to media –whether oral, textual, electronic or digital– as a kind of environment in which education takes place. In parts of Europe, the so-called “mediatic turn” –following on the linguistic and iconic turns– has similarly emphasized the role of media as a condition for the possibility of educational activities and programs. The purpose of this conference is to deepen and expand international dialogue in the area of educational media. Areas of research and scholarship relevant to this dialogue include educational media, media literacy, educational technology, educational philosophy, and literary and cultural studies.

We welcome submissions from scholars and educationalists as well as media professionals. Proposals can be submitted for conceptual papers as well as reports of empirical studies. Conference language is English.

Keynote Speaker - Suzanne de Castell is Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada. She holds a doctorate from Senate House at the University of London, and has published widely on educational history, philosophy and theory, literacy studies and technology/gender studies. See: <http://szdecastell.com/>



Keynote Speaker – Petra Grell is Professor in Media and Lifelong Learning in the Humanities Faculty at the University of Potsdam, Germany. She completed her PhD (focusing on “resistances to learning”) in 2005 at the University of Hamburg, and her current research interests include social media, e-learning and media in higher education. See: <http://www.uni-potsdam.de/db/grellblog/>



Conference organizers: Univ. Prof. Dr. Dorothee Meister (Paderborn), Dr. Norm Friesen (Kamloops, Canada), Univ. Prof. Dr. Theo Hug (Innsbruck)

Abstracts Due: December 15, 2011 (maximum 500 words, plus short author CV)

Send submissions to dorothee.meister@uni-paderborn.de with the subject-line “Educational Media Ecologies.”

See conference Website for further details, announcements, etc: <http://www.edumediaecologies.org>