

The future of journalism and publishing online

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[Brendan O'Neill](#) and [Louise Bolotin](#) will introduce a conversation about recent changes in journalism and how the future of online publishing can be shaped



National and regional newspapers have experienced a protracted period of retrenchment, and the development of critical and in-depth journalism has been one of the main casualties. Alongside this trend in paper based publishing has been the proliferation of a variety of online publishing mechanisms, by individual bloggers and collaborations trying to develop new mechanisms of news reporting and commentary.

Brendan O'Neill represents the first custom-built online current affairs publication in the UK, as editor of [spiked](#), so will be able to talk through experience of the practical challenges posed for online publishers of quality commentary.

Louise Bolotin

represents a Manchester-based response to the development of a news platform that only publishes online, incorporating technology to address the demands of a 24-hour news agenda and using social media such as Facebook and Twitter to reach new audiences. The


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website she co-owns appeals to a particular readership that only rarely pick up print copies of the papers.

With the publication of leaks through the WikiLeaks website and passed leaked US Embassy cables to selected news organisations, its founder Julian Assange has been both vilified and beatified. Some of those who have given material to WikiLeaks in the past have faced long-term imprisonment. But beyond the personalities and witch-hunts, what have we actually learned from these many revelations?

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Discussion and speakers' final comments - click on the  Play button:
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Initial background readings

[Citizen journalism](#) , Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

[Journalists Defending Journalism](#) Proof: Reading, Journalism and Society January 2010

[New media: the changing face of journalism](#) by Dave Porter, Manchester Salon review section January 2011

[Journalism Studies: A Critical Introduction](#) by Andrew Calcutt and Phil Hammond January 2011

[Is news moving too fast?](#) Today, BBC Radio 4, 9 February 2011

[Wikileaks vs the world: you couldn't make it up!](#) , by Brendan O'Neill, spiked review of books, February 2001

[The decline of regional newspapers vs digital growth. All is not as it seems..](#) , How-Do 03 March 2011

[Communicative capitalism: lecture and seminar by Jodi Dean](#) , reviewed by Simon Belt, Manchester Salon March 2011

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