

Joint event organized by the
Media Study Group and
Social Aspects of Death, Dying and
Bereavement (DDB) Study Group

Monday 15th November 2010, 10.30am – 4.30pm
BSA London Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf

Venue details can be found at: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/meetingroom.htm>

Theme: Death and the Media

In a time of 24/7 news channels, easy access to the internet and a burgeoning celebrity culture, death is an important source of news for journalism. Framed by ongoing discussions about the visibility of death within Western Society, death in the media adds an interesting and valuable contribution to debates about death denial and death as taboo.

This symposium will bring together academics from Sociology and associated disciplines to consider the coverage of death in the media and what this may reveal about the status of death in contemporary society more generally. Papers on the day will cover popular images of death in tabloid journalism/magazines; news realism and the representation of "ordinary deaths"; accidental, extraordinary and sensational media accounts of death; news constructions of mourning; blogs and alternative (lay) views of death; the death of celebrities in the news; ethical issues in reporting / photographing death; compassion, morality and the reporting of death and suffering. Held at the BSA London Room it promises to be a lively and informative event, so make sure to book early, we look forward to seeing you there.

Early Bird Registration for the symposium closes on
Monday 18th October 2010.

Fees are £20 for Postgraduates, £25 BSA members, and £35 for non-members. Registrations after 19th October incur a £5 late booking fee.

Please visit the event website http://www.britsoc.co.uk/specialisms/DDB.htm#_activity to register and for further symposium details.

For more details about the study groups please visit
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/specialisms/Media.htm> and/or <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/specialisms/DDB.htm>

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