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Modern journalism under scrutiny during BU professorial lecture

Journalism today is being influenced by the importance of social media and the rise of 'citizen reporters'. But, as we prepare to close the first decade of the 21st century, what 'counts' as journalism and what does it mean to be a journalist in the modern era?

Bournemouth University (BU) Professor Stuart Allan will explore these issues during a free public lecture on Wednesday, 16 December at 6.00pm. The lecture will be held in the Allsebrook Lecture Theatre on the University's Talbot Campus.

Professor Allan's talk, entitled *Re-envisioning journalism: when theory meets practice*, will focus on ways in which the internet is transforming journalism as a profession. He will also assess the possible implications of that transformation for our democracy.

Professor Allan came to BU in 2007 with expertise in a wide range of journalism-related experience and research interests. These range from online news, with special interests in crisis, conflict and war reporting (especially the role of citizen journalism) to journalism history and the relationship between young people, citizenship and digital media.

This lecture is part of the annual Professorial Inaugural Lecture Series at BU. Light refreshments will be served prior to the lecture, from 5.15pm, in The Atrium at BU. A cold buffet reception will follow the lecture. Both are free to those attending.

To reserve your place at Professor Allan's lecture, please email: bulectures@bournemouth.ac.uk or telephone (01202) 961033.

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Notes for Editors

1. BU is the UK's Number One New University (first place among all institutions that became universities since 1992) according to The Guardian University Guide 2009 & 2010. (www.guardian.co.uk/education)
2. BU was a finalist for 'University of the Year' and 'Research Project of the Year' in the *Times Higher Education (THE)* Awards, 2009.
3. In the 2008 [Research Assessment Exercise](#) (RAE) BU is the fourth most improved university in the UK for the quality of its research (according to *Times Higher Education*).

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