



**ESRC SEMINAR SERIES: VISUAL DIALOGUES: NEW AGENDAS IN  
INEQUALITIES RESEARCH**

**SEMINAR FIVE:** NEW VISUAL TECHNOLOGIES, MEDIA AND PRACTICES:  
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INEQUALITIES RESEARCH

**DATE:** Friday 13 May 2011

**VENUE:** Library Meeting Rooms, The Open University, Milton Keynes

This seminar will examine the uses of new visual technologies, media and practices in social research, their capacity for understanding, sustaining and diminishing inequalities and their potential for informing an equalities agenda. Its focus will be upon:

- the ways in which individuals and/ or communities make use of new visual technologies, media and/or practices;
- how, as researchers, we might ourselves understand, develop and use these in our research
- the ways in which they might be used to inform policy and practice

**10.00 – 10.30: Registration & refreshments**

**10.30 – 10.45: Welcome & introduction**

Dr Janet Fink, Dr Helen Lomax, Professor Gillian Rose and Lisa Whiting

**10.45 – 12.45: Session 1**

**Crossing the line: visualising youth leisure and urban music**

Dr. Brett Lashua, *Leeds Metropolitan University*

**Research with, on and about video**

Dr Eric Laurier, *University of Edinburgh*

**Older people video blogging and Wii bowling: Using multimodal interactional analysis to explore issues of access and digital inclusion with older people.**

Dr Dave Harley, *University of Brighton*

**12.45 – 13.45: Lunch**

**13.45– 15.45: Session 2**

**Photographic self-portraiture: Empowerment through user generated content?**

Dr Andrew Cox, *University of Sheffield*

**Rethinking teacher professional development: Valorising gaming literacy and digital game paratexts in the literacy classroom**

Dr Christopher Walsh, The Open University

**New visual technologies and quantitative data**

Jo Mack and Peter Mitton, The Open University

**15.45 - 16.00: Concluding remarks**