



## ***'Sharing Experience'***

### ***Audiences in Media, Communication and Cultural Studies***

A MeCCSA Postgraduate Network symposium at the Department of Theatre,  
Film and Television Studies, University of Wales, Aberystwyth

**3–4 April 2007**

Audiences come in all shapes and forms –as viewers, listeners, readers, users, participants, fans, aficionados and learners –focusing their attention on a variety of sources within an increasingly changing media landscape. The range and diversity of audiences and their experiences is both exciting and challenging for researchers, and it is the very nature of the field that requires a multitude of systematic approaches when studying and teaching about audiences.

This training day aims to bring together postgraduate researchers interested in the broad field of audience and reception studies, whether this is in relation to contemporary or historical audiences, theoretical or empirical work, quantitative or qualitative studies, questions or answers. In addition to presenting and discussing their work in thematic panels, there will be an opportunity for delegates to take part in workshops concerned with 'how to do' and 'how to teach' audience and reception studies.

Confirmed speakers include **Professor Jenny Kitzinger** (Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies) and **Professor Martin Barker** (Department of Theatre, Film and Television Studies, Aberystwyth).

**We welcome abstracts of 200 words to be sent to [sharing\\_experience@hotmail.com](mailto:sharing_experience@hotmail.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006. Please also briefly indicate why you would like to participate in this event, and what you would hope to get out of it. In particular, we are interested to hear about the issues of teaching and methodology that might become relevant to you in the process of your work.**

