



**“There’s No Such Thing as Society”?
Broadcasting, the NHS and ‘the public’**

**A one day symposium at Bournemouth University
Talbot Campus**

Friday 29 January 2010

preceded by a *Casualty* evening on Thursday 28th

The aim of the Symposium is to explore the challenges to the concept of ‘public service’ by Margaret Thatcher’s Conservative Governments of the 1980s, specifically in relation to broadcasting and the National Health Service. The Symposium will consider the ways in which changes in policy were reflected by the broadcast media across the genres, and the ways in which a political project became part of the public discourse and popular culture.

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Thursday 28 January *Casualty* evening

**Rm W241
Weymouth House**

6.00 pm The real *Casualty*

Screening: This Week *Casualty* Thames Television/ITV 25 May 1989
Following a weekend in the accident and emergency department, Kings College Hospital, London.

6.30 Introduction to BBC1’s *Casualty*

Jonathan Powell
Head of Drama at BBC TV from 1985: Controller BBC1 1988-1992
who commissioned the series

6.45 Screening: Episode 1 ‘Gas’ 6 September 1986

7.45-8.15 Discussion and questions

Chair: Sherryl Wilson
University of the West of England
who was a psychiatric nurse in the 1980s

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Thomas Hardy Suite: The Coyne lecture theatre

9.15-9.45 Registration and coffee Rm 141

9.45-10.05 Welcome

Barry Richards
Head of Research, Bournemouth Media School

Brief introduction to the research project

Patricia Holland
Principal Investigator 'No such thing as society?' project

10.05- 11.45 Panel on Policy and public service in the 1980s

Tom O'Malley on broadcasting policy in the 1980s
Professor of Media Studies, Aberystwyth University
author of *Closedown? The BBC and Government Broadcasting Policy 1979-1992*
Co-editor of *The Peacock Committee and UK Broadcasting Policy*
Co-editor of the *Journal Media History* (Routledge)

Stephen Iliffe on health policy in 1980s
Professor of primary care for older people. UCL School of Life and Medical Sciences
A GP in the 1980s
author of numerous books on health policy including
From General Practice to Primary Care 2008
co-author *Banking on Sickness* 1988

Tony Stoller on Independent Local Radio
Chief Executive of the Radio Authority 1995-2003
author of *Sounds of Your Life: the history of Independent Radio in the UK*
Visiting Fellow in Bournemouth's Centre for Broadcasting History Research

Ray Fitzwalter on ITV in the 1980s
Editor of *World in Action* in the 1980s then Head of Current Affairs at Granada Television
author of *The Dream that Died: the Rise and Fall of ITV*

Chair Kevin Marsh Editor BBC College of Journalism
BBC news editor in the 1980s. Editor of Radio 4 *Today Programme* to 2006

11.45-1.00 Panel on Radio and the NHS

Hugh Chignell on BBC radio current affairs: *Analysis* and *File on Four*
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Georgia Eglezou on BBC *Woman's Hour*
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Emma Wray on Commercial Radio in the 1980s
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Chair Tony Stoller

1.00-2.00 Lunch Rooms 143/144

sandwich lunch provided

At 1.15 pm a live report on the symposium will be streamed by the Media School web TV service "The Station"

2pm The BBC and popular programmes in the 1980s

Jonathan Powell

Head of Drama at BBC TV from 1985: Controller BBC1 1988-1992

2.30-3.30 1980s Medical Fictions Panel

Heather Sutherland on BBC comedy and public service
University of Reading

Sherryl Wilson on G.F.Newman's *The Nation's Health*

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Chair Jonathan Powell

3.30-3.45 Tea Room 141

3.45-5.00 Factual Panel: observation and debate

Peter Lee-wright

Producer in BBC Community Programme Unit and Channel Four in the 1980s

Author of *The Documentary Handbook* 2010

Nick Gray YTV's *Jimmy's*

Television Producer/Director, *Jimmy's* and *First Tuesday*

Deviser/Producer of *Jimmy's* 1987-1997.

David McQueen Margaret Thatcher appears on *Panorama*

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Chair Stephen Iliffe

5.00-5.30 Closing speaker and plenary discussion

Reviewing broadcasting and public service in the 1980s:

Kevin Marsh

Editor BBC College of Journalism

BBC news editor in the 1980s. Editor of Radio 4 *Today Programme* to 2006

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