

So, what?

Public lectures in contemporary humanities and social sciences

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**Always with me:
How mobile and social media are changing us**

Date: Thursday 23 September 2010

Time: Cocktail food and drinks from 6.00pm
Lecture from 6.30 – 7.30pm

Location: Tyree Room, John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington

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Bio

Kate Crawford is an Associate Professor in the Journalism and Media Research Centre at UNSW. She is completing a three-year ARC Discovery project on mobile media use by 18-30 year olds around Australia. Her books include *Adult Themes* (2006) and *Understanding the Internet: Language, Technology, Media and Power* (with Chris Chesher and Anne Dunn, in press). This year, she was an invited research fellow at Microsoft Research Labs in Boston and she is currently working on a manuscript on the concept of listening and networked technologies.

Abstract

The mobile phone is no longer just a personal telecommunications device, it is a portal to multiple social spaces that are constantly in flux. Sites such as Facebook, and Twitter are accessed throughout the day by mobile users, as they tune in to with their different networks and share updates and images. What are the social impacts of this sustained engagement and continual presence? What does it mean for friendships and relationships? This talk will share preliminary findings from the largest study of mobile media use in Australia and consider the complex terrain between humans, mobiles and social networks.



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