

The *Centre for Cultural Studies Research (CCSR)* are pleased to invite you to:

### **New Research in Cultural Studies Seminar**

Thursday 28 May 2009 at 3pm

Room WB2.01, Docklands Campus, University of East London

This seminar brings together early career researchers associated with the Centre for Cultural Studies Research (CCSR) at the University of East London. It aims to provide a snapshot of the kind of work currently being done in cultural studies, and a reflection on cultural studies as a discipline, tradition, and research practice.

The seminar will be followed by an informal reception and launch for Ben Pitcher's new book *The Politics of Multiculturalism*, Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Speakers include:**

#### **Sarah Baker**

*'Doing cultural studies: the story of the retro sideboard'*

Sarah Baker is completing her doctoral thesis entitled 'Retro style, class and the home: the making and unmaking of value' at the University of East London. She has taught on a number of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in cultural and media studies at the University of Hertfordshire and the University of East London. Sarah is currently writing a number of entries for the *Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture* to be published by Sage.

#### **Rebecca Bramall**

*'Articulation and historicity: evaluating the new austerity'*

Rebecca Bramall is a Senior Lecturer in media studies at the University of Brighton.

#### **Karen Cross**

*'Cultural studies and 'The cult of the amateur''*

Karen Cross completed her PhD in Cultural Studies at University of East London in 2007. Her thesis 'Training the Eye of the Photographer: the education of the amateur' focused on relational histories of professional and amateur image making and their containment within the contemporary field of photography education. Now a Lecturer in Cultural Studies at Roehampton University she continues to work on snapshot and amateur photography and is interested in theorisations of the amateur and the everyday.

#### **Joanne Lim**

*'Performing the nation: The cultural politics of reality TV in postcolonial Malaysia'*

Joanne is completing her PhD in the field of media and cultural studies at the University of East London. She possesses qualifications both in Global Media and Communication (Broadcasting). Her research interests include discourses relating to media and globalization including its cultural and political implications on postcolonial nations, particularly within Asia. Joanne is a former journalist with Malaysia's leading newspaper – *The Star Publications*.

#### **Ben Pitcher**

*'Thinking about race and racism with cultural studies'*

Ben Pitcher teaches cultural studies and sociology at a number of different institutions in London. His research interests include anti-racism and the contemporary politics of race. He is associate editor of darkmatter journal [www.darkmatter101.org](http://www.darkmatter101.org).

The event is free. Please confirm your place by sending an email to Ash Sharma  
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