

## **Press release**

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### **[The future of journalism and publishing online](#)**

The Manchester Salon is hosting a timely debate on the threats to print journalism with the arrival of social media – and how journalism is taking on new forms in the digital age.

National and regional newspapers have experienced a protracted period of retrenchment recently, and the development of critical and in-depth journalism has been one of the main casualties.

With slashed advertising revenues, declining circulation and a rash of redundancies, regional and national newspapers are struggling to find a new economic model.

Alongside this has been a proliferation of online publishing by individual bloggers and citizen journalist trying to develop new ways of news reporting and commentary.

Leading the debate is Brendan O'Neill, editor of Spiked online and who has also written for the Guardian, Spectator and the British Journalism Review. Brendan will look at the challenges online publishing poses for journalism.

Also speaking will be Louise Bolotin, a former BBC journalist who publishes the website, Inside the M60. Louise will speak about the demands of 24-hour news and the use of social media such as Twitter and Facebook as news platforms.

With the WikiLeaks website being passed and publishing leaked US Embassy cables, its founder Julian Assange has been both vilified and

beatified. Some of those who have given material to WikiLeaks in the past have faced long-term imprisonment. But beyond the personalities and witch-hunts, what have we actually learned from these many revelations?

## Venue and Time:

In the discussion area of [Blackwell University Bookshop](#) , The Precinct, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9RN. Please arrive around 6:30pm for drinks and nibbles, ready for a prompt 6:45pm start - expected to finish just after 8:15pm.

### **Tickets are £5**

payable in advance, which entitles you to a £3 discount for anything bought from the bookshop on the evening. Purchase tickets in advance, using the PayPal Donate button on the Manchester Salon website (feel free to donate on top of the £5 ticket), in-store or

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