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Conference Announcement
Call for Papers

Arts and Social Justice: The Media Connection

20-23 October 2011
University of Nicosia, Cyprus

We are proud to announce that the **Department of Communications in conjunction with the Mass Media and Communications Institute at The University of Nicosia** will be hosting The 2011 Arts and Social Justice Conference which will be held from **20-23 October 2011** at the **University of Nicosia**. The title of this year's conference is **Arts and Social Justice: The Media Connection**. The ASJ is a well established international conference based on arts, expression and citizen activism and its various mediated forms of representation. ASJ has ties to the World Social Forum, also held annually at the same time as the Davos Economic Forum and conceived as one of its counterweights. In 2010, the ASJ conference was held in Durban, South Africa, with such luminaries as Albie Sachs and Rajmohan Ghandi among the plenary speakers and key presentations from William Cleveland, Mike van Graan, and Angelina Kamba.

At the 2011 conference, we expect about 200 - 300 delegates from all over the world – artists, academics, activists. Special emphasis will be put on the media and how they can and do influence societies at large to take on greater responsibilities in making this world a just place to live. There will be three strands:

1. Arts, Media and Advocacy
2. Media, Culture and Identity
3. Arts, Cultural Diversity and Conflict Resolution

Especially the first strand will give the opportunity to analyze citizen media production and how, as in the recent cases of Tunisia, Egypt and other Arab countries, this has contributed to giving a forceful voice to formerly disenfranchised groups. At present, confirmed keynote speakers are **Frank Webster**, **Stephanos Stephanides** and **Neshe Yashin**, but others will be added as we draw closer to the date. Also, the conference proceedings comprised of select contributions will be published.

We welcome your interest and would encourage you to enroll in the conference and actively participate in it. Please visit our website www.2011asjmediacollection.org for the latest information and updates. Alternatively, please contact Mike Hajimichael (hajimichael.m@unic.ac.cy) or Holger Briel (briel.h@unic.ac.cy). The **deadline for proposals** is **15 June 2011**.

We look forward to welcoming you at the University of Nicosia!