Call for Papers

Mobile Media and Asian Social Intimacies
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Overview
Mobile Media and Asian Social Intimacies brings together contemporary studies from emerging scholars on the place of mobile media technologies in the East/Southeast Asian experience of intimacies across diverse social contexts. These range from intimate relationships and friendships to family ties and extended kinships to neighborhood and community solidarities. By providing a regional and transnational overview of such studies, the edited collection affords new insights to the longstanding project of de-Westernizing the scholarship on ICTs and everyday life. It allows for a mapping out of the different levels of impact that mobile media might have on social intimacies in the region, which contains some of the most technologically advanced as well as the most technologically behind societies in the world. It also enables a mapping out of the differing ways in which mobile media might be embedded in the region’s divergent articulations of social intimacies, which reflect the ongoing tensions between Western and Asian imaginaries of modernity. All in all, this book allows us to take a comparative approach to understanding the ways in which mobile technologies amplify and challenge existing ideas and practices of East/Southeast Asian social intimacies.

We are seeking original works from contributors whose research fit into the following areas of this volume:

Section I focuses on mobile media in relation to East/Southeast Asian dynamics of intimate relationships and friendships. It pays attention to how these technologies might map onto traditional divides of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, and class.

Section II is an examination of mobile media vis-à-vis the changing definitions of East/Southeast Asian families. It looks at how these technologies matter to developments such as the growing tension between nuclear and extended families, the stretching of families across multiple rural and urban sites, and the rise of transnational families.

Section III is about mobile media and the East/Southeast Asian experience of neighbourliness and community. It attends to how mobile media allow for a sense of belongingness amongst civic groups, grassroots organizations, and the marginalised as well as individuals in single households such as the elderly and the unmarried.

This volume will be part of the Springer series ‘Mobile Communication in Asia: Local Insights, Global Implications’ (series editor: Sun Sun Lim) which aims to systematically and thoroughly canvas the research community that studies the social impact of mobile communication in Asia, in order to highlight research that has not yet attained a sufficiently international profile.
Abstract Submission
Authors should submit chapter proposals by 15 September 2017 to Jason Vincent A. Cabañes, (j.v.a.cabanes@leeds.ac.uk) and Cecilia S. Uy-Tioco (cuypioco@csusm.edu) that include the following:

- Chapter title
- Authors’ titles, affiliations, and contact information
- Abstract of 500 words
- Brief biography of 100 words

Authors will be notified by 1 December 2017.
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