

## The Past, Present & Future of Civic/Citizen Journalism: Three Panels Weigh In on the Issues



India's CNN-IBN news channel joins the movement in Mumbai, originally uploaded by Ina galway.

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Join us at this pre-conference, which marks 20 years of the Civic/Public Journalism movement. Walk-ins welcome.

Some issues to be addressed in three 75-minute panel sessions include:

What should the modern press do to re-engage with its communities? How do principles and practices from the public journalism movement address that need? How could representative journalism work? What are some newer media formats being used by hyperlocal journalists?

*Directions to Columbia College: From the Downtown Marriott, go about a mile South on N. Michigan Avenue and turn left on E. Congress Pkwy. The Convergence Newsroom is located in the Journalism Department suite on the second floor of the building at 33 E. Congress.*

### **Panel 1: Civic/Public Journalism 2.0**

2008 marks 20 years since the Civic/Public Journalism movement started in the U.S, advancing the need for the modern press to re-engage with its communities.

Where do principles and practices from the public journalism movement now inform the press? How does the past inform us about where Civic/Public Journalism may influence future avenues toward press re-engagement with citizens?

**Moderator: Jack Rosenberry**  
**Panelists: Jay Rosen, New York University; Ed Lambeth, University of Missouri; Mark Deuze, Indiana University; and Burton St. John, Old Dominion University**

### **Panel 2: Meet the Press: Hyperlocal, Community and Citizen Media in Chicago**

This panel will deliver insights into how the ecospheres of citizen and hyperlocal journalism work in Chicago, the storied "City of Neighborhoods." The panelists represent a variety of media, from print to video to Internet and include journalists who are experimenting with new media forms and community members who are creating media.

**Moderator: Barbara Iverson, Columbia College Chicago**  
**Panelists: Nikhil Moro, Central Michigan University; Suzanne McBride, Columbia College Chicago; Adrian Holovaty, www.everyblock.com & Steve Rhodes, beachwoodreporter.com**

### **Panel 3: They Blog for Journalism Change - And It Pays Off**

Jay Rosen morphs into guru of citizen journalism with Off the Bus and NewsAssignment.net on his blog. Jeff Jarvis blogging about journalism change that leads to teaching journalism at The City University of New York CUNY Graduate School of Journalism. Leonard Witt introduces "Representative Journalism" on his blog PJNet.org and gets takers. Mindy McAdams, uses her blog to catalog and critique the latest developments in digital storytelling, from Flash to databases to video.

**Moderator: Kim Pearson, College of New Jersey**  
**Panelists: Jay Rosen, New York; Leonard Witt, Kennesaw State; Jeff Jarvis, CUNY; Mindy McAdams, Florida**