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# Communication, information and the media in PNG

Friday 27 August 12:30–1:30pm (AEST)

Communication and information are essential to all aspects of life. This presentation will explore the flows of communication and information in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Do citizens have the means to communicate their views? Do they have access to timely information? Communication and information are crucial to governance and effective democracy. A key component of a functioning democracy is a citizenry that is well informed and actively engaged in debates about government policies. In PNG, the mainstream media has a fragile freedom but does not carry out sufficient in-depth investigations. Urban residents are much more easily able to access the media than those living in rural villages. But what about new technologies – mobile telephones, the internet and social media? The presentation will discuss how they form an evolving part of the communication and information landscape in PNG.

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