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Reimagining Local Media Infrastructures: Non-Reformist Media Reforms to Better Serve Democratic Needs

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We learn as children that democracy requires a functional press system as a prerequisite for a self-governing society. There is also a general consensus that all communities have informational needs that a local media system must serve. Increasingly, however, local media institutions are collapsing under commercial pressures and these democratic requirements are not being met.

In this presentation, I will analyze some of the structural problems afflicting our information and communication systems. I will conclude by proposing “non-reformist media reforms” that can help us reimagine and redesign our local media infrastructures so that they better serve democratic needs.

Speaker

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Practical details

Date: 18 December 2024

Time: 15:30 - 16:45 CET (Amsterdam)

Place:

- REC A5.24, Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, 1018 WV Amsterdam.
- Online via Zoom (you will receive the Zoomlink via email on the morning of the lecture).

