

## MS3024 Reporting Panics Risks and Fears: Journalism in an Age of Anxiety

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Today ideas of panics, risks and fears - whether, for example, those associated with crime, immigration, environmental despoliation, the nuclear industry, food processing and food safety or scientific advances in bio-genetic engineering - are subject to intense media attention and speculation. But how exactly has journalism represented these? Do journalists simply sensationalise and profit from 'doom and gloom' mongering or perhaps they play a more responsible role in alerting us all to associated hazards? Reporting Panics, Risks and Fears ... invites you to consider the multiple roles performed by the news media in relation to the communication of hazards in today's so-called 'Risk society'.

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