Seminar

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Cultural Studies, the Humanities, & the University

Date: 8 Feb 2012 (Wednesday)
Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm
Venue: GE321

Abstract: This seminar will focus on the main international trends in university programs in cultural studies, from two perspectives: what seems to be happening to cultural studies as a university discipline or field, and how is this related to broader trends affecting the place of the humanities in the university. If the situation in the UK is a foretaste of the future, the humanities are in for a difficult time as the commitment to public funding for university education declines. Similarly, it is possible to see cultural studies losing its distinctiveness as it competes within an increasingly instrumental marketplace. This seminar will be informed by the ideas that have fed into Professor Turner’s most recent book, What’s Become of Cultural Studies? which is to be published in January by Sage.

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