

The Press Complaints Commission, in conjunction with the think tank Polis, would like to invite you to a seminar discussion on current issues relating to:

Reporting suicide in the media  
Monday December 1st at 6.30pm at the LSE.

The past year has seen considerable debate about the media's reporting of suicide. This seminar will explore a number of ethical and practical issues relating to the coverage of suicide in both print and broadcast media – and will examine the importance of regulatory structures. It will also have an international perspective, comparing journalistic practices in several countries.

This will be an informal working seminar, aiming to gather contributions from a range of experts and practitioners with the aim of understanding and shaping editorial and regulatory practice.

**Charlie Beckett**, Director of POLIS, will chair the following panel of speakers:

**Tim Toulmin** (Director, PCC)

**Professor Sonia Livingstone** (London School of Economics)

**Bob Satchwell** (Executive Director, Society of Editors)

**Anthony Langan** (Public Affairs Manager, Samaritans)

**Odd Isungset** (Chairman, Norwegian Press Complaints Commission)

**Trevor Barnes** (Senior Standards Manager, OFCOM).

*Details:* Monday 1st December 2008, 6.00pm for a 6.30 start. The seminar will finish at 8pm but you are invited to stay on for informal conversation until 9pm. Drinks and food will be provided from 6pm.

*Location:* The BOX, Tower Three, London School of Economics. Click [here](#) for map.

*Space is limited.* If you would like to attend, please respond to this email. RSVP: Tess Connolly at [polis@lse.ac.uk](mailto:polis@lse.ac.uk)

For further information about the seminar please contact Catherine Speller at [catherine.speller@pcc.org.uk](mailto:catherine.speller@pcc.org.uk)

More details about Polis can be found at [www.polismedia.org](http://www.polismedia.org) and [www.charliebeckett.org](http://www.charliebeckett.org).

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