

Invitation

RTS Fleming Memorial Lecture 2010

Calling Time on Analogue Regulation - an agenda for the next Communications Act

Stewart Purvis, Professor of Television Journalism, City University

**Thursday 11 November 2010 at 7.15pm for 7.30pm
Cavendish Conference Centre, W1G 9DT**

By the time Digital Switchover completes in 2012 the rules that govern the content in British broadcasting will be nearly a decade old. Since the Communications Act of 2003 digital television and broadband internet have become mainstream. In his RTS Fleming Lecture, Stewart Purvis will argue that it is time to call time on analogue-style content regulation and that a new Communications Act should introduce fundamental reform.

Stewart Purvis is uniquely placed to discuss content regulation. He began his broadcasting career at the BBC and then moved to ITN where he rose to become Editor-in-Chief and then Chief Executive from 1995-2003. During his time as Editor of Channel Four News in the early eighties he won two British Academy Awards and is often credited with having turned the programme into the success it became.

From December 2007 to July 2010 Stewart served as Partner for Content & Standards at Ofcom. His responsibilities included the implementation of the Ofcom Broadcast Code across television and radio, a major review of local and regional media, the emerging issues around media literacy and the relationship between broadcast regulation and the on-line world.

He was a member of Ofcom's Content Board and Radio Licensing Committee. He was also on the Executive Board of UKCCIS (UK Council for Child Internet Safety) and chaired the Digital Britain Media Literacy Working Group and the Digital Participation Consortium.

In 2003 he was made the first Chair of Television Journalism in the Department of Journalism at City University, London. After a two and a half year break to take up the Ofcom post, Professor Purvis has now returned to the University. He was also News International Visiting Professor of Broadcast Media at Oxford University in 2005.

In 2000 he received a CBE for services to broadcast journalism. In 2005 he was made an Honorary Doctor of Law by Exeter University. In February 2009 he received the Royal Television Society's Gold Medal for an outstanding contribution to television

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