



ROUNDTABLE INVITE

The Communication for Social Change Research Centre and JMAD are hosting a round-table event in November 2024. Please join us either in person or online for this inaugural event. Lunch will be provided.

WHEN: Thursday, November 21 from 10:00 am -

1:00 pm

WHERE: The Media Centre, AUT (level 5 WG)

The theme of the event combines both research areas of **JMAD** and the **Communication for Social Change Centre**:

This year in New Zealand, news about broadcasting, media, and political and social change shows that the fourth estate and capacity to hold powerful people to account is being **threatened**. The proposed theme of exploring powerful social and media changes in Aotearoa New Zealand in 2024 is the umbrella theme that we want participants to engage with.

- How should we as academics respond to the attacks and dismantling of the democratic pillars of society?
- What is occurring to the fourth estate in NZ? How does this impact democracy?
- How can media and other groups in society respond to issues that impact key areas of media, democracy and social change in New Zealand?
- **Participants would be expected to discuss (10 minutes) their research or thoughts on the key theme.**
- The **aim** is for participants to come up with ideas on how to respond or engage and possible future areas for research activities or action.

Please **RSVP** by 31 October to confirm your interest.