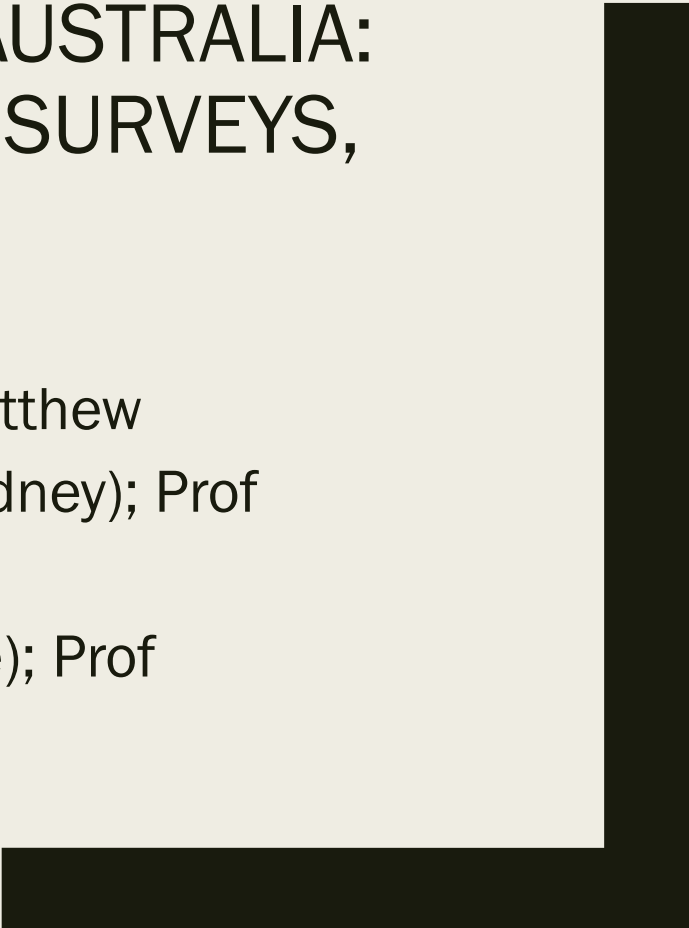




JOURNALISM REDUNDANCIES IN AUSTRALIA: FINDINGS FROM THE NEW BEATS SURVEYS, 2014-2017

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Journalism, media, precarity and sociology

- Public sphere and democracy
- Control of, and access to, production, content and spread of information = power in network society
- Disruptive innovation



BUSINESS

Fairfax to shed 1900 staff, erect paywalls

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Fairfax Media will cut 1900 staff and begin charging for content on the websites of its two main metropolitan newspapers as the company adjusts to shrinking advertising revenue.

- [Rinehart steps up board battle](#)
- [Fairfax lowers stake in Trade Me](#)
- [Fairfax announcement to the ASX](#)
- [Union slams company over printer cuts](#)

Fairfax, publisher of this website, will also shift to compact-sized versions for those two newspapers, *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, from March 4, 2013. The size of the broadsheet papers

New beats: where do redundant journalists go?

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New Beats research project

New Beats
A STUDY OF AUSTRALIAN JOURNALISM REDUNDANCIES



- In 2012, it was estimated that Australian journalism lost 10% of its workforce. Ongoing job losses ever since
- New Beats project to explore what has happened to these journalists since redundancy
- ARC Linkage and Discovery funded, 6 universities, and partnerships with NLA, MEAA & ABC
- Conducted four annual surveys of journalists (2014-2017) who took redundancies in 2012-2014; life interviews
- Internationalisation of project, involving Canada, Netherlands, Indonesia, South Africa, Brazil, Finland, US

Confronting challenges

- Trauma of redundancy
- Income: source and amount
- Challenges to professional identity
- Precarity and uncertainty



Creating opportunities

- New work and careers
- Transferable skills
- Re-invention of self and identity
- Networks and relationships
- Flexibility and choice
- Happiness and well being



Journalism, precarity and ongoing challenges

- Technology is powerful but not determining

Critical sites of agency

- Managing the individual transition: professional and personal
- Emerging organizational forms and work practices
- Political, policy and societal context

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