## Milton Wolf Seminar Report

ASC student Felicity Duncan’s final report on the 2010 Milton Wolf Seminar is now available at the [CGCS website](#).

Felicity writes that, “All in all, the 2010 Milton Wolf seminar can best be understood as an effort to understand a rapidly evolving reality...No firm conclusions were reached: the issues are still in formation, the ground under our feet too unstable, perhaps, for such conclusions to be possible.”

## CGCS Visiting Scholar Profile:
Carla Ganito (May 2010)
Carla Ganito is a researcher at the Research Centre for Communication and Culture where she is involved in several projects at the intersection of communication and cultural studies. She is currently a doctoral student at the Human Sciences Faculty of the Catholic University of Portugal where she also lectures on digital communication and will be a visiting scholar at CGCS the last two weeks of May.

Recently, Carla answered questions about her presentation and her research. The full Q&A is available on the CGCS website.

Where did the title of your presentation on May 20th—One is not made, but rather becomes, a feminine mobile phone—come from? The title is a play of words with Simone de Beauvoir’s famous quote: "One is not born, but rather becomes a woman" that dismissed the existence of a essential gender nature. Gender is understood as a historical and cultural construction. The research I am conducting is grounded on technofeminism (Wajcman, 2004) and on the assumption that gender and technology are mutually shaped…The mobile phone could have not been made feminine but it can become feminine in a context of a specific sociotechnical relationship.

How did you become interested in this topic? Although the mobile phone is currently one of the most pervasive communication technologies, little discussion of it has been framed from a gender perspective and even fewer works from a feminist one. Most of the work carried out on gender and mobile phones is done in a comparative approach, masculine versus feminine which has inhibited a more comprehensive understanding of the changes that might be occurring.

Upcoming CGCS Event

CGCS Visiting Scholars Lunchtime Discussion
May 20, 12-1pm, ASC 300
Carla Ganito: “One is not made, but rather becomes, a feminine mobile phone”
Please RSVP to Laurel Eisenach by Tues, May 18 at 12pm. Lunch will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Visiting Scholar Potluck**

On April 28, CGCS hosted a potluck for our visiting scholars to say goodbye to Sahana Udupa, Rob McMahon and Carlo Nardella, who are leaving in May. Everyone brought a delicious dish, typical of their county: everything from poutine to pasta to pretzels!

*Left photo: CGCS staff and visiting scholars. Center: Food for all. Right: Visiting scholars Rob McMahon and Sahana Udupa and CGCS Legal Research Fellow Aamir Wyne.*

**2010-2011 Visiting Scholars**

CGCS will be hosting its largest cohort ever of visiting scholars in the upcoming academic year. Scholars arriving this fall include:

- **Lucy Abbott**: doctoral candidate, Durham University, UK
- **Yang Chen**: Lecturer and Research Fellow, School of Journalism and Communication, Renmin University of China
- **Xu Linjia**: doctoral candidate, School of Journalism and Communication, Renmin University of China
- **Guoming Lu**: Professor, Renmin University, China
- **Wang Sixin**: Associate Professor, Communication University of China

**Roundup of News and Events**

**Conferences**

- June 4: [Children’s TV in the Arab World](#), University of Westminster, London
- June 7-8: [Developing a Network of Scholars and an Agenda for Social Science Research on Cyber Security](#), CEU, Budapest
- Sept 13-14: [Global Media and the War on Terror](#), London (Extended deadline for
abstracts: May 28)

**Publications**
ActiveWatch - Media Monitoring Agency, 11th annual Report on Freedom of the Press in Romania

**Summer Schools**
August 22-27: The Political Economy of Information and Communication Technologies: Social Networking, Aalborg University, Skagen, Denmark

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**About CGCS**

The director of CGCS is Professor Monroe E. Price, a leading authority on issues relating to media and civil society, media law and policy advocacy, and the intersection between communication, development, and globalization. CGCS staff includes Libby Morgan, Senior Research Coordinator; Laurel Eisenach, Project Coordinator; and Drew Cahan, Grants Coordinator. More information on CGCS Staff.

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