

The Institute of Network Cultures (INC) is a media research centre that actively contributes to the field of network cultures through research, events, publications and online dialogue. The INC was founded in 2004 by media theorist Geert Lovink, following his appointment as professor within the Institute of Interactive Media at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (Hogeschool van Amsterdam). The institute acts as a frame within several researches and meetings take place as well as publications are being published.

The project – Critical Point of View- is a collaboration of the Centre for Internet and Society (Bangalore, India) and the Institute of Network Cultures (Amsterdam, Netherlands). The first conference will be in Bangalore on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of January. The second conference will take place in Amsterdam on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

They are also working together to produce a critical reader on Wikipedia and to build a Wikipedia Knowledge Network. Under the rubric CPOV, we propose two events that bring together different perspectives, approaches, experiences and stories that critically explore different questions and concerns around Wikipedia. The proceedings from these two events will result in a reader that consolidates critical points of view about Wikipedia.

The Wikipedia has emerged as the de facto global reference of dynamic knowledge. Different groups – Wikipedians, users, academics, researchers, gurus of Web 2.0, publishing houses, artists and governments have entered into fierce debates and discussions about what the rise of Wikipedia and Wiki cultures means and how they influence the information societies we live in. The Wikipedia itself has been at the centre of much controversy, pivoted around questions of accuracy, anonymity, vandalism, expertise, and authority.

For the event organized on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March the INC is looking for a **PRODUCER (internship)** and a **RESEARCHER (internship)**

We are looking for an enthusiastic, energetic, inquisitive and precise student with knowledge in the field of new media. As the conference has an international atmosphere, a good control of English is required. The Institute of Network Cultures offers you the possibilities for an internship of four months (starting from early January).

#### **Tasks of the researcher:**

Organizational: • attend meetings

Production: • write book reviews on the subject • collect interesting articles on the subject • help with program booklet • writing contributions for the webpages/blog • preparation of the reader

#### **Tasks of the producer:**

Organizational: • attend meetings

Production: • working as part of the organizational team • to prepare the congress location • responsible for registration • assisting at developing a communication plan • write press releases • writing contributions for the webpages/blog

The traineeship will approximately be for 16 till 20 hours a week. Expected is that there will be a slowly start up towards a peak at the end.

If you are interested please mail a motivated letter with CV to [margreet@networkcultures.org](mailto:margreet@networkcultures.org) before the 18th of December. For further information you can contact Margreet Riphagen; [margreet@networkcultures.org](mailto:margreet@networkcultures.org).