Here is a ‘top 20’ of useful sites for doing **PRESENT TENSE** Media Studies:

**Guardian Media Monkey**

[**http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/mediamonkeyblog**](http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/mediamonkeyblog)

Essential blog for up to the minute media comment.

**Jonathon Gray’s blog**

<http://www.extratextual.tv>

Key current writer - offers critical comment on contemporary stuff with a focus on paratextual media.

**The Case for Global Film**

<http://itpworld.wordpress.com/>

Very useful blog offering a theoretical perspective on world cinema.

**The Centre for Excellence in Media Practice**

<http://www.cemp.ac.uk/>

Part of Bournemouth University, follow the links to interviews and presentations related to their annual Media Education Summit and the Media Education Manifesto.

**Digital Youth**

http://digitalyouth.ischool.berkeley.edu/about

A project exploring how children are using digital media in their everyday lives

**David Gauntlett**

<http://www.makingisconnecting.org/>

Gauntlett is a prolific user of the web to share his work so this is a portal to a vast array of interesting videos, articles and links to related academic work.

**Henry Jenkins**

http://www.henryjenkins.org/

Henry Jenkins’ blog covers theories about fandom, participation and new media.

**Journal of Computer Game Culture**

<http://www.eludamos.org/index.php/eludamos>

Online academic articles on videogames.

**Film Education**

http://www.filmeducation.org/

Provides a range of study materials for the academic study of films – go for their most recent materials.

**Media Magazine**

<http://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/mm/index.html>

Useful online material for A Level and undergraduate Media students. Media Magazine also publishes student articles. Focus is very much on the here and now of media culture.

**Association for Research in Cultures of Young People**

<http://arcyp.ca/>

Research hub for projects looking at young people, media and culture.

**Media Guardian on twitter**

[**https://twitter.com/mediaguardian**](https://twitter.com/mediaguardian)

Fastest information stream on media developments.

**John Naughton – The Networker**

[**http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/series/networker**](http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/series/networker)

Useful blog from journalist covering technology and culture.

**Pete’s Media Blog**

<http://petesmediablog.blogspot.co.uk>

Feed from the hand of the legend.

**Participations**

http://www.participations.org/

Journal publishing extensive and accessible online articles on the theories of audience, culture and change

**TED Talks**

http://www.ted.com/talks/clay\_shirky\_how\_cellphones\_twitter\_facebook\_can\_make\_history.html

Essential resource. This example is Clay Shirky talking about social media.

**Untangling the Web**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/series/untangling-the-web-with-aleks-krotoski>

Blog from Alex Krotoski, the journalist behind the BBC’s ‘Virtual Revolution’ series.

**Michael Wesch**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPAO-lZ4_hU>

This online lecture is one of many very interesting contributions. This link is a starting point to lots of others.

**Wired on Twitter**

<https://twitter.com/wired>

Essential twitter feed for all things technology and culture

**MECCSA**

<http://www.meccsa.org.uk>

Join the email list and get regular web links to academic research and invitations to conferences and events for all things Media and Cultural Studies.