

# Virtual Ethnicity

- Ethnic Identity Construction  
in the Internet -

07.12.04

Presentations on media and  
ethnicity



# Today's session

1. Last session: Social relationships in the Internet
2. Virtual communities (Mareile Paske)
3. Observations
4. Presentation by Miruna Covaci and Luana Martin
5. Next session



# Virtuality and reality

- Miller & Slater (2000, 55):
  - complexity and diversity of relationships
  - pursued through media
  - are embedded in ongoing social lives
  
- Miller & Slater (2000, 82-83):
  - on- and offline worlds penetrate each other deeply and in complex ways
  - when realising existing concepts of identity
  - and pursuing new modes of sociality



# Diasporic families

- Miller & Slater (2000, 56-61):
- realising familial roles and responsibilities
- mundane, everyday, intimate conversations
- routine contact



# Friends and partners

- Miller & Slater (2000, 67-71):
- several possibilities of pursuing relationships
- individually assembled
- Trini things: sexual banter, liming
- search of love
  - leaving the country
- represent and replicate Trinidadian social structure



# Places of sociality

- Miller & Slater (2000, 72- 79):
- form of access determines usage (cybercafes)
- part of everyday socialising (schools)



# Virtual Communities

- by Mareile Paske: [The early theinder.net – Development of a virtual community?](#)



# Observation

- Any problems, questions, remarks on your observations?





# Presentation

- by Luana Martin and Miruna Covaci



# Next session: 14.12.04

- Revision:
  - theory
  - reports
- 11.01.05:
  - Presentations and Virtual Ethnicity
  - 14.00 – 18.00 hours
- Next Report
  - due on 04.01.05
  - thick description of the website (min. 1000 words)
- Weekly Report
  - due 11.01.05

