

Exploring new media usage among Indonesian students in Australian universities

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Previous studies suggest that young people are the majority of internet users. Most research has focused on what people do on the internet, but has not considered how the use of internet relates to other aspects of their lives. This paper examines how the Indonesian students take up with the new media and use the internet in relation to their academic studies.

A mixed method approach is applied in this study, using questionnaires from a sample of 94 undergraduate and postgraduate students from diverse areas of Indonesia who have studied in Australian universities, followed by in-depth interviews with 10 selected participants. Preliminary findings are reported in this paper to provide a better understanding of how the differences in access and facilities in students' previous lives in Indonesia and their more recent circumstances in Australia contribute to their new media usage.