Dear All

Please answer one of the following topics. You may approach the topics from any theoretical perspective (gender, class etc) you wish and adjust them according to your own specific interests. Alternatively you may form your own topic based on our discussions and submit an abstract of about 300 words, subject to approval of instructor, by 25th August. Your paper should be around 4,000 words long excluding bibliography but including quotations. You may use the indicative bibliography suggested on the course outline and any other material from your own research. You may contact the instructor for any suggestions/recommendations for further reading. Your papers may be in English or in Greek and you may use references in English and in Greek. Submission by email at C.Xinaris@euc.ac.cy by 25th September. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Essay topics:

1. **‘Discourse is about the production of knowledge through language’ (Hall). Discuss.**
2. **According to Michel Foucault ‘nothing has any meaning outside discourse’ (1972)? Does language have material effects? What is the relationship between discourse and materiality?**
3. **What is the role of the Mass Media in the construction of reality/Reality? What is their relationship to culture especially if we accept the argument that we live in a mediatised world? How does that affect our experience of reality (whose reality is it anyway?)?**
4. **Consider Foucault’s notion of panopticism and discuss it in relation contemporary perceptions and materialities of the body.**

All best

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