I am stuck in the Aldwych chairing various sessions at a British Council conference while around the world fellow new media obsessives are debating our changing news world. Here’s a few links to the global debate.

Jeff Jarvis is fascinated by the Burda Digital Life Conference in Munich while Ben Hammersley at the same conference wonders why old folk get so excited about ‘New’ media.

Adrian Monck is at Davos – where you are not actually allowed to blog openly. Meanwhile, in the (sort of) real world of US TV, Neil McIntosh has an interesting post suggesting that the Hollywood writers’ strike may have a catalytic effect on already-shifting TV viewing habits in the States. The fragmentation he spots could be seen as either a good or bad consequence of new technologies. But what about the hacks? An interesting post from the Frontline Club blogger suggests that new media gizmos and the economics they bring could actually increase the number of reporters in the field.

It’s a new year and the debate about new media continues. As John Geraci notes it is maturing beyond the crude fight between Internet evangelists and Old Media diehards. We are all in effect digital now – the debate is now about what kind of media we create. Thanks to the Internet that debate can be had around the world and on your laptop.

Enjoy.

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