

The internet has changed the way we communicate and so changed society and culture. *Internet, Society and Culture* offers an understanding of this change by examining two case studies of pre- and post-internet communication: letters sent to and from Australia in 1835-1858 and online gaming, respectively. The result is the definition of two types of communication that are lived simultaneously in the twenty-first century. The first is pre-internet and relies on the body having touched and created a message—for example, by attaching a signature—to stabilize the nature of sender, message and receiver. Internet-dependent communication differs because no identity-marker can be trusted on the internet and so styles of communicating are used to stabilise the transmission of messages. Being post-internet means having to live these two contradictory forms of communication at once.