Introduction to the course

* What is cultural studies?
* When and at which academic institution was the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies (CCCS) founded?
* What was the key concern of the Centre when it opened?
* Why is cultural studies regarded as an “anti-discipline”?
* What theoretical and political positions does the Centre engage with?
* Which influential scholars founded the Centre?

Please listen to the radio programme “Bingo, Barbie, and Barthes: 50 years of Cultural Studies” (2 episodes) broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 2nd and3rd Jan 2014, available on BBC iPlayer Radio. Please find the link below.

Episode 1 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03c2zw4>

Episode 2 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03cf03d>

Course books:

John Storey. (Ed.) *What is Cultural Studies?: A Reader*. London: Arnold, 1997.

Graeme Turner. “The British tradition: A Short History.” *British Cultural Studies: An Introduction*. (3rd edition). London and New York: Routledge, 2003. 33-67.