# **The Current State of Film Distribution**

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# Netflix



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- Premiere at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival
- Critical acclaim / positive buzz
- Acquired by Netflix for \$12.5 million
- Release exclusively on Netflix and day-anddate release in the US and the UK to be able to qualify the film for Awards ceremonies

## **Can Netflix Crash the Oscars With Dee Rees' 'Mudbound'?**

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#### Digital disruption: Amazon as an example of business renewal?



### Digital disruption versus Business Renewal

- Newly emerging players: iTunes and Facebook
- Investment in original content

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## The pros and cons for the sales and distribution community

- More buyers results in a buoyant marketplace
- AFM 2017
- Dis-intermediation?
- What happens if....

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### Experiments at the specialist, indie end of the market

- The current state of film distribution
- Self-distribution and direct distribution
- Day-and-date releasing and marketing
- God's Own Country (UK, 2017)

