

# **Building 'bridges': the development of a HE Policy and Practice Network (HEPP) at Kingston University**

**Building a community for Institutional Research in the  
UK and Ireland**

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# What is HEPP?

- “Higher Education Policy and Practice Network”
- Network for staff with a strategic, operational or developmental interest in HE policy & practice
- Cross-institutional and multi-professional
- Staff undertaking 5 key types of R&D activity with a potential institutional benefit:
  1. Institutional research (IR)<sup>1</sup>
  2. ‘Educational’ research
  3. Institutional strategy & policy development
  4. Externally funded policy-focused research
  5. Research linked to professional practice in HE

Volkwein, J. F., (2008). The Foundations and Evolution of Institutional Research. *New Directions for Higher Education* ,141, pp 5-20.

# What is HEPP trying to achieve?

1. Build 'bridges' across the university and different types of higher education-focused research:



*Öresund Bridge: Denmark-Sweden*

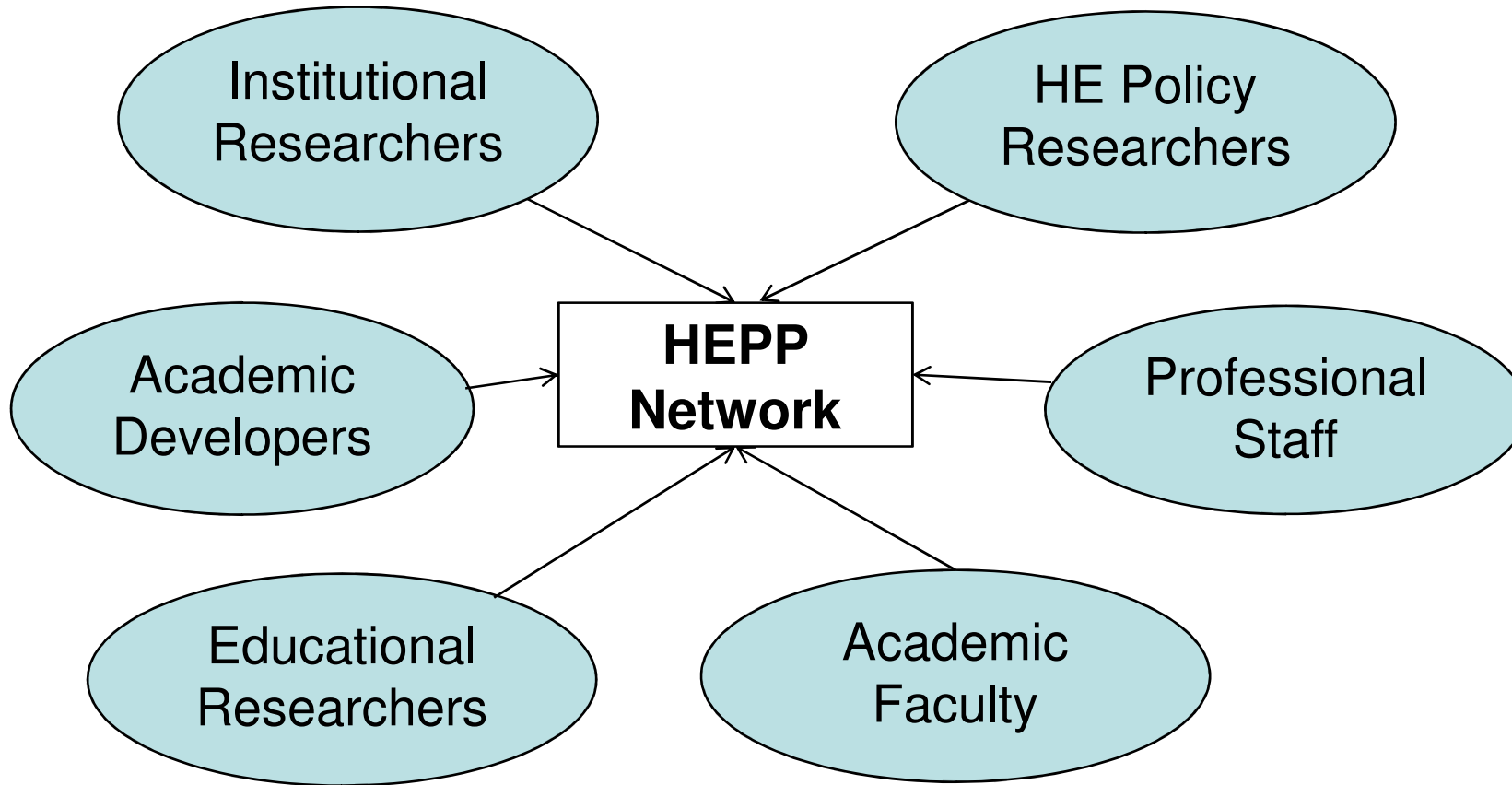
## **Staff**

- Professional administrative staff and academics
- Faculties and departments
- 'Centre' and faculties

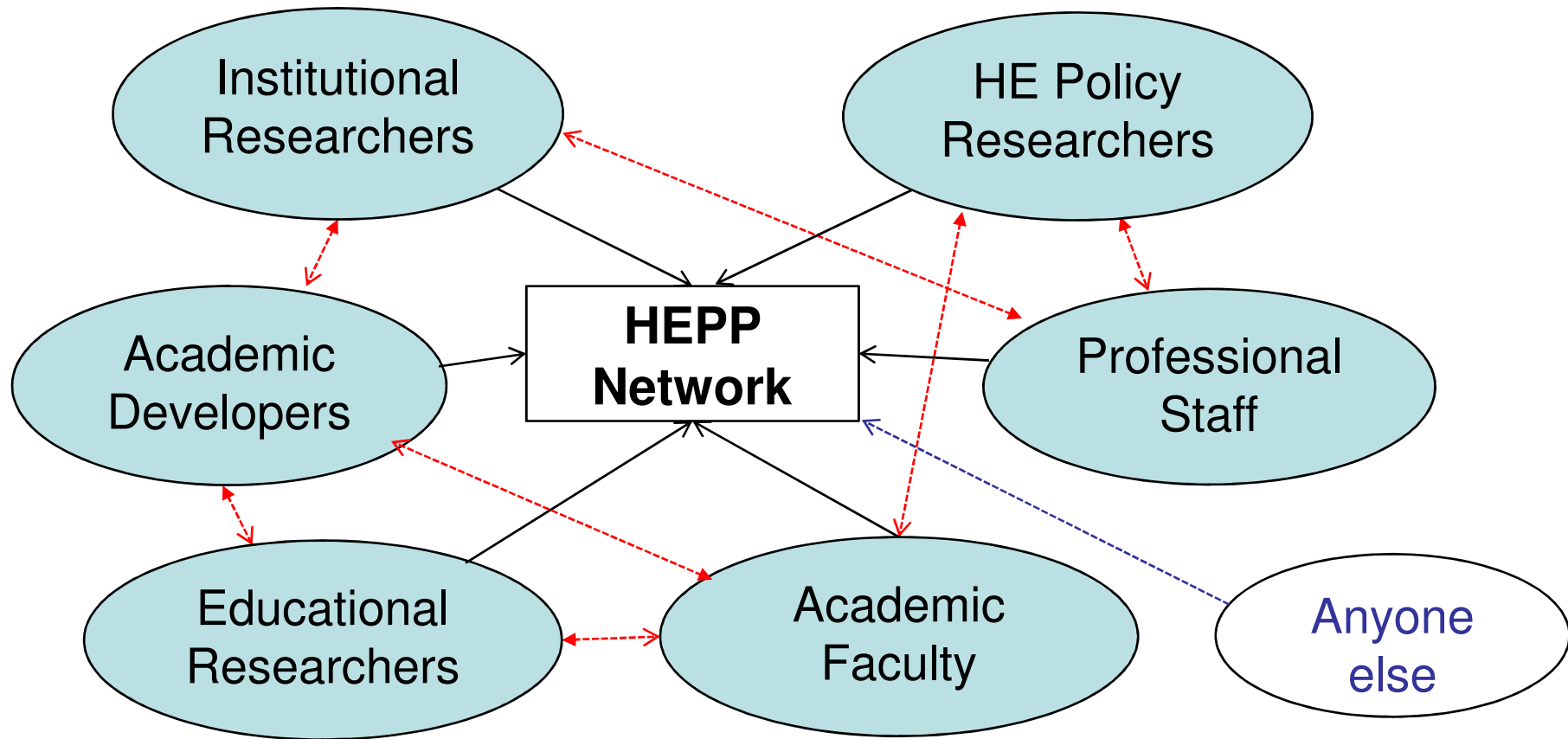
## **Research**

- Externally-funded & institutional projects
- Disciplinary & policy and practice focused research
- Consultancy & research and development

# Who is involved in HEPP?



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# What is HEPP trying to achieve? (2)

2. Develop an active, multi-layered 'network of practice'<sup>2</sup> for researchers and practitioners
3. Create a mutually-supportive 'third space' in which to build relationships, learn new skills and build capacity in IR and HE research
4. Act as a catalyst for expanding research, development and consultancy opportunities
5. Develop a critical mass of staff able to engage in IR and externally-funded projects for institutional benefit
6. Enhance Kingston's external profile IR & HE research

<sup>2</sup> Brown, John Seeley & Duguid, Paul, *The Social Life of Information*, Boston, MA: Harvard Business School Press, 2000

# What is HEPP currently doing?

*Two main strands of activity:*

## 1. Networking

- Institutional seminars showcasing recent research
- Network-focused capacity building events
- Information streams and networking tools

## 2. Collaboration

1. Institutionally-focused projects
2. Externally-funded research projects
3. External networks (e.g. HEIR)
4. Conferences and seminars

# What networking tools is HEPP using?



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## Stuart and Morgan PPT Presentation with Audio

June 10th, 2009 by ku41710

If you happened to miss the last HEPP Network meeting with speakers Professor Mary Stuart and Dr Jess Morgan, then please find the following PPT presentation with streaming audio ( requires RealPlayer): [Stuart and Morgan Presentation \(PPT with audio\)](#).

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## HE Research Seminar- 23 June 2009

May 15th, 2009 by ku41710

The final HE Research Seminar of the academic year will be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2009 at 5 pm in room 5002, John Galsworthy Building, Penrhyn Road. Professor William Locke and Dr Alice Bennion of the Centre for Higher Education Research and Information (CHERI) at The Open University will be giving a presentation titled 'The UK academic profession in an international context: Academic retreat or professional renewal?.' The lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Light refreshments, tea and coffee will be available.

For further details please reference the following publicity: [w-locke-](#)

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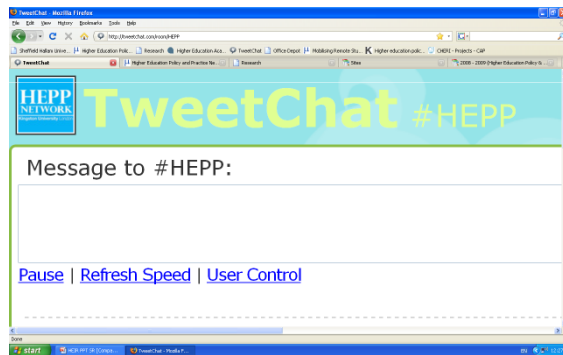
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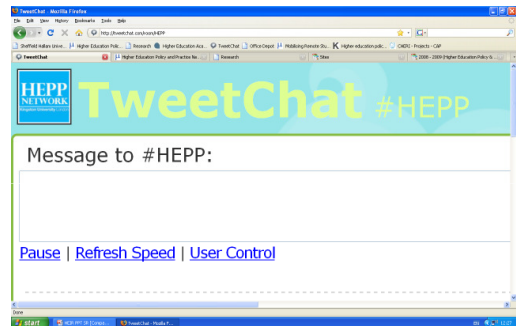
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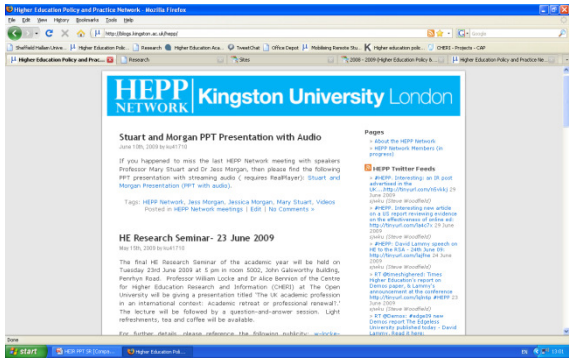
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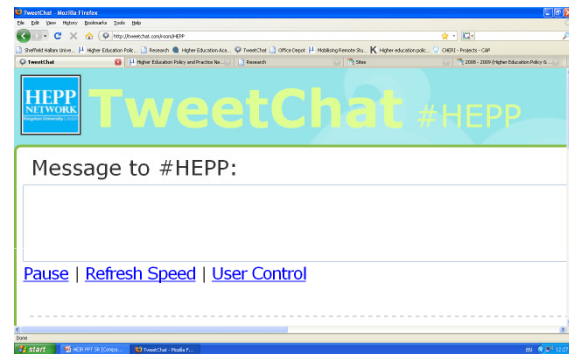
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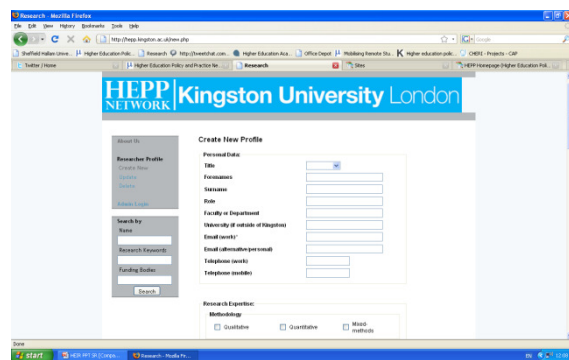
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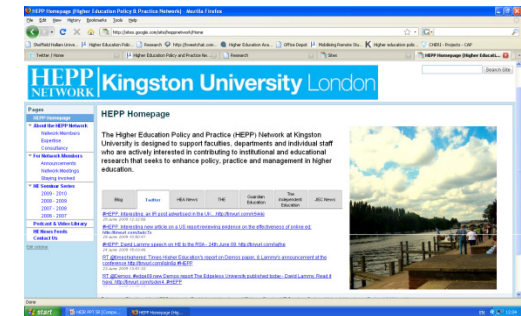
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- 09 March 2010
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- 23 June 2009 William Locke & Dr Alice Bennion, *Centre for Higher Education Research and Information, The Open University*  
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- 24 March 2009 Professor Celia Whitchurch, *Institute of Education, University of London*  
[Shifting Roles and Blurring Boundaries: Reconstructing Professional Identities in Higher Education](#)
- 19 November 2008 Professor Elspeth Jones, *Leeds Metropolitan University*  
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- 14 October 2008 Professor Robin Middlehurst, *Kingston University London*  
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- 18 September 2008 Dr Nina Burrige, *University of Technology, Sydney*  
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**The Comfort Zone of Different Ethnic Student Groups at University**  
Professor Mary Stuart & Dr Jessica Morgan, *Kingston University London*

Co-authored with Dr Catherine Lido, *Thames Valley University*

Presented on Tuesday 2 June 2009

**The UK academic profession in an international context: Academic retreat or professional renewal?**  
Mr William Locke & Dr Alice Bennion, *CHERI, The Open University*

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# Future plans for the HEPP networking tools

- *July – September 2009:*
  - Testing phase
  - Development of instructional guides
  - External presence
- *September 2009 – June 2010:*
  - HEPP events
  - Podcasts
  - Promotion of new system
  - Developments for the faculties
  - Further modifications

# Some questions for discussion

- Do you have any questions about the HEPP approach?
- How does the HEPP model compare with HE-IR networking activities your institution?
- Has your institution attempted to build connections between 'academic' and 'institutional' researchers?
- Do you use any of the networking tools we describe to support your IR activities?

*Please feel free to contact us if you have further queries:*

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