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)
2. ‘Educational’ research
3. Institutional strategy & policy development
4. Externally funded policy-focused research
5. Research linked to professional practice in HE

What is HEPP trying to achieve?

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

   **Staff**
   - Professional administrative staff and academics
   - Faculties and departments
   - ‘Centre’ and faculties

   Öresund Bridge: Denmark-Sweden

   **Research**
   - Externally-funded & institutional projects
   - Disciplinary & policy and practice focused research
   - Consultancy & research and development
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- Institutional Researchers
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- Anyone else
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What is HEPP trying to achieve? (2)

2. Develop an active, multi-layered ‘network of practice’ 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

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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?

Blog
Stuart and Morgan PPT Presentation with Audio
June 10th, 2009 by lug41710

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 18th, 2009 by lug41710

The final HE Research Seminar of the academic year will be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2009 at 8 pm in room SO32, John Galsworthy Building, Penrhyn Road. Professor William Locke and Dr Alice Berman 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 article from the Open University's website.
What networking tools is HEPP using?

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Researcher Database
HEPP Homepage

The Higher Education Policy and Practice (HEPP) Network at Kingston University is designed to support faculties, departments and individual staff who are actively interested in contributing to institutional and educational research that seeks to enhance policy, practice and management in higher education.
HEPPEP Network
Kingston University London

HEPPEP Homepage >

HE Seminar Series

2009 - 2010 ACADEMIC YEAR (TENTATIVE SCHEDULE)

- 28 September 2009
- 10 November 2009
- 01 December 2009
- 19 January 2010
- 09 March 2010
- 04 May 2010
- 23 June 2010

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR SEMINARS

- 2008 - 2009
- 2007 - 2008
- 2006 - 2007
2008 - 2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

- 23 June 2009  William Locke & Dr Alice Bennion, Centre for Higher Education Research and Information, The Open University
  The UK academic profession in an international context: Academic retreat or professional renewal?

- 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
  World-wide Horizons at Leeds Metropolitan University

- 14 October 2008  Professor Robin Middlehurst, Kingston University London
  Challenges of Doing HE Policy-related Research

- 18 September 2008  Dr Nina Burrage, University of Technology, Sydney
  Contested multicultural identities in post 9/11 Australia, Challenges and Opportunities of Ethno-cultural Diversity for the Education Sector
Podcast & Video Library

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 Brennan, CNERI, The Open University
Presented on Tuesday 23 June 2009

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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?

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