

RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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Higher Education and Professional Learning Research Group

Public Seminar

Monday, 4th June 2007

5.00 - 6.30 pm

Seminar Room G & H

Prof Lopez Segura,

Polytechnic University Of Catalonia

'Comparative International Higher Education: Scenarios, Themes And Problems'

"Food for Thought"

Brown Bag lunch & informal discussion

Tuesday, 5th June 2007

12:30 pm in Seminar rooms K & L

Michael Hoelscher

'Writing Grant Applications - Some hints' and Alis Oancea - TBC

e-Learning Research Group Seminar

Tuesday, 5th June 2007

4.00 pm in Seminar Room B

Professor Laurie Zittrain Eisenberg,

Carnegie Mellon University

'Technology and the Virtual Classroom'

Families, Early Learning & Literacy Research Group Seminar

Wednesday, 6th June 2007

5.00 pm in Seminar Rooms K & L

Sandra Mathers & Prof Kathy Sylva

'Effects of childcare on toddlers'

social development: Findings from the NNI Evaluation'

Public Seminar

Monday, 11th June 2007

PLEASE NOTE that the Professor Susan Greenfield seminar has been cancelled.

Teaching the Social Sciences:

A lunchtime reading group

Tuesday, 12th June 2007

12.45 - 2.00pm in Seminar Room D

Reading: MacLean, Monica (2006)

'Intellectualising University Teaching and Student Learning' in *Pedagogy and the university: critical theory and practice*.

All welcome. Please get in touch at (david.mills@edstud.ox.ac.uk) if you would like to be sent PDF copies of the readings, or have any other questions. PS - Feel free to bring your sandwiches!

Assessing Deaf Children's

Literacy Progress

Conference

Wednesday, 12th June 2007

3.30-6.00 pm

At the Nuffield Foundation,

by invitation only.

Please contact Diana Burman for further details:

Diana.Burman@edstud.ox.ac.uk

e-Learning Research Group

Public Seminar

Monday, 18th June 2007

5.00 - 6.30 pm

Seminar Room H

Prof. Diana Laurillard

'Mapping out the developing field of Technology Enhanced Learning'

ESRC Centre on Skills, Knowledge and Organisational Performance (SKOPE)

International Seminar

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th

June 2007

By invitation only,

10.00 am start on 25th June,

at OUDE

'The responsiveness of Vocational Qualifications'

Deafness: Issues in Language, Literacy & Numeracy Conference

Wednesday, 27th June, 2007

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

St. Hugh's College,

University of Oxford

Programme available at:

<http://www.edstud.ox.ac.uk/research/childlearning>

Nuffield 14-19 Review & Rathbone Engaging Youth Enquiry

Workshop Launch

Tuesday, 3rd July 2007

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Portcullis House, Parliament

'New approaches to engaging youth: understanding the problems, implementing the solutions'

Chaired by Barry Sheerman

Further information is available at:

info@nuffield14-19review.org.uk

PROFILE - NEW ESRC PROJECT

An ESRC funded study will start in the Department on 1st June and will run for 16 months. It will examine the impact of the current focus on the prevention of social exclusion on roles and practices in schools where latterly attention has been placed primarily on including children in the curriculum. A focus on the prevention of social exclusion requires schools to be outward looking and work in fluid collaborations with a range of other professionals, while attention to inclusion concentrates efforts within school processes. The project is led by Anne Edwards and Ingrid Lunt and is framed by Activity Theory.

RESEARCH STAFF

Congratulations to Dr Lars Malmberg who will be taking up a RCUK Fellowship in the Department next term.

Welcome to Dr Gill Boag-Munroe, Dr Jan Georgeson and Jenny Good who are all joining the team which is working on the National Evaluation of Early Learning Parent Partnerships for the DfES. The one year evaluation is a collaboration between the Families, Early Learning & Literacy (FELL) research group and the Oxford Centre for Socio-Cultural Activity Theory Research (OSAT), with advice from Teresa Smith from Social Policy and Social Work.

Welcome also to Eleni Stamou who will be working with us for 16 months on the ESRC study of how schools are adapting to aspects of the *Every Child Matters* agenda.

Zeenat Ghumra has also joined the department recently to work on the national evaluations of two DfES early years initiatives: the Two Year Olds Pilot and the Transformation Fund. Both evaluations are funded by the DfES, and are being carried out in collaboration with the National Centre for Social Research.

Gill, Jan and Eleni are located in No 28 in room 107, Jenny will be working in No 30 in room 30.51 and Zeenat is based in No. 30 in room BB.00.10.

SOCIAL SCIENCE GRADUATE RESEARCH IN PROGRESS SEMINARS

The Trinity Term 2007 theme for the Social Science Graduate Research in Progress Seminars (GRIPS) is Education. Seminars are Tuesdays from 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Manor Road Building, Seminar Room E. Students from the Department of Education are presenting seminars as part of the series, further info is available on:

www.jiscmail.ac.uk/grips

5th June **Rachel Mazyck**, DPhil Educational Studies
'Parental choice in Birmingham: Examining black Caribbean families' engagement with the educational market'

RESEARCH OFFICE

Copy Date for October Research Newsletter:

The deadline for submissions for the next Research Newsletter is 21st September 2007. Please send items to the Research Office, which can be contacted by email at tracy.killip@edstud.ox.ac.uk, by telephone on 01865 284 898 or in person in Room NG.10.53 of 15 Norham Gardens.