

News Bulletin February 2016

- On the 11th February we hosted the first of our BERA Research Commission seminars on, “Cost, Value and Quality in Professional Learning: promoting economic literacy in medical and teacher education”. We had a truly diverse audience, including teachers, doctors, researchers, economists and finance staff, and some very encouraging conversations about the possible practice implications and research opportunities that may result. The second of our working papers associated with the BERA Research Commission, focussing on terminology and tools this time, will be available at the project website soon: <http://socialsciences.exeter.ac.uk/education/research/projects/projectlinks/beracommissionprofessionallearning/>. Information about the second seminar on 25th April at Reed Hall in Exeter is available at: <https://www.bera.ac.uk/event/understanding-cost-value-and-quality-in-professional-education>. Registration details are on the website but please note there are **free places for PhD students and early career researchers** – please contact us if you think you may fit one of those categories. This work has also made the news following a press release: http://www.exeter.ac.uk/news/featurednews/title_496451_en.html.
- Invitations to the Centre’s launch have now gone out. This will take place at 5pm on Tuesday 22nd March in the South Cloisters building, room 2.13, on the St Luke’s campus of the University of Exeter. After a short introduction from the Research Centre co-leads, Karen Mattick and Vivienne Baumfield, there will be a seminar by our visiting speaker Professor Tara Fenwick from the University of Stirling on ‘Professional responsibility and professionalism’ (<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/news/events/details/index.php?event=4728>), followed by light refreshments to celebrate this important phase in the development of the centre. Please let us know if there are others who would like to come who have not yet been invited!
- On 14-15 October 2016, there will be a conference on ‘Assessment in Medical Education’ held here at the University of Exeter. This will provide opportunities to “look at how assessments can and will cross boundaries between universities, nations and the undergraduate to postgraduate transition” and comprises stimulating keynotes and a diverse range of workshops covering the full span of current issues and initiatives in medical assessment and ample opportunities to network with colleagues and forge connections. It will also provide a forum for academics to present their research and conduct discussions on topics around assessment in medical education with short presentations and posters display. For more information and to book a place, please register at: <http://medicine.exeter.ac.uk/assessmentmeded/>
- We are awaiting the outcomes of a number of funding bids but have had the exciting news that at least one of our ESRC studentship applicants has secured an interview.

Research Tea



The next Research Tea in the programme will be on Tuesday 1st March Room BC212 at 3.30 – 5.00 pm, St Luke's Campus. Dr Eric Lybeck will facilitate the conversation: *'The Academization Process: Toward an Historical Sociology of Higher Education'*

<http://socialsciences.exeter.ac.uk/sociology/staff/lybeck/>. Please bring along a hot drink and we will provide cake!

Do let us know if you have recent presentations, publications or grant applications that we can highlight in future newsletters.

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