

**News Bulletin – December 2016**

It's hard to believe that Christmas is nearly upon us!

The Centre has had a productive autumn. We have had two Seminars by core members of the Centre: Professor Wendy Robinson on “Professional learning in teacher centres – current and historical perspectives” on Thursday 10 November 2016 and Dr Eric Lybeck on “Paradoxes of the Academization Process: A Sociological Exploration of the History of Foreign and Classical Language Education since 1864” on Thursday 1 December 2016. In January, there will be a seminar on “Community of Inquiry as a framework for practice” by Professor Vivienne Baumfield (Wednesday 11 January 2017, 5.00 - 6.30 pm, G18, St Luke's Campus) and in February there will be one on “Problematizing the MA Dissertation” by Dr Emese Hall (20 February 2017, 1.00 - 2.30 pm, BC114 St Luke's Campus).

Our programme of Research Teas continues. The most recent (December) was hosted by Dr Claudia Leitner who presented her Association for the Study of Medical Education Small Grant-funded project, which explores how early career doctors plan for their careers and incorporate work-life balance and parenthood. Details of all future Research Teas can be found on the website: [http://socialsciences.exeter.ac.uk/education/research/centres/crpl/news\\_and\\_events/](http://socialsciences.exeter.ac.uk/education/research/centres/crpl/news_and_events/)

In terms of news from our members, we would like to congratulate Laura Webb, who has been awarded funding from The National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) to work with colleagues in the CRPL on a collaborative research project to explore what teaching can learn from medicine in terms of how data can be used to drive cycles of improvement. This is another opportunity for CRPL members from different disciplines to work closely together and compare and contrast approaches between professions, for this project teaching and medicine.

Our BERA Research Commission on Cost, Value and Quality in Professional Learning continues, and earlier this month Vivienne Baumfield travelled to Melbourne, Australia to give the invited British Educational Research Association symposium at the Australian Association for Educational Research conference. The symposium explored the issue of cost, quality and value in curriculum development in teacher education and medical education and involved colleagues from the University of Melbourne and Monash University as well as the Director of Innovation from the Association for the Study of Medical Education. We intend to develop our collaboration with

colleagues in Australia and the link with ASME will be further strengthened by workshops planned for 2017 in Newcastle and Exeter.

Don't forget to send us details of your activities and publications if you'd like them included in the next newsletter!

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