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College of Social Sciences

The Political Economy of University Governance

A one-day conference
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Understanding the political economy of university governance in the UK has become both an important and timely research topic in its own right. Despite the growth of a body of research that addresses some of these core concerns, too often scholars in different disciplines or sub-disciplinary fields whose research focuses on university governance are unable to pool their collective insights and exchange the theoretical and practical implications of their research. This one-day conference draws together a range of scholars from the College of Social Sciences at the University of Birmingham with a select group of international experts from elsewhere.

Professor David Green, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Worcester will give the keynote address.

This will be followed by a series of themed workshops with paper presentations and discussion on:

- **Hollowing out the university : the impact of quality processes on university business**
- **Building a knowledge economy: exploring the links between university, employability and the labour markets**
- **University funding in hard times: looking at how funding affects what universities offer**

Room 121, Muirhead Tower

Programme	
9.45-10.15	Refreshments
10.15-10.30	Welcome Prof. Edward Peck, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head of College of Social Sciences, University of Birmingham
10.30-11.00	Keynote Lecture ■ Prof. David Green, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, University of Worcester
11.00-12.30	Panel 1: Hollowing Out the University ■ Dr Paul Ransome, Swansea University ■ Dr Claire Donovan, Australia National University ■ Dr Penny Welch, University of Wolverhampton ■ Dr Donna Lee, University of Birmingham
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30-3.00	Panel 2: Building a Knowledge Economy ■ Dr Paul Temple, Institute of Education ■ Nicole Steils, Coventry University ■ Prof. John Craig, Teeside University
3.00-3.15	Refreshments
3.15-4.45	Panel 3: University Finances in Hard Times ■ Dr Annaliese Dodds, King's College, London ■ Alaseed Ashamy , University of Birmingham ■ Prof. Colin Thain, University of Birmingham (Discussant) ■ Prof. Peter Davies, University of Birmingham (Discussant)
4.45-5.00	Refreshments
5.00-6.00	Roundtable on University Governance ■ Prof. Helen Sullivan, University of Birmingham (Chair) ■ Prof. Miriam David, Institute of Education ■ Prof. Stephen Gorard, University of Birmingham ■ Dr David Sadler, Higher Education Academy ■ Dr Stephen Jackson, Quality Assurance Agency ■ Prof. Peter Davies, University of Birmingham
6.00-7.00	Wine Reception

There will be a roundtable discussion at the end of the day, chaired by **Professor Helen Sullivan**, University of Birmingham, with contributions from

- **Professor Miriam David**, Institute of Education
- **Professor Stephen Gorard**, University of Birmingham
- **Dr David Sadler**, Higher Education Academy
- **Dr Stephen Jackson**, Quality Assurance Agency
- **Professor Peter Davies**, University of Birmingham

The wider context for this workshop incorporates the controversial questions surrounding the future share of university funding in UK public spending, the continuing evolution of the purpose of university education, the changing nature of the relationships between universities, the state, business, and society, and how excellence in scholarly research and university teaching should be evaluated.

Additional Participants:

Andrew Baker, editor of British Journal of Politics and International Relations