



Winter Conference 2010
The Future of the Research Degree:
Diversity, Convergence, Comparability

The British Library Conference Centre, London
Monday 15th February 2010
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Programme

9.15am	<i>Registration - Tea & Coffee Available</i>		
10.00am	Welcoming Message Dr Joanna Newman <i>Head of Higher Education, The British Library</i>		
10.10am	Postgraduate Education in the UK - The BIS Postgraduate Review and the new Higher Education Framework Professor Wendy Purcell <i>Vice Chancellor, University of Plymouth and External Advisor to the Department of Business Innovations & Skills' Postgraduate Review</i>		
10.40am	What is Doctorateness? Professor Vernon Trafford <i>Professor Emeritus, Anglia Ruskin University</i>		
11.10am	<i>Tea & Coffee Break</i>		
11.30am	Breakout session 1a Setting the agenda for the doctorate: selection, admissions and induction Janet Bohrer, QAA <i>and</i> Chris Park, Higher Education Academy	Breakout session 1b Towards successful completion: support and training Prof Ian Haines <i>and</i> Prof Imelda Whelehan <i>Both UKCGE Executive Committee</i>	Breakout session 1c Assessment of doctoral candidates: maintaining academic standards across diverse programmes Gill Clarke <i>and</i> Prof Pam Denicolo <i>Both UKCGE Executive Committee</i>
12.10pm	The doctorate in continental Europe and recent developments in the 'Salzburg II' project Professor Jean Chambaz <i>Vice-President Research, University Pierre et Marie Curie and Chair, European Council for Doctoral Education, European University Association</i>		
12.50pm	UKCGE Annual General Meeting		
1.05pm	<i>Lunch</i>		

2.00pm	<i>Launch of two UKCGE Publications</i> A Review of Graduate Schools in the UK and The Preparation of Graduate Teaching Assistants <i>UKCGE Executive Committee</i>		
2.20pm	<i>Breakout session 2a</i> Centres for doctoral training Dr Paul Meller, <i>ESRC</i>	<i>Breakout session 2b</i> Centres for doctoral training – the HEI perspective Prof Mick Fuller and Dr Catherine McCrohan <i>Both UKCGE Executive Committee</i>	<i>Breakout session 2c</i> Use of academic credit in doctoral programmes Dr Michael Davidson, <i>University of Ulster</i>
3.00pm	<i>Tea & Coffee Break</i>		
3.20pm	<i>Discussion session 3a</i> The impact of research candidates on the productivity of the university Gill Clarke, <i>UKCGE Executive Committee</i>	<i>Discussion session 3b</i> The economic value of a doctorate: candidates’ expectations Dr Debbie McVitty, <i>NUS</i>	<i>Discussion session 3c</i> Long-term sustainability of the UK doctorate Professor Tony Fell, <i>UKCGE Executive Committee</i>
4.00pm	Contribution of the doctorate: views from different sectors Panel Discussion		
4.30pm	Close & Departure		

Please note that this is a draft programme and is subject to change.