

# Kingston University London

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008, 4:30pm**

Rm JG5005, John Galsworthy Building, Penrhyn Road

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Kingston University**

## *Challenges of doing HE policy-related research*

This session will draw on experience of tendering for, commissioning, evaluating and doing HE policy-related research using case studies to illustrate the challenges encountered. It seeks to address whether (or perhaps why?) there is a gap between research and policy-making.

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Robin Middlehurst is Professor of Higher Education at Kingston University and has been seconded half-time to the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education as Director, Strategy, Research and International since 2004. Robin joined Kingston in July 2007 from the University of Surrey where she held a variety of roles over a period of almost 10 years including Director of the Centre for Continuing Education and Director of the Centre for Policy and Change in Tertiary Education. In her career, Robin has taught at all levels of education, from primary and secondary levels, to further, adult and higher education. From 1984-1987 Robin was Director of the Quality Enhancement Group at the Higher Education Quality Council (subsequently the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education). Robin's research interests include leadership, management and governance in higher education, quality assurance and enhancement policies, and internationalization of higher education. Robin led the research on 'The Business of Borderless Higher Education' that recommended the establishment of the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education, set up by Universities UK and the Association of Commonwealth Universities in 2002. She also led a series of research and consultancy projects that contributed to the development of the Leadership Foundation for HE in 2003. Robin has co-directed the UK's Top Management Programme for Higher Education since 1999 and undertakes a range of

national and international consultancy for institutions and agencies such as UNESCO, the European University Association and OECD/IMHE.

The seminar is being held as part of the **HE Seminar Series** being organised by Professor Mary Stuart, Deputy Vice-Chancellor. If you would like to attend please let Ellie Hibberd know on:  
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