Reflection in the round: Discourses and Practices of Reflection in HE

INVITATION TO SEMINAR AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Date 24th June 2011
Place Oxford Brookes University, UK
Co-ordinators Dr Jane Spiro (Oxford Brookes University)
Dr Paul Wickens (Oxford Brookes University)

The principal aims of the seminar are:

• to develop a dialogue between practice based and theoretical based researchers of reflective practice in the context of UK HE: specifically between those engaged in ethnographic and action research based research of reflection in professional and pedagogic practice with researchers who are engaged in discourse based approaches (Descriptive and Critical) of such practices.

• to develop an awareness and understanding of the nature of the discourse/s of assessed reflective writing and the practice of such assessment in UK HE pedagogy and in broader national standards and policy.

• to explore and discuss the genealogy of reflective practice and its role in UK HE. Why this practice, why now, why here, and who is it for?

Keynote speakers
Professor Hilary Nesi (Coventry University)
Dr. Fiona Farr (University of Limerick)
Professor Chris Johns (University of Bedfordshire) National Teaching Fellow
Dr James Derounian (University of Gloucester) National Teaching Fellow

Discussant Dr Jane Spiro
Programme

Evening 23rd June: 7.00 pm If you can make it we would like to invite you to a Seminar dinner in Oxford to allow colleagues to meet informally in advance of our discussions

Friday 24th June

09.30- 10.00 Registration and Coffee
10.00- 10.15 Welcome and outline of the day
10.15- 11.15 Key note papers 1 and 2
11.15- 12.00 Discussion / Poster workshop session
12.00- 13.00 Lunch
13.00- 14.25 Individual presentations
14.30- 15.30 Key note papers 3 and 4
15.30- 15.45 Break
15.45- 16.45 Panel led discussion
16.45- 17.00 review of the day and ways forward

Speakers will provide a ‘trigger paper’, circulated in advance of the seminar that responds to one or more of the following questions, from their disciplinary/research perspective:

- What are the range of discourses and practices that come under the term Reflection in your context of practice/research? What insights into such practices do discourse perspectives provide?
- What are the interpretations and explanations for the rise of reflection as a pedagogic and professional practice in your disciplinary area/practice at this time?
- What are the challenges of interpreting, framing the learning, and assessing, of reflection in your disciplinary area? (what does that mean for practice)
- Genealogy: Why this practice, why now, why here, and who is it for?

The discussion sessions will include:

- Formulating responses to one or more of the questions in relation to participants’ own research and practice
- Generating a poster from each discussion group that summarises key points arising
- Sharing posters both for display during interval periods, and at the plenary discussion

The discussion groups might also lead to a response paper, written after the seminar, that captures the collective responses to the discussion.

Call for Papers

Besides the 4 keynote speakers, we are calling for six additional speakers to give a short paper (15 minutes) which relates their research to one or more of the 4 questions. There will be 20 minutes for questions at the end of the 3 papers in each parallel session.

- Please submit abstracts of no more than 200 words (excl. references) by email as a Word attachment to paulwickens@brookes.ac.uk by 2nd May 2011.
- Email subject line “Reflection seminar June 2011”, and include name, affiliation, email address and paper title in the body of the email.
- Abstracts will be reviewed by the seminar organisers
Cost
Full Fee - £25. There are 25 places available. Six places will be reserved for those giving a short paper (see below). The other places will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Reduced fee for students £10 (3 places). Please email Dr Paul Wickens (contact details below) and briefly support your application in no more than 100 words.
The fee includes: registration, teas/coffees and lunch
Please note that the fees do not include accommodation or the evening meal on 23rd June.

Seminar Deadlines
2nd May 2011 Receipt of abstracts for papers
9th May 2011 Notification of abstract acceptances
By 27th May 2011 Application forms
4th June 2011 Payment of fees

The seminar will take place at Oxford Brookes University UK at the Harcourt Hill campus on 24th June 2011.
Harcourt Hill campus http://www.brookes.ac.uk/wie/about/facilities
Harcourt Hill Map http://www.brookes.ac.uk/about/findus/harcourt_hill
‘How to find us’ http://www.brookes.ac.uk/about/findus

Please see the conference website for further information http://www.brookes.ac.uk/wie/news/baal_cup

Seminar Contacts
Abstracts
Please email abstracts for papers to: Dr. Paul Wickens: paulwickens@brookes.ac.uk

Registration
Please see application form below.
Either email to paulwickens@brookes.ac.uk
Or post your completed application to:
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An Invitation to a ‘partnered’ Seminar: ‘Reflection in the Round’ on June 23rd

We would also like to offer an invitation to any participants attending the BAAL/CUP seminar on June 24th to join a seminar / discussion forum the day before. A group of current National Teaching Fellows who are engaged in reflective practice across multiple subject disciplines in H.E.(e.g. Health Care, Community Development, Creative Arts, Accounting) are meeting to exchange responses to the same 4 questions that we will be addressing on the 24th.
If you interested in attending this meeting as well please tick the box on the application form below and Dr. Jane Spiro will be happy to provide more information. There will be limited places for this meeting and applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. (jspiro@brookes.ac.uk)
APPLICATION FORM

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I would like more information about the seminar on June 23rd  

Please complete and return your application form by 27th May 2011. You can submit via email or by post. Confirmation of place with form for fee payment and further information will be sent via email shortly after this. Fees will then need to be sent (by 4th June).

Title:  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Dr  other (please specify) ____________________

First name:  ______________________

Surname:  ______________________

Organisation:  _________________________________________

Address:  _________________________________________

City:  _________________________________________

Postcode:  ______________

Country:  ______________

Telephone:  _______________________

E-mail address:  _______________________

Special requirements:

(e.g. dietary, disability access)