

The Future Interaction between Universities and Society - How can Researchers Become Publically Engaged? -

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Amidst globalisation and with rapid changes occurring in society, there is a heightened expectation being placed upon universities in the UK and Japan to not only be sources of knowledge and human resource development, but to enact reforms in diverse areas such as education and research that will allow them to meet the demands of society. We have reached the stage where the very significance of higher education in society is being brought into question. In both the UK and Japan the debate has begun as to the type of action that is necessary in order to strengthen the level of trust and collaboration between universities and society, which will lead to knowledge development and mutual advancement.

This seminar welcomes the Director of Public Engagement at King's College London, Chris Coe, who will be speaking on the recent drive amongst British universities to promote public engagement. He will be discussing how researchers can become involved in society, how they can better communicate their research, and the necessity of working alongside the society to develop knowledge. Following the presentation from Chris Coe, there will be a workshop for all the participants to discuss and exchange ideas based on their respective fields on the theme of public engagement. (All of the sessions will be conducted in English)



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Chris Coe joined King's College London as Director of Communications in 1999, and in 2011 was appointed as the College's first Director of Public Engagement with responsibility for establishing a public engagement function. His focus is on embedding a culture of public engagement in the university, providing a range of support for activities, managing collaborations with external bodies such as museums and science festivals, and running internal activity such as the annual King's Festival of Food & Ideas.

'Public Engagement'

Public engagement is a term used to describe the interaction between universities and society within UK higher education policy. The word 'Public' encompasses a wide range of actors such as the general public, civic associations, public organisations, industries etc. Within the UK, several initiatives are being advanced in order to promote the introduction of public engagement into the very fabric of university culture with the aim building a system with greater synergy between universities and society.

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