

# Lifelong Learning and Workspaces

## Seminar 4 of the ESRC-sponsored 'New Spaces of Education' seminar series **Cyber-Spaces & Virtual Learning** 10-5 pm on Thursday, 3 June 2010, Bldg 58a, Highfield Campus, University of Southampton

The seminar will consider implications of the recent growth in e-learning and uses of cyber-space in knowledge-creation/dissemination. Schools, universities and workplaces are increasingly utilising ICTs, allowing formal processes of learning to occur 'remotely', outside the traditional confines of the classroom (in spaces such as homes, libraries, workplaces, airports, etc). Consequently, established conceptions of where learning can and should take place are being significantly challenged.

The widespread use of cyber-space has, arguably, 'democratised' learning and the knowledge associated with learning, although questions about equitable access to this space remain (Edwards & Usher, 2008). The seminar will address these very current debates, examining uses and the extent of internet-based learning; local, national and international geographies (and social inequalities) of virtual education; and the future of ICTs in learning and its impact on education.

Keri Facer (Institute of Education, Manchester Metropolitan University)  
Grey Gamers and Absent Presence: Rethinking the boundaries of education

Francis Collins (Department of Geography, National University of Singapore)  
Internet Mediated Educational Mobility: The role of the internet in the mobility of South Korean international students into and within educational spaces in Auckland, New Zealand

Richard Edwards (Stirling Institute of Education, University of Stirling)  
(Im)mobilities and (Dis)locating Practices in Cyber Education

Gráinne Conole (Institute of Educational Technology, Open University)  
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**Discussant:** Tim Rudd, Principal Researcher, Futurelab

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