

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Centre for Higher Education and Equity Research (CHEER)

Examining, exploring and challenging
inequalities in higher education

Investigating and interrupting social,
educational and epistemic injustices

Building a shared vision of alternative,
inclusive higher education futures

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The Centre for Higher Education & Equity Research (CHEER) is committed to examining the systems, structures, cultures, experiences and consequences of inequities within the domain of higher education. We wish to be part of critically informed social change, bringing together new understandings devised in an enquiring interdisciplinary spirit. We focus on bringing critical, creative and feminist epistemologies to our work. We seek to explore prevailing and traditional patterns of social, educational and epistemic injustices. We also aim to identify newly emergent forms of exclusion in the context of turbulent local, national, international conditions. We aspire to bring intellectual work, research findings and new insights to diverse audiences including students, policy-makers and campaigners, as well as cognate social scientists and scholars globally with a shared vision of imagining alternative futures.

CHEER is at the heart of innovative and high-impact research in higher education because it is engaged in:

- Conducting high-quality national and international research
- Developing theory and informing practices on equity
- Producing quality publications
- Teaching about inclusive higher education
- Offering expertise and consultancy at national and international levels
- Research impact and contributing to policy debates
- Promoting networks and academic links
- Building the research capacity of early-career researchers and postgraduate students.

EVENTS

CHEER hosts regular seminars throughout the academic year presenting cutting-edge research being undertaken by our members and colleagues from around the globe.

Information about upcoming CHEER events can be seen at

www.sussex.ac.uk/education/cheer/events

If you are unable to attend any of our events in person, they can usually be joined remotely live online. Events are also recorded and available to view retrospectively at the above url.

MEMBERS' HONOURS & AWARDS

- **Fellows of the Academy of Social Sciences:**
Miriam David, Valerie Hey & Louise Morley
- **Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE)**
Newer Researcher 2008: Barbara Crossouard
Newer Researcher 2018: Emily Danvers
- **SRHE Research Fellow 2007:**
Louise Morley
- **Literati Award for Excellence 2004:**
Louise Morley, the late Diana Leonard & Miriam David
- **University of Sussex Excellence in Teaching Award:**
Barbara Crossouard,
Tamsin Hinton-Smith & John Pryor
- **Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy:**
Emily Danvers, Tamsin Hinton-Smith & Mariam Attia



RESEARCH

CHEER has led - and currently leads - a number of funded research projects, including:

- **The Affective Economy of Higher Education Internationalisation**
Partnership between CHEER and Tampere University and Jyväskylä University, Finland, 2020
- **Chilean Higher Education: Interrogating Knowledge, Internationalization and Gender**
A new research network comprising CHEER and the University of Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaís & Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2018/19
- **Higher Education, Knowledge Exchange and Policy Learning in the Asian Century**
Partnership between CHEER and the Research Institute for Japan, the UK and Europe (RIJUE), 2016-19
- **Higher Education Internationalisation and Mobility (HEIM)**
Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, 2015-18
- **Women in Higher Education Leadership in South Asia**
British Council, 2014-15
- **Refugee Resettlement in the UK: A Comparative Analysis**
ESRC, 2013-16
- **The Experiences of Black and Minority Ethnic Staff Working in Higher Education**
Equality Challenge Unit, 2009-11
- **Widening Participation in Higher Education in Ghana and Tanzania: Developing an Equity Scorecard**
ESRC/Department for International Development (DfID), 2006-11
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CHEER offers supervision and is the intellectual home for a range of doctoral researchers. Visit:

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VISITING PROFESSORS

- **Professor Jill Blackmore**
Deakin University, Australia
- **Professor Miriam David**
University College London,
Institute of Education
- **Professor Maithree Wickramasinghe**
University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

MEMBERS

- **Professor Louise Morley: CHEER Director**
(international higher education policy, gender and feminism, leadership, internationalisation, micropolitics)
- **Professor Kelly Coate CHEER Co-Director**
(leadership, gender and prestige, curriculum, internationalisation, policy)
- **Dr Mariam Attia**
(international higher education, coaching and mentoring, reflexivity)
- **Tab Betts**
(learning technology, international students, intercultural awareness, serious play, online learning)
- **Dr Barbara Crossouard**
(higher education policy and practice, gender, citizenship and identities)
- **Dr Emily Danvers**
(critical thinking, identities, teaching and learning)
- **Dr Louise Gazeley**
(access to HE for under-represented groups, disciplinary exclusion, equity)
- **Emerita Professor Valerie Hey**
(feminist theory, identity, cultural sociology of higher education)
- **Dr Tamsin Hinton-Smith**
(widening participation, gender, equality, qualitative research)
- **Dr Linda Morrice**
(higher and adult education policy and practice, identities, equity, migration)
- **Professor Alison Phipps**
(gender and sexuality, higher education, laddism, sexual harassment, sex work)
- **Paul Roberts**
(issues of power and identity in higher education management)
- **Professor Simon Thompson**
(teaching and learning, teacher education, life histories)
- **Dr Rebecca Webb**
(discourses of citizenship, equality and diversity, postgraduate teaching)
- **Dr Bella Wheeler**
(social inclusion, qualitative research methods, narrative analysis)

LOCATION

The Centre for Higher Education and Equity Research is located within the Department of Education in Essex House on the University of Sussex campus. The University is situated on a modern campus on the edge of the South Downs National Park near the lively seaside city of Brighton. London is one hour away by train, and there is easy access to Gatwick and Heathrow airports.

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CHEER has a number of associate members as part of its aim of building an international collective of higher education researchers sensitive to equity. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch.

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