Research News

• Mario Novelli (Professor of the Political Economy of Education) has given several keynote addresses in relation to the final dissemination of the UNICEF-funded peacebuilding and education research consortium on ‘The Role of Education in Building Social Cohesion and Sustainable Peace’. These included a symposium at the World Bank, Washington DC, 6-7 April 2016; a Pan-African Symposium on Education, Resilience and Social Cohesion in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1-3 June 2016; and a South Asia Regional Symposium On Sustainable Peace and Education, Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA) UNICEF, 27 May 2016, Sri Lanka.

• Kwame Akyeampong (Professor of International Education and Development) gave the keynote address at the Regional Conference of Mathematics and Science Education in Africa. Nairobi, Kenya, 15-17th March 2016. He spoke about ‘Relevant Mathematics and Science Education in the Transformative Shift of Africa’.

• Máiréad Dunne (Professor of Sociology of Education) gave a keynote Panel Presentation on Research and Policy at the Global Development Network Annual Conference on Education for Development: Quality and inclusion for changing global human capital needs, 18 March 2016, Lima, Peru.

• Dr Naureen Durrani (Lecturer in International Education and Development) gave a keynote presentation at the 4th International Conference on Education, University of Education, Lahore, 24th March 2016, entitled: ‘Education in Pakistan: Connecting research and practice across context’.

• Dr Linda Morrice (Senior Lecturer in Education) was an invited speaker at the International Conference on Refugees, Security and Sustainable Development in the Middle East: The need for North South dialogue, 15-16 March 2016, Yarmouk University, Jordan.


Current Research

• Professor Kwame Akyeampong, John Pryor (Professor of Education and Social Research), Dr Jo Westbrook (Senior Lecturer in Education) and Dr Sara Humphreys (Visiting Research Fellow) have been conducting field research with research partners from Hawassa University, Ethiopia, on the Speed School project funded by Geneva Global. The research has multiple dimensions including tracking Speed School pupils and their literacy and numeracy outcomes; explorations of Speed School pedagogy, and the involvement of Speed School pupils’ mothers’ in a micro-credit facility.

• Professor Mario Novelli, Dr Naureen Durrani, Dr Laila Kadiwal (Research Impact Officer) with Salima Karim Rajput (Aga Khan University, Pakistan), participated in the concluding dissemination workshop of the Research Consortium on Education and Peacebuilding, hosted by the University of Amsterdam, 20-21 April, 2016.

• Dr Barbara Crossouard (Senior Lecturer in Education) has been working with a Ghanaian team - Eric Ananga, Christine Adu-Yeboah and Vincent Adzahlie-Mensah - to complete fieldwork and a preliminary report on Muslim Youth Identities in Southern Ghana. They are now engaging in further analysis for the dissemination phase of the research.

• Dr Jo Westbrook and Jacqui Shepherd (Teaching Fellow) are working on a five-year project with SightSavers UK and Uganda on the development, delivery and evaluation of a Certificate course in Inclusive Education for Primary Teacher college tutors. Their work is in collaboration with Kyambogo University, the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda, and the National Union of Disabled Children in Uganda.

• Dr Jo Westbrook is a member of the Reading to Learn Network in East & Southern Africa which explores multilingual early literacy within Early Childhood Development and primary school. The network, funded by the British Academy Mobility and Partnership Fund, includes Professors Caroline Dyer (University of Leeds) and Rosemary Wildsmith (North West University, South Africa).
Recent Visitors

- Dr Signe Arnfred
  Centre for Gender, Power and Diversity, Roskilde University, Denmark
- Jordan Naidoo
  Director, Division of Education 2030 SDG Support and Coordination, UNESCO
- Manish Jain
  Ambedkar University Delhi, Mumbai, India

Selected Publications


Recently Completed Doctorates

Congratulations to all our recently completed doctoral researchers. Please keep in touch with CIE.

- Stephen Adu:
  ‘Headteacher leadership Influence on Students’ Achievement’
- Christopher Akwaa-Mensah:
  ‘Policy Development and Implementation in Ghanaian Public Universities: A case study of the University of Education, Winneba’
- John Cash:
  ‘Management’s Perspective’s on the Use of Technology’
- Hilda Eghan:
  ‘The Role and Professional Identity of District Directors’
- Ellen Olu Fagbemi:
  ‘Pedagogic Renewal and the Development of Teachers in sub-Saharan Africa’
- Dorothy Abra Glover:
  ‘Student Participation in Decision Making in Senior High Schools in Ghana’
- Christian Koramoah:
  ‘Financing Secondary Education in Ghana: Managing subsidies to promote equitable access’
- Elaya E Musangeya:
  ‘“It is my choice to play…It is just my talent…I enjoy it”: Views and experiences of female high school students playing competitive sport in Lusaka, Zambia’
- Keiko Takei:
  ‘The Production of Skills for the Agricultural Sector in Tanzania: The alignment of technical, vocational education and training with the demand for workforce skills and knowledge for rice production’

Member News

- Dr Naureen Durrani has been promoted to Senior Lecturer in recognition of her consistently high quality contribution to CIE and the School of Education and Social Work.
- The Permanent Secretary of the Nigerian President’s office praised Dr Sara Humphreys’ publication “Issues of Educational Access, Quality, Equity and Impact in Nigeria” as providing “clear insights into the challenges being faced by the educational system in Northern Nigeria” that “... will to a greater extent assist the government in its quest to revamp the system”.
- Professor Máiréad Dunne was appointed to the Scientific Committee of the Global Development Network [www.gdn.int]
- Postgraduate student, Alice Aldinucci, received the CIE award for ‘Best Overall Performance’ on the MA in International Education and Development course.
- The Chancellor’s International Research Scholarships have been awarded to two PhD researchers in CIE:
  - Euralia Chisango: “Special Educational Needs in Zambia” (Dr Jo Westbrook and Dr Louise Gazeley)
  - Anna Wharton: “Syrian Refugee Children and the Relationship Between Education and Community Development” (Dr Linda Morrice and Dr Jo Westbrook)