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## Seminar 3: The future of higher education in Scotland and the UK

### Speaker biographies

#### Professor Charlie Jeffery

*Professor of Politics; Director of the Academy of Government; and Vice-Principal (Public Policy and Impact), University of Edinburgh*

Charlie Jeffery is Vice Principal for Public Policy and Impact and Professor of Politics at the University of Edinburgh. UK devolution has been his main research focus for over a decade. He directed the Economic and Social Research Council's Devolution and Constitutional Change Programme from 2000-6, coordinating the work of over 30 project across the UK exploring the first phase of the devolution era.

He has also worked to connect his research expertise to policy practice, serving as adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on the Draft English Regional Assemblies Bill (2004-05), as a member of the Independent Expert Group on Finance that advised the Commission on Scottish Devolution (2008-09), and as adviser to the Scottish Parliament's Scotland Bill Committee (2011-12). Recently he was one of the five members of the McKay Commission examining the consequences of devolution for the House of Commons which reported in March 2013. He has been Chair of the UK Political Studies Association since 2011.

#### Sir Andrew Cubie, CBE, FRSE

*Chair, The Leadership Foundation for Higher Education*

Andrew Cubie was for many years the Chairman of a leading Scottish law firm specialising in corporate law. He has been Chairman or a Non-Executive Director of a range of public and private companies and currently remains active in commercial matters. He chairs Quality Scotland, the Scottish partner of EFQM, committed to enhancing business excellence in Scotland. He is active in a range of charitable causes including as Chair, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Voluntary Service Overseas and the Leith Trust. He chaired the Committee in 1999, bearing his name, which brought about the end of tuition fees in Scotland and introduced the Scottish Graduate Endowment. He was the Chair of Edinburgh Napier University and as such also chaired the Committee of University Chairs, representing all chairs of UK universities. He is presently the Chair of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education.

## **Sarah Minty**

*Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Education Inclusion & Diversity, University of Edinburgh*

Sarah is currently working with Professor Sheila Riddell on the ESRC project *Higher Education in Scotland, the Devolution Settlement and the Referendum on Independence*. Since starting in educational research almost ten years ago, Sarah has worked on numerous projects – at the Universities of Edinburgh and Stirling, and at the Institute for Policy Studies in Education (IPSE) at London Metropolitan University. Her work has covered a range of educational settings, including schools, vocational education, higher education, and supplementary schools.

## **Professor Anton Muscatelli**

*Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Glasgow*

Anton Muscatelli has been Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow since 1 October 2009. From 2007-2009 he was Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Heriot-Watt University. An economist, his research interests are monetary economics, central bank independence, fiscal policy, international finance and macroeconomics. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and an Academician in the Learned Societies of the Social Sciences.

Anton Muscatelli served on the 2001 and 2008 RAE Panels for Economics and Econometrics. He has served on the Research Grants Board of the ESRC and its International Advisory Committee, and was a member of the Council of the Royal Economic Society.

He has been (2007-10) a special adviser on monetary policy to the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee. He has previously acted as consultant to the European Commission and the World Bank.

He is a member of the Board of the Scottish Funding Council which provides funding and oversight of Scotland's Colleges and Universities. From 2008-10 he was Convenor of Universities Scotland and Vice-President of Universities UK. He currently chairs Universities Scotland's Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee. He has served on a range of Committees, Networks and working groups within Universities UK. He currently co-chairs, with Sir Richard Lambert, the steering board for the creation of the new National Centre for Universities and Business. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Europe.

## **Michael Russell MSP**

*Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Scottish Government*

Michael Russell joined the Scottish National Party in 1974 and held a number of senior party posts before becoming the party's first full time Chief Executive in 1994. Mr Russell was the campaign manager for Alex Salmond's leadership campaign in 1990 and he contested the SNP leadership in 2004.

He was elected to the Scottish Parliament in 1999 as a Regional Member for the South of Scotland, was a founding member of the Parliamentary Bureau and then served as Shadow Minister for Children, Education and Culture. He won 'Debater of the Year' award in 2000 and was short listed for 'Scottish Politician of the Year' title in 2002.

Mr Russell lost his seat in 2003 and returned to a media career but was re-elected for the same region in 2007 when he was appointed Minister for Environment.

He was Minister for Culture, External Affairs and the Constitution, with responsibility for the National Conversation and the White Paper *Your Scotland, Your Voice*, from February until December 2009 when he was appointed Education Secretary.

## **The Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP** *Secretary of State for Scotland, Scotland Office*

Alistair Carmichael is the Deputy Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats. He was appointed as Secretary of State for Scotland in October 2013. He has been the MP for Orkney and Shetland since the 2001 general election.

Alistair attended Port Ellen Primary School and Islay High School. He gained an LLB in 1992 at the University of Aberdeen, a diploma in Legal Practice in 1993 and qualified as a solicitor and Notary Public in 1995.

Alistair was elected to represent Orkney and Shetland in the 2001 general election. He was appointed Liberal Democrat Northern Ireland and Scotland Spokesman in July 2007. He was reappointed to the position by Nick Clegg in October 2008. He had also briefly served as the Liberal Democrat Home Affairs Spokesman. At the beginning of the Liberal Democrat-Conservative coalition government, Alistair was appointed Deputy Chief Whip and Comptroller of HM Household before being appointed as Secretary of State for Scotland.

## **Professor Susan Robertson, BAppSc, BEd(WAust), BSc(Curtin), PhD(Calg)** *Professor of Education (Sociology), University of Bristol*

Professor Susan Robertson is Professor, Sociology of Education in the Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol. She has worked to create the Centre for Globalisation, Education and Societies, the first of its kind in the United Kingdom. She is a founding editor for the journal 'Globalisation, Societies and Education'. Susan has just completed a Synthetic Review of Globalisation, Education and Development for the Department of International Development.

Previously, she was co-director of a major Economic and Social Research Council funded project on new technologies and learning, 'InterActive Education: Teaching and Learning in the Information Age', with a particular interest in the wider policy issues. Her current work is engaged with globalisation and regionalisation as it works on and through education systems and new sites of knowledge production. Recent work includes analyses of global and regional agreements and their implications for education; the creation of the European Education Space as part of the European Union's competitive knowledge economy strategy; new educational spaces that are being generated as part of state's knowledge economy strategies; new patterns of education aid in the global economy; rescaling and citizenship regimes.

She is co-convenor of a Worldwide Universities Network initiative on globalisation and education – 'Constructing Knowledge/Spaces (CK/S): Transnational/Transdisciplinary Perspectives' and maintains a CK/S blog on developments on global higher education.

## **Dave Watson** *Scottish Organiser (Bargaining and Campaigns), Unison Scotland*

Dave Watson is the Head of Bargaining & Campaigns with UNISON, Scotland's largest trade union representing 160,000 members in Scotland. Dave manages UNISON Scotland's bargaining, legal, equalities, communications, research and government affairs functions.

Dave has been a UNISON Official for 34 years and is a graduate in law from the University of Strathclyde. He was seconded to the Scottish Executive Health Department in 1999/2000 as HR Strategy Implementation Manager and was an Expert Advisor to the Christie Commission on the Future Delivery of Public Services. He is also a past Chair of the Scottish Labour Party.

Dave is the author of UNISON's publications on constitutional change. He also contributed chapters on public services, fiscal policy and energy to the Red Paper on Scotland and has written extensively on constitutional issues for journals and in the media. He has been described as a prolific blogger, editing Public Works, Utilities Scotland as well as his own blog.

## **Mary Senior**

### ***Scotland Official, University and College Union (UCU) Scotland***

Mary Senior is the Scotland Official of the University and College Union (UCU), the largest trade union in higher education for lecturers, academic related staff, researchers and managers. Mary is responsible for the organisation and development of UCU in Scotland, and for the effective implementation of the union's bargaining, campaigning and organising objectives in Scotland.

Prior to her appointment at UCU, Mary was an Assistant Secretary with the Scottish Trades Union Congress, and previously worked for Unison, and for the GMB union as its Equal Rights Officer. A graduate of the University of Sheffield, Mary has lived in the west of Scotland for 18 years.

## **David Lott**

### ***Deputy Director (Policy), Universities Scotland***

David is Deputy Director (Policy) at Universities Scotland, the representative body of Scotland's 19 higher education institutions where he has particular responsibility for resources and governance issues. Prior to joining Universities Scotland David worked for 13 years at the Scottish Funding Council across a number of policy areas. David began his career in higher education policy working at the London offices of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (NATFHE).