

**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

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**Progress Report**

**Period activity: July 2007-July 2008**

**UNESCO Chair in Political Economy of Education**

**Report established by:** Professor W. John Morgan, UNESCO Chairholder, University of Nottingham

**I. Activities**

**1. Academic activities**

During the 2007-2008 activity year, the UNESCO Chair offered courses on: Comparative Higher Education, Education and the Development of Civil Society, Peace Education and Social Justice.

Target Group: postgraduate students at the Centre for Comparative Education Research, University of Nottingham.

**Trainings:** workshops on research methods in Education and the Social Sciences.

Target group: visiting scholars and postgraduate students.

**Research:** ongoing projects on “Higher Education and Poverty Reduction in South Africa”; “Critical Perspectives on the on the Internationalisation of UK Higher Education Institutions”; and Education in Rwanda, India, China and rural society.

**2. Conferences/Meetings**

“Strategic Partnerships with the Developing World”

Date and Place: May 2008, University College, Dublin, Ireland

“Continuing Education, Social Capital and Citizenship: What are the connections?”

Date and Place: November 2007, Hong Kong

“EU-China Forum on Comparative Social Policy”

Date and Place: September 2007, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

“Globalization, trans-national education and brain drain”

Date and Place: August 2007, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Training Center (SEAMEO-RETRAC), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

**3. Partnerships and Interuniversity Exchanges**

UNESCO International Institute of Educational Planning, UNESCO  
Comparative Education Research Group, University of Helsinki, Finland  
Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation  
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China  
Jawaharal Nehru University, Delhi, India  
Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)  
Institute for Social Development Research, Hanoi, Vietnam  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel  
The University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan  
Kigali Institute of Education, Kigali, Rwanda  
Universidade de Santa Catarina, Brazil

#### **4. Publications**

Journals

*International Journal of Educational Development*

*International Journal of Lifelong Education*

Essays and Chapter contributions:

Title: “Private higher education in China: access to quality higher education and the acquisition of labour market qualifications by low-income students”

Authors: Li Fengliang and W. John Morgan

Journal Title: *Education, Knowledge & Economy*

Volume 2, No. 1, March 2008, pp. 27–37

Title: “Martin Buber: Philosopher of dialogue and of the resolution of inter-communal conflict”

Author: W. John Morgan

Journal Title: *The British Academy Review*

No. 10, 2007, pp. 11-14

## **II. Impact**

The UNESCO Chair in the Political Economy of Education collaborates with the Centre for Comparative Education Research and coordinates an international network of research and higher education institutions. The Chair organizes trainings and research programs for postgraduate students at the University of Nottingham in the field of education philosophy and the internationalization of higher education institutions.

## **III. Forthcoming activities**

The Chair will develop partnerships with the China Policy Institute, the Leverhulme Globalization Centre and the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham. Upcoming research projects will focus on comparative higher education, vocational and technical education, adult basic education and rural development and peace education.