

SYDNEY RESEARCH SEMINAR IN HIGHER EDUCATION

HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY LIFE SEMINAR SERIES 2018



NEXT SEMINAR: Wednesday 30 May 12.00 noon – 1.30 pm



Professor John Hearn, Professor in the School of Medical Sciences, University of Sydney, Executive Director of the Worldwide Universities Network

Global and Local

Success and Failure in International University Partnerships

VENUE: In the Senior Common Room, **St Paul's College, The University of Sydney** (Main entry and parking: 9 City Rd, Camperdown; alternate pedestrian access via the rear of Wesley College, off Western Avenue, University of Sydney)

Sandwich lunch provided

Free of charge

The Conveners of the History of University Life Seminars invites alumni, students and staff of the University of Sydney to join them at their May Seminar.

RSVP to Deryck Schreuder by Friday 25 May so we can confirm catering arrangements—seating is limited. deryck@schreuder.com.au

The *History of University Life Seminar* explores the past, present and future of higher education. The Seminar was established in 2008 as a way to encourage discussion on higher education between members of the Colleges and the University. The sessions are held more or less monthly during term, and are now convened by Emeritus Professor Deryck Schreuder and Associate Professor Julia Horne.

A mainstay is discussion about Australian universities past and present.

Successful international partnerships raise the academic strength and capacity (and rankings) of the partners. They create opportunities for emerging and established academics to gain transformative international perspectives, and take knowledge leadership into the future. They enable engagement with frontiers and influence with policy development. Failure is widespread when Universities adopt lofty strategic objectives and plans, while being naïve, cynical or clueless in international navigation, governance, assessment and resourcing. Bureaucratic inertia and managerial obstruction often doom those involved to fail. There is a better way: opportunity is international, obstacles are local.

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We would like to thank St Paul's College for its continued support for this seminar on historical and contemporary questions in higher education including a light lunch.