



OXFORD UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

## Public Understanding of Assessment – Seminar Series 2011/12

### Seminar 3 - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012

# Policy-related Perceptions of Assessment

Speakers: Lord Paul Bew and John Bangs

Discussant: Alison Peacock, Chair: Professor Jim Tognolini

Following the success of the first two seminars, Seminar 3 of the series, *Policy-related Perceptions of Assessment*, will consider assessment policy from two expert perspectives: those of the independent chair of the Key Stage 2 review in England, Lord Paul Bew, Warwick Sharp and Benedict Coffin of the Department for Education and the former Assistant Secretary of the National Union of Teachers Education, John Bangs. Following these presentations, the audience will be invited to engage with the issues raised by the chair of the seminar, Professor Jim Tognolini (Senior Vice President for Research and Assessment, Pearson). Headteacher Alison Peacock (Headteacher, The Wroxham School and leader of the Cambridge Primary Review National Network) will then round off the evening with a response to the speakers and the audience inputs. On the occasion of this seminar we are also pleased to announce the launch of the new book: *Assessment and Learning*, with generous sponsorship by the publishers: Sage Publications Ltd.

The seminars will take place at 5.00 pm in Seminar Room A, University of Oxford Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PY. The tea at 4.30 pm and the drinks reception at 6.30 pm will take place in the Common Room. Limited parking is available behind the Bruner Building at no. 30 Norham Gardens.

To register your interest, please contact Joanne Hazell at [joanne.hazell@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:joanne.hazell@education.ox.ac.uk).



**Professor Lord Paul Bew** is a cross-bench peer, Professor of Irish Politics at Queen's University in Belfast, a Member of the Royal Irish Academy (MRIA) and an honorary Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge. In November 2010, he was appointed to chair the external review into Key Stage 2 testing, assessment and accountability, which reported in June 2011. The report is available from the Department for Education website at (shortened URL): <http://tinyurl.com/6dewa3d>. The government response is at: <http://tinyurl.com/6253pnr>.



**John Bangs** started his career as a teacher. He joined the National Union of Teachers (NUT) in 1990 as the officer responsible for special needs and for the English National Curriculum and its assessment. In 1993 he was appointed Assistant Secretary (Education/Equal Opportunities). Since leaving the NUT he has focused primarily on teacher policy and the interface between the teaching profession and government. He is special consultant for Education International-the largest global confederation of teacher organisations.



**Alison Peacock** is Headteacher at The Wroxham Primary School, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire. She is also a National Leader in Education and leads a National School of Creativity. Wroxham was awarded Teaching School status in July 2011. Alison's teaching career spans primary, secondary and advisory roles. She leads the Cambridge Primary Review (CPR) National Network in partnership with Professor Robin Alexander. Together they have established twelve CPR centres at universities across the country.



**Professor Jim Tognolini** is Vice President of Pearson Research and Assessment and Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford University Centre for Educational Assessment. In his current position he is responsible for the implementation and on-going management of assessment systems and learning processes. He has advised and published widely in the area of psychometrics and on standards-based systems of assessment.

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