UK workforce participation, welfare reform & social inclusion policies: their relevance for Australian policy makers

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Hedley Bull Lecture Theatre  Ground Floor, Hedley Bull Centre, Building #130, Cnr Garran Rd and Liversidge St, ANU, Canberra.

Professor Finn will address the topic of welfare to work in tough economic times, drawing on wider developments from OECD countries and key UK developments in radical reform of disability benefits, the introduction of a single ‘Universal Credit’ working age benefit, and the commissioning of large scale ‘prime contractors’ to deliver employment assistance – a different approach to outsourcing compared with that used in Australia.

Dan Finn is Professor of Social Inclusion at the University of Portsmouth and was previously co-Director of the independent Unemployment Unit. His research interests include the reform and outsourcing of public employment services, benefit activation policies and the implementation of welfare to work policies.

Dan has been a special adviser and consultant for the UK House of Commons Work and Pensions Select Committee, UK Commission on Employment and Skills, the World Bank, European Commission, OECD, and other bodies and has undertaken many commissioned research projects. Dan is also an Associate Director at the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion, an independent, not-for-profit organisation (see www.cesi.org.uk). This centre plays a significant role in the UK in undertaking applied research, disseminating best practice, providing policy advice to government and NGOs, and in working with peer European and international networks.

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