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### School Seminars

**School of Teacher Education**

**Thinking (through the) ear: a podcasted intervention in higher education**, presented by Tara Brabazon

Do you believe what you see? How do you evaluate what you hear?

Borrowing R. Murray Schafer's theories of the 'thinking ear' and 'ear cleaning,' Tara explores the impact of 'blind listening' on teaching and learning. What happens to our understandings of teaching and learning if we remove particular sensory experiences and expectations? To answer such a question, Tara probes the potential of auditory cultures, sonic media and podcasting.

Podcasting, as a word and practice, gained currency and profile from 2006. Since that time, an array of modes, formats and strategies for their use have emerged in universities. Tara evaluates the potentials and the problems that have jutted from podcasting's short history, offering a way to rethink the capacities of sonic media in higher education.

Tara Brabazon is the Professor of Education and the Head of the School of Teacher Education at Charles Sturt University. A winner of six teaching awards, she has published 14 books and over 150 refereed articles. The books being published in 2013 are *Digital Dieting: From Information Obesity to Intellectual Fitness* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2013) and *City Imaging: Regeneration, Renewal, Decay* (Berlin: Springer, 2013). She is currently finishing a book, written with Mick Winter and Bryn Gandy, on the potentials of QR codes to assist rural and urban development and, with Steve Redhead, developing the Education Cities project.

The paper being delivered for this Brown Bag seminar will form a chapter written for her edited monograph that is being compiled with members of the Popular Culture Collective. This book is titled *What would Brian Eno do? Sonic Media for New Times*. For further information about Tara, please refer to [www.brabazon.net](http://www.brabazon.net) or contact her at tbrabazon@csu.edu.au.

Monday 24th June, 2013, 1pm-2pm

Cresswell Room Bathurst (and via Videoconference to VC Admin Dubbo 708 & VC Library Orange 734)


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New processed for obtaining a Working With Children Check

The New South Wales Government has recently made legislative changes to the Working With Children Check. These changes will come into effect from 15 June 2013. Unfortunately, from 7 June 2013 the Employment Screening Unit ceased to be an Approved Screening Agency for the purpose of the Working with Children Check.

Under the new arrangements researchers are no longer required to complete Form E (Prohibited Employment Declaration) or Form F (Consent to Screening).

For verification purposes, paid researchers are required to provide us with a Working With Children Check application number (see below), their full name and date of birth.

Volunteers (such as post-graduate students) who will be interacting with children for the purposes of their research are also strongly encouraged to undertake a new Working with Children Check. (Free of charge and valid for five years)

The process for applying for a new Working With Children Check is as follows:

**STEP 1** - Fill in an online form at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive an application number. This application number cannot be used for online verification until **STEP 2** is completed.

**STEP 2** – You must take your application number and proof of their identity to a NSW motor registry or NSW Council Agency. Proof of identity for the Working With Children Check is the same as for a NSW driver's licence. If you are in paid work, you must also pay an $80 fee for a five year clearance. The application number can now be used in the online verification process, pending the final outcome of the Working With Children Check application.

You will be advised of the final outcome of their check by email within a few days of lodging the application.

**STEP 3** – Please advise SERAP (in an email to serap@det.nsw.edu.au) of your SERAP number, full name, date of birth and Working With Children Check application number, for our verification purposes.

All potential SERAP applicants need to know about these new processes!

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Industrial Transformation Research Hubs

Proposals are now open for Industrial Transformation Research Hubs for funding commencing in 2013 and for Industrial Transformation Training Centres for funding commencing in 2014.

The Funding Rules, Instructions to Applicants and Sample Application form for Industrial Transformation Research Hubs for funding commencing in 2013 and Industrial Transformation Training Centres for funding commencing in 2014 have been released.

The closing date for submission of proposals for both schemes is 5:00pm (AEST) Wednesday, 7 August 2013.

If you have any questions, please phone 02 6287 6600 or email:

- Industrial Transformation Research Hubs scheme, ITRH@arc.gov.au
- Industrial Transformation Training Centres scheme, ITTC@arc.gov.au

Please ensure that the Research Office is informed ASAP of any proposed bids, whether as CSU lead or partner.

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Grant Success

Congratulations to Dr. Rylee Dionigi in the School of Human Movement who has been awarded $75,000 over the next 2 years with colleagues through the University of Windsor/York University for their project entitled Assets for older adults: creation of an
inventory to measure psychosocial outcomes of sport participation. The team includes Dr Sean Horton (University of Windsor) and Dr. Joseph Baker (York University, the administering organisation).

Action Learning Action Research Association Inc (ALARA) – Upcoming events

The ALARA 2013 AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE will be held at Riverglenn, Brisbane, Australia on 23-24 September 2013. Early bird registration ends 15 July. Please distribute the flyer for the Conference to your networks. Further details at http://www.alara.net.au/public/home

ALARA's ONLINE ACTION RESEARCH COURSE. Twice a year, ALARA sponsors an online action research course offered by Bob Dick by email. The next course begins in mid July, with orientation material sent out in very early July. Further details at http://www.alara.net.au/node/3206

ALARA TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMUNITY now on LinkedIn. This group which supports students and educators in universities and educational institutions who are interested in collaborative and participative approaches to learning and research now has 56 members and is growing. To join, use the go to http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4914977&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr or search for “ALARA Inc. Tertiary Education Community” in the LinkedIn group directory.

JOIN ALARA on Facebook and be part of the conversation at https://www.facebook.com/groups/218695368241066/ This link is for the Action Learning Action Research Association or at https://www.facebook.com/groups/131822073618358/ This link is specifically about ALARA conferences.


Action Research Human Inquiry for (more truly) living systems with Yoland Wadsworth, Melbourne, Australia, 19 & 20 July and 2 & 3 August. Details at http://www.alara.net.au/node/3200


First Global Conference on Research Integration and Implementation, 8-11 September, Canberra Australia and Online. Details at http://www.alara.net.au/node/3192

National Indigenous Health Conference, 25-27 November, Cairns Australia. While not a conference with an Action Learning / Action Research focus, the content of this event might be of interest to members who work with Indigenous Communities. Details at http://www.alara.net.au/node/3192

Research Professional

A number of relevant funding opportunities can be found through Research Professional and all research staff are encouraged to use RP. Not only are large competitive grants listed, but smaller research grants, travel grants and awards can also be found. If you need assistance in using RP, please contact Lisa lmclean@csu.edu.au.
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarships

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission invites applications for its postdoctoral scholarships. These enable applicants who have recently completed a PhD to conduct postdoctoral research or professional training in the US. Awards are for between three and 12 months. The award is generally offered to applicants who are no more than three years post PhD, however, applicants who are four to five years postdoctoral and present a strong case will be considered.

Scholarships are open to all fields of study and may include:

- Scholarships are worth AU$47,000 for up to one year, including travel and establishment allowances. Scholars who also receive a salary related to their postdoctoral position in the US either at or above the value of the Fulbright stipend, will be granted a set amount of AU$20,000.


Funding Opportunities

European Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS): International Mobility Fellowship Programme 2013

The European Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS) Fellowship Programme is an international researcher mobility programme offering 10-month residencies in one of the 16 participating Institutes: Berlin, Bologna, Brussels, Budapest, Cambridge, Delmenhorst, Freiburg, Helsinki, Jerusalem, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Uppsala, Vienna, Wassenaar, Zürich.

EURIAS Fellowships are mainly offered in the fields of the humanities and social sciences but may also be granted to scholars in life and exact sciences, provided that their proposed research project does not require laboratory facilities and that it interfaces with humanities and social sciences.

Funding, Awards, and Duration

For the 2014-2015 academic year, EURIAS offers 39 fellowships (20 junior and 19 senior positions). All IAS have agreed on common standards, including the provision of a living allowance (in the range of € 26,000 for a junior fellow and € 38,000 for a senior fellow), accommodation (or a mobility allowance), a research budget, plus coverage of travel expenses.

For more information and application instructions, please visit website

Closing Date: 28 June 2013

Call for Papers: Early Career Researcher Session - Humboldt Colloquium 2013

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation promotes academic cooperation between excellent scientists and scholars from Germany and countries around the world.

Looking to the Future: International Research in a Changing World
17 - 19 October 2013
Sydney, Australia

On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Ludwig Leichhardt Bicentennial, the Humboldt Foundation is organising a Colloquium exploring the chances and challenges of international research in a world in
constant change. For the gathering of the Humboldt community in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, the Humboldt Foundation is expecting about 250 participants, of which roughly 200 Humboldt alumni and 50 early career researchers from leading universities and research institutions across Australasia.

**Call for Papers - Due 23 August 2013** On its second day, the colloquium will feature interdisciplinary workshops and a poster session. Each of these will give prominent space to early career researchers from all fields, allowing them to present their current work to more senior and established researchers with strong international experience and connections, coming from Australia, New Zealand and Oceania.

Advanced PhD students, as well as scientists and scholars who received their PhD degree fewer than 6 years ago, are invited to submit an application to participate in the three-day colloquium and present a short paper during the workshops and/or a poster during the poster session.

Applications are accepted via the following link:

[https://mi.conventus.de/online/avhsydneynw2013.do](https://mi.conventus.de/online/avhsydneynw2013.do)

**Funding:** The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will cover the costs for the participation of early career researchers in the three-day programme (coffee breaks, meals, conference materials). Those attending from outside Sydney will receive a lump-sum conference allowance of $200 AUD to help cover travel and accommodation costs.

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#### The ultimate periodic table

In the periodic table Kr represents what? If you answered Kermit the Frog you’d be correct. Those who answered Krypton, get to the back of the class.
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Have a great weekend. Watch out for Os.

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