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Research Interests

Political economy of skill formation

Educational policy

Political economy of education

School effectiveness

Teaching Programmes

Doctor of Education (EdD)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Activities & Links

Editor, *Journal of Education and Work*

The *Journal of Education and Work* is a major international forum for academic research and policy analysis which focuses on the interplay of the education and economic systems.

Key Publications: **The Global Auction**

How the global economy really works and how to thrive in it

For decades, the idea that more education will lead to greater individual and national prosperity has been a cornerstone of developed economies. Challenging this conventional wisdom, the *Global Auction* thesis forces us to reconsider our deeply held and mistaken views about how the global economy really works and how to thrive in it. The competition for good, middle class jobs is now a worldwide competition--an auction for cut-priced brainpower--fuelled by an explosion of higher education across the world and a fundamental power shift in favour of corporate bosses and emerging economies such as China and India. These drivers of the new global high-skill, low-wage workforce threaten the aspirations of all those in the West who see a university degree as the means to a good job. Fighting for a dwindling supply of good jobs will compel those in the west to devote more time, money and effort to set themselves apart in a bare-knuckle competition that will leave many disappointed. At the same time the research and development capacity being developed in the East means that the traditional advantage of western universities is being eroded. Also, in a global free-market for higher education researchers no longer need to serve the needs of particular nations so that research done in the UK may be cashed out in other countries.