Invitation and Save the Date!

Collaborative Masterclass
Putting Sociocultural Activity Theory to Work in Teacher Education

With Associate Professor Ian Thompson,
Joint Convener of the Oxford Centre for Sociocultural and Activity Theory Research
Oxford University

2-3 March 2017
University of Canterbury
Venue TBA
Cost: $60

Co-conveners: Prof. Letitia Fickel and Dr. Alex Gunn

Due to the structure of the masterclass we are capping participation at 30.

Colleagues kia ora, we are pleased to invite you to join us for a collaborative masterclass focussing on research into teacher education practice. This is an opportunity for us as teacher educators, to collaboratively learn from and with each other and Ian as we consider how sociocultural and cultural historical activity theory can be put to work in ITE.

We will kick off on the evening of Thurs 2 March at 4:30 pm with a Public Lecture/Keynote by Associate Professor Ian Thompson.

We will then continue on Friday 3 March in a Masterclass from 9:00-4:00.

- Participants will have a shared reading ahead of the session to orient themselves to the major concepts, and will also choose among a selection of articles that put the theory to practice in Teacher Education based research.
- Participants will be asked to bring a ‘snippet’ of their own research to interrogate with colleagues. The snippet can be an empirical, theoretical, or conceptual piece, in writing, of 1-2 pages in length – for sharing with others and critical peer conversation.

Associate Professor Ian Thompson

Ian Thompson is an Associate Professor of English Education, joint convenor of the Oxford Centre for Sociocultural and Activity Theory Research (OSAT) and a Fellow of St. Hugh’s College. He is also a member of the university’s English Faculty.

After completing English Literature degrees at the Universities of Leicester and Victoria (Canada) Ian worked as a journalist, lecturer and theatre director. He then taught for sixteen years in comprehensive secondary schools in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire as an English teacher, the last ten years of these as a Head of English.
Whilst working full time as a teacher Ian studied part time at the University of Bristol and completed his PhD in Education in 2010. Ian was appointed to his post at the University of Oxford in 2011. He is the lead Tutor for English on the PGCE English course and teaches on the MSc in Learning and Teaching. In his current research, Ian focuses on English pedagogy, teacher education, learning, and social justice in education from a Vygotskian and sociocultural theoretical perspective.

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Registration of interest can be sent to: karyn.dunn@canterbury.ac.nz

In January, registration for the masterclass will be opened and further details about preparation in advance of the masterclass will be made available.

Hei kona rā

Letitia and Alex

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