

ESRC Research Seminar Series

"Making Sense of Knowledge Production"

Seminar 2: Co-Producing Knowledge

Friday 6th November 2009 - St Andrews

This second seminar in the series explored contemporary understandings about how both research and practice can influence knowledge production. Recognition of the complex and dialogical processes in which new and contextualised understandings are created from an accommodation between practitioner-based knowledge and values on the one hand, and research-based findings and ways of thinking on the other, tends to undermine simple ideas of knowledge 'transfer'. Terms such as knowledge exchange, knowledge interaction, knowledge mediation and knowledge integration perhaps more appropriately capture the issues relating to the co-production of knowledge which was the focus of this seminar.

This one-day interactive and invitational meeting explored a range of perspectives on the co-production of knowledge through presentations and discussions in the idyllic setting of St Andrews in Scotland and was held in the Lower College Hall, University of St Andrews.

Speakers included:

- **Huw Davies**, Professor, SDHI - Welcome and Introductory Remarks
- **John Shotter**, Professor of interpersonal relations in the Department of Communication, University of New Hampshire, USA - Co-creating Innovative Developments... (Copenhagen Plenary, JTSB Bateson 2009, The Happening of Change)
- **Andrée Le May**, Professor, School of Health Sciences, University of Southampton. How a community of general practice collectively re-created chronic kidney disease in response to centre "evidence-based" demands and local pressures.
- **Jacky Swan**, Professor of Organizational Behavior at Warwick Business School, University of Warwick. Taking knowledge co-production seriously.
- **Kevin Orr**, Director of the Centre for Management and Organisational Learning, University of Hull. Co-producing research: Reflecting on politics and relations in management research.
- **Brendan McCormack**, Professor of Nursing Research, University of Ulster. Co-producing knowledge through practitioner research – an example from research into 'nursing expertise'.
- **David Walker**, managing director, communications and public reporting at the Audit Commission; member of the council of the Economic and Social Research Council; and a member of the Understanding Society advisory board.