Tertiary Education Policy Seminars

July — August 2010

Realising the national vision for tertiary education

The Centre for the Study of Higher Education and the LH Martin Institute jointly present the University of Melbourne’s “2010 Tertiary Education Policy Seminars: Realising the national vision for tertiary education.”

The federal government’s 2009 budget decisions on tertiary education, following the landmark report of the 2008 National Review chaired by Professor Denise Bradley, ushered in the ‘higher education revolution’ - or so it was said by the now Prime Minister, Julia Gillard. The government promised to phase in the fuller indexation of grants for teaching and the full-cost funding of research, to provide subsidised higher education places to all local students accepted by universities, and to cap student tuition charges while lifting the level of federal student support. It also announced a new regulatory framework with emphasis on nationally coordinated standards and accreditation, and a long-term commitment to lift national participation and social inclusion in higher education. The 2010 budget added funding for apprenticeship training. But are these reforms on track? Do they meet national needs? Has the ‘education revolution’ now been accomplished - and what will the future bring?

Registration: We are expecting a high level of interest in these seminars and therefore pre-registration is essential.

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Location: Seminars will be held at the Woodward Conference Centre, Melbourne Law School, Pelham St, Carlton from 6-8pm with refreshments from 5:30pm.

Seminar 1 The Caravan Moves On: The Bradley reforms after 18 months - are they on track?
14 July

Seminar 2 Meanings of ‘Inclusion’: TAFE, universities and the participation agenda.
28 July

Seminar 3 Australian Tertiary Education Under Reform: A helicopter view of progress and speed humps.
10 August

Seminar 4 The Revolution Meets the Election: The future of Australian tertiary education.
25 August

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