



the laboratory for educational theory
at The Stirling Institute of Education



CALL FOR PAPERS

EDUCATIONAL THEORY AND LIFELONG LEARNING: SETTING AGENDAS? AN INAUGURAL ONE DAY CONFERENCE STIRLING MANAGEMENT CENTRE 26-27 June, 2009

As part of its inaugural year of activities, The Laboratory for Educational Theory at The Stirling Institute of Education is hosting a one-day conference in 2009, immediately following the Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning biennial conference. The Laboratory is a new initiative within The Stirling Institute of Education. It is directed by Professor Gert Biesta and co-directed by Professors Julie Allan and Richard Edwards. For more information on The Laboratory for Educational Theory see:
<http://www.ioe.stir.ac.uk/research/LaboratoryforEducationalTheory.php>

The purpose of the conference is to consider the role and significance of educational theory and how it has been understood and used within the field of lifelong learning.

- ◆ What theories are drawn upon?
- ◆ To what effects?
- ◆ How is theory development changing?
- ◆ What is the relationship between educational theory and theory development in other disciplines?
- ◆ Is there a distinctive educational theory?
- ◆ Does theory make a difference?
- ◆ What constitutes a good theory?

There is much theoretical work in research in lifelong learning that draws upon a range of perspectives and traditions – e.g. cultural historical activity theory, pragmatism, actor-network theory, poststructuralism, situated learning theory, postmodernism, social and cultural capital, and human capital. The nature and extent of the ways in which these contribute to the practice of education, and which are most fertile for further development, remain open to question.

While much attention is given to the need to build capacity in relation to research methods in education, very little attention is given to building capacity in theory. The aim of this conference, which we plan to run biennially, is to provide a focal point for considering the nature and uses of educational theory in the field of lifelong learning and identifying trends and tendencies in theory development.

Short discussion papers (ca. 3,000 words), full papers (5,000-7,000 words) or 'work in progress' reports from doctoral students (ca. 3,000 words) are invited and, if accepted, will be presented as individual papers or as part of an interactive symposium or debate. Some sessions will be video-recorded and produced as web-based resource and papers will be published electronically.

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Contributions should address one or more of the following aspects of educational theory in relation to the field of lifelong learning:

1. The significance of educational theory
2. Particular theoretical perspectives
3. Theoretical work: opportunities and challenges
4. Educational theory in doctoral research
5. International comparisons of educational theory traditions
6. Historical analyses of educational theory.

A 600 word abstract should be submitted by 5 January 2009 to let.conference@stir.ac.uk. Contributors will be notified of the outcome of refereeing by 15 February 2009. Full papers should be submitted by 15 May 2009 and, subject to refereeing, will be posted on the conference website (<http://www.ioe.stir.ac.uk/events/conferences/LET2009.php>).

This conference will be preceded by that hosted by the Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning, also at the University of Stirling (<http://crl.gcal.ac.uk/conf5.php>). It will be followed by the Researching Work and Learning conference at Roskilde University (<http://rwl6.ruc.dk/>)

Venue

The conference will take place at The Stirling Management Centre, University of Stirling and will run from 2pm on the 26 June 2009 until 3pm on the 27 June 2009.

Costs

Full residential cost of the conference, including accommodation in the Stirling Management Centre, dinner, breakfast and lunch will be £195.

Full residential cost of the conference, including accommodation in University Halls of Residence, dinner, breakfast and lunch will be £100.

Non-residential cost of the conference, including lunch on 27 June 2009 will be £80.

Travel

General links and maps

[Scotland map](#)

[Stirling University travel instructions](#) (The Management Centre is on the other side of the University campus)

[University visitor information](#)

[Streetmap of Stirling and the University area.](#)

Travel by Car

The University is on the A9 between Causewayhead and Bridge of Allan. The main entrance is well marked and is opposite farm land.

If approaching from the East, South or West take the M9 to Junction 11. Once at the junction there is a roundabout which marks the end of the M9. From here you should take the exit for Bridge of Allan, follow the road through the town itself, and after about 200 metres you will find the University on the left.

If approaching from the North take the A9 to the same roundabout and follow the same route through Bridge of Allan as above.

From the North A9 via Perth and Bridge of Allan.

From the East A91 from St Andrews, M9 from Edinburgh.

From the South M74, M73, A80, M80 M9.

From the West M8, A80, M80, M9 from Glasgow.

The University operates a barrier system until around 4pm - visitors should use the left-hand lane and speak to the duty operator, who will be able to provide further directions and parking advice.

Travel by public transport

The University is accessible by bus from Stirling. There is a train station in Bridge of Allan, but trains are more frequent and taxis easier to obtain at Stirling Rail Station. The closest airports are Edinburgh and Glasgow. Edinburgh is closer and probably the most convenient if taking a taxi or car hire. Glasgow is slightly easier and cheaper if taking public transport.

Travel by train

It is suggested that Stirling Rail Station is used. You can search for suitable trains via the [Railtrack Web Site](#) and [The Train Line](#)

On arrival at Stirling station, you can take a taxi from the station forecourt (cost around £7.50), or cross the road in front of the station, go slightly left and up the hill to the main shopping street, cross that road and go right to the bus stops. Buses to the University are available for around £0.75 - £1.00.

The following can be used as a guide for rail travel times to Stirling.

Intercity Services from London to Stirling Station – 5 hours 15 minutes.

Edinburgh to Stirling – 45 minutes.

Glasgow to Stirling – 30-45 minutes.

Travel by Bus

The University is served by excellent bus links from Stirling City Centre. At peak times some 19 buses per hour run from Stirling to the main University campus. The principal provider of bus services is First, with routes 50, 53, 54, 58, 62 and 63 all running to and from the University and Murray Place, Stirling. In addition, Ferguson's buses run to and from the University on routes 50 and 153. (Please note that while the service is regular, a 15-minute wait can sometimes be expected.)

Please note that the train station is directly across the road from the main bus station in the city centre.

Travel from Glasgow Airport

The easiest way to get from [Glasgow Airport](#) to Stirling University is by taxi. Taxis are available at the airport, and the charge to Stirling is in the region of £45-50. Alternatively, a taxi may be pre-booked from one of the companies listed below.

To travel to Stirling by Public transport, take the [Scottish City Link Coach](#) from the Airport to Buchanan Bus Station (in Glasgow). The service runs every 10 minutes during the day, takes around 25 minutes and costs £3.30. You can then take a coach to Stirling Bus Station. This costs £4.20 and the journey takes around 45 minutes. A return ticket from the airport to Stirling can be purchased for £12.10. See the coach web site for full timetables.

On arrival at Stirling Bus Station. Either take a local bus to the University (instructions provided by the Management Centre link above) or walk 100m to the right to arrive at the train station, where taxis are available (cost around £3.50).

[Car hire](#) is also available from Glasgow airport.

Travel from Edinburgh Airport

The easiest way to get from [Edinburgh Airport](#) to Stirling University is by taxi. Taxis are available at the airport, and the charge to Stirling is in the region of £45. Alternatively, a taxi may be pre-booked from one of the companies listed below.

The journey may also be made by public transport. Take the Airlink bus towards Edinburgh City Centre and get off at Haymarket Rail Station (The bus also goes to Waverly Station, which can also be used, but is further away). The Airlink buses run every 10 minutes during the day. The cost is £5.00 and the journey time up to 25 minutes. Further details from [Lothian Buses](#).

From Haymarket (or Waverly) Station, take the train to Stirling. These run every half hour during the day and cost £5.70 single (no return available). Further information is available from [Firstgroup](#). The Journey time is around 45-50 minutes.

On arrival at Stirling station, you can take a taxi from the station forecourt (cost around £3.50), or cross the road in front of the station, go slightly left and up the hill to the main shopping street, cross that road and go right to the bus stops. Buses to the University are available for around £0.75 - £1.00. See the above Management Centre and University links for maps and bus numbers.

You could also hire a car at Edinburgh Airport, or from nearby garages. Further information about this and much more is available at the [Unofficial Edinburgh Airport Web Site](#). *(Follow the link to Tourist Information, How to get to EDI, Car Parking, Public Transport, for links to car hire companies).*

Parking

There is free parking on the Campus at the Management Centre.

Taxis

Jade Taxis	01786 446447
Travel by Appointment	01786-448448
Tee Arr	01786-461954 (mobile 07050323989)
Goosecroft Taxis	01786-472220