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Developments in Higher Education: Organisation, Leadership and Management – Implications for Research and Practice

by



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Seminar Details

DATE: Friday, 29 August 2014
TIME: 16h00 – 18h00
VENUE: LT 6, Main Tutorial Building, Edgewood Campus, UKZN

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Seminar Overview

Higher education policies and governance have changed deeply over the past thirty years. The general outcome has been a much stronger managerial approach in the leadership and management of higher education organisations – following the main principles of New Public Management. In the current research, academic leadership and management has been too much of a black box. Very often it is emphasized that leadership and management are different from those of regular business organisations or public organisations. However, the differences are often dealt with without showing their effects and interdependence on the level of different organisational and management functions of HEIs.

About Professor Virtanen

Dr. Turo Virtanen has worked as a professor of political science, administration and organisation studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, for about twenty years until 2010. He has also held various academic positions at the University of Tampere, starting in 1979.

Turo has served nearly ten years in many administrative positions at the University of Helsinki: as Head of the department of political science; as vice-dean (academic affairs) of the faculty of social sciences; and as chair or a member of many committees and working groups related to academic affairs and the improvement of university administration and management and teaching and learning.

Turo has undertaken numerous external services related to the evaluation of administration and management of Finnish universities and advisory work in reorganising and merging Finnish universities. He has also served as a member or chair of many panels assessing the quality of academic research on public administration, accrediting teaching in political science and public administration, and auditing quality assurance systems at European universities in Belgium, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Romania, and Lithuania.