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**Seminar 3: The future of higher education in Scotland and the UK**

**Date:** Wednesday 29th January 2014  
**Time:** 9:30-16:00  
**Venue:** The Moffat Auditorium, National Museum of Scotland,  
Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF

This project forms part of the ESRC’s *Future of the UK and Scotland Programme*. Its broad aim is to consider the future challenges and opportunities faced by higher education in Scotland and the rest of the UK in the case of further devolution or a vote for independence in autumn 2014. This seminar examines a range of policy futures.

Questions which will be addressed during the course of the day include the following:

- What broad policy futures for Scotland can we envisage and what might be their impact on higher education?
- What is the current pattern of cross-border student flows and how might this change in the future depending on the nature of constitutional change?
- What is the future of research funding in Scotland and the rest of the UK in the light of different constitutional scenarios?
- What might be the impact of constitutional change on those who work in Scottish universities?
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**Chair:** Professor Charlie Jeffery

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| 09.45 – 10.00 | Introduction to project  
Professor Charlie Jeffery, University of Edinburgh  |
| 10.00 – 10.45 | Future scenarios for Scottish higher education  
Sir Andrew Cubie  
*(30 min presentation; 15 min for questions)* |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Break                                                                                       |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Film – Our Future: Young People’s Views on Higher Education in Scotland  
Introduced by Sarah Minty, CREID |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Research funding in Scottish universities  
Professor Anton Muscatelli, University of Glasgow  
*(20 min presentation; 10 min for questions)* |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Scottish Government  
*(20 min presentation; 10 min for questions)* |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch                                                                                       |
| 13.30 – 14.00 | Alistair Carmichael, Secretary of State for Scotland  
*(20 min presentation; 10 min for questions)* |
| 14.00 – 14.30 | Globalisation and higher education  
Professor Susan Robertson, University of Bristol  
*(20 min presentation; 10 min for questions)* |
| 14.30 – 14.45 | Break                                                                                       |
| 14.45 – 16.00 | Higher education and constitutional change: implications for university workers and managers  
Dave Watson (Unison), Mary Senior (UCU), and David Lott (Universities Scotland)  
*(20 min presentation; 15 min for questions)* |