

Draft Programme Fair Admissions Conference

Time	Event	Speaker	Title
7 July 9:00- 10:00	Registration & refreshments		
10:00	Welcome		
10:15- 11:00	Session 1	Dr Adam Swift & Prof Harry Brighthouse	Education and social justice (TBC)
11:00- 11:15	Tea break		
11:15- 12:30	Session 2	Admission to Elite Universities in three countries	
		Prof Agnes van Zanten, Sciences Po Prof Thomas Espenshade, Princeton	University admission in France (TBC) Fairness and Practice in Selective college Admission
		Prof Anthony Heath, FBA; Dr Alice Sullivan, Thomas Ogg, Anna Zimdars	Admitting undergraduates to Oxford
12:30- 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 – 15:00	Session 3	Defining Merit and Potential	
		Annabelle Allouche	The emergence of ‘potential’ as a category of academic judgement? Access schemes and the renewal of meritocratic paradigms in French and English elite Higher Education
		Dr Hilary Levey	Primary school Prep: Parental Strategies about College Admissions
		Dr Ashley Rondini	Deconstructing ‘merit’: the racial and socioeconomic bias of ‘merit’- based Admissions and Financial Aid eligibility criteria at elite universities in the United States
		Ass Prof Yingyi Ma	Is the focus on well-roundedness a new form of elitism? An investigation of the New Admission Policies in selective Chinese Universities
		Ass Prof Natasha Warikoo	Elite undergraduate views on diversity, multiculturalism, and inequality in comparative perspective
15:00- 15:15	Tea Break		
15:15- 16:30	Session 4	Similarities and differences in cross-country comparisons	
		Dr Daniel Sabbagh	The rise of Indirect Affirmative

		Dr Kevin Denny	Action: Converging Strategies for promoting 'diversity' in Selective Institutions of Higher Education in the United States and France
		Prof Liz Thomas & Brian Spittle	Entry into Irish higher education (TBC)
			Room for improvement? How are English institutions performing in relation to fair access to higher education? A comparative analysis with the U.S.
16:30-16:45	Tea Break		
16:45 – 17:30	Session 5	UK policy perspectives	
		Janet Graham	Director SPA
		Dr Lee Elliot-Major	Director of Research, Sutton Trust
17:30-18:30	Break		
18:30-19:15	Reception		
19:15-20:45	Dinner		
20:45-21:30	Session 6	The view from the Harvard Admissions Office	
		Dean William Fitzsimmons	
19:15-Open	Conference Dinner, drinks		
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8:00-9:15	Breakfast		
9:15-9:30	VC address	President and Vice-Chancellor's Welcome	
		Prof Dame Nancy Rothwell,	
9:30-10:00	Session 7	Fair admission in the UK, present and future	
		Prof Steve Smith	
10:00-10:15	Tea break		
10:15-11:15	Parallell sessions 8 & 9		
	Session 8	UK studies of HE entry	
		Prof Fiona Devine, OBE	Who might be admitted to University? Following the fate of young people in changing times
		Prof Nick Adnett & Jean Mangan	Achieving Fair Admissions in a

		Prof Penny Jane Burke & Jackie McMagnus	segmented HE market: Insights from evidence on student and university behaviour in England Art for a few: Admissions Practices in art and design higher education
	Session 9	Questioning Assumptions behind excellence Dr Paul Bou-Habib Dr Ben Kotzee John Rose-Adams & Liz Marr	What is a fair university admissions policy? University admission, educational justice and epistemic justice Admission of responsibility: Selective and non-selective institutions and the 'balancing' of social justice and excellence
11:15-11:30	Tea Break		
11:30-12:45	Parallell sessions 10 & 11	Session 10	The Evidence-base for HE entry Dr Tony Hoare Dr Vikki Boliver Dr Paul Wakeling Claire Crawford
			The evidence base for admitting undergraduates to Bristol (TBC) The stratification of higher education in the UK (TBC) Entry into postgraduate study in the UK (TBC) Widening Participation in Higher education: analysis using linked administrative data
	Session 11	The empirical evidence across different countries Prof James Rosenbaum Prof Lois Weis Prof Martin Munk & Jens Peter Thomsen Prof David Post	Open Access and Hidden Barriers: tests that limit access to college credit classes "Positioning for Advantage: A Cautionary Tale with Regard to Notions of 'Fair Access'" Widening Participation and unequal access to the System of Higher Education in Denmark: What drives this double pattern? Fairness and Access to post-colonial Hong-Kong Higher Education
12:50-13:30	Closing Panel	TBC	
13:30	Lunch		
14:30	Departure or Optional cultural activities in Manchester, TBC		

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