

**Call for Papers: abstract proposals due 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013**

Second International ProPEL Conference

**“Professional Matters: materialities and virtualities of professional learning”**

Stirling Management Centre, University of Stirling, 25-27 June 2014  
Stirling, Scotland

This conference promotes leading edge study in professional learning, practice and education - robust research that applies innovative methodologies and contemporary theories of work practice and learning to examine pressing issues related to professions and professionalisms today and for the future.

This year we particularly encourage papers that explore the material or virtual ‘matters’ of professional learning. Increasingly, contemporary researchers interested in work practices, organising, cultures and subjectivities are drawing from perspectives such as relational materiality, STS, activity theory and ‘new materialisms’. What critical insights do these perspectives bring to the changing complexities of professionals’ work practices and knowledges? What questions do they open? What research methodologies and analytic strategies do they offer to help critically explore the emergent nature of professional knowing and the systems of professional work? What are their limitations, and what ethical and political sensibilities do they contribute in support of learning and change in difficult times?

Beyond this focus, we welcome papers that present original, critical research exploring themes such as these in terms of implications for professional learning and education:

- New challenges in professional practices and professionalisms
- Emerging professions, knowledges, and arrangements of work
- Digital technologies and changing practices
- Inter/professional practice and learning
- Leadership in the professions
- Diversity and inclusion in professional practice
- Partnership work in professional and vocational learning
- Migration of professionals and travelling knowledges
- Innovations in assessment of professional learning
- Reconceptualising continuing professional development

The conference deliberately promotes multi-professional and inter/transdisciplinary dialogue. Research papers are invited from across the disciplines and professions from those interested in developing a wider understanding of the challenges and responses of those engaged in professional work. The conference will accept individual papers, symposiums, roundtables and poster presentations.

**Confirmed Keynote Speakers:**

- **Professor Yrjö Engeström**, Director of the Center for Activity Theory and Developmental Work Research at University of Helsinki
- **Dr Beverly Metcalfe**, Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester
- **Professor Mats Alvesson**, Lund University & University of Queensland Business School

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