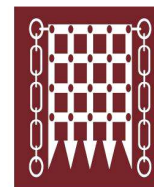


**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
Priorities for quality assurance in UK HEIs - grade inflation, tackling plagiarism, and
the future of degree classification**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 20th March 2018

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Storey, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Education and Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Students
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Quality assurance under a new regulatory framework - priorities for the sector and the Office for Students**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.15 **Implementing quality assurance in a new regulatory environment - issues for new providers, the future of degree awarding powers and priorities for tackling degree fraud**
Alexander Proudfoot, Chief Executive, Independent Higher Education
Chris Rea, HE Services Manager, Prospects
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.35 **Assuring the quality of UK degrees and widening best practice in the sector**
Ian Kimber, Director of Universities, Quality Enhancement and Standards, QAA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Storey, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Education and Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Students
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 12.00 **Tackling student plagiarism in UK higher education**
Dr Irene Glendinning, Academic Manager for Student Experience, Coventry University
Claire Skelly, Assistant Adjudicator, Office of the Independent Adjudicator
Senior representative, alternative provider
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.10 **'Reasonable comparability' of degree standards: strengthening the external examining system**
Dr Geoff Stoakes, Head of Special Projects, Higher Education Academy
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Key issues for degree classification in UK higher education - addressing grade inflation, the impact of the TEF and the next steps for grade point average systems**
Samuel Gordon, Research Analyst, Institute of Student Employers
Professor Julie McLeod, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Experience, Oxford Brookes University
Kate Wicklow, Policy Manager, GuildHE
Academic
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Geoff Stoakes**, Head of Special Projects, Higher Education Academy
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum