



Higher Education Policy Institute

Annual Policy Briefing Seminar for HEPI University Partners

Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1

Wednesday 14 May 2014

The Policy Challenges for HE looking ahead to the 2015 General Election

- 9.30am** **Coffee**
- 10.00am** **Welcome and introduction by the seminar chair**
Nick Hillman, HEPI Director
- 10.10am** **Developing a sustainable system of HE funding for the longer term: policy lessons from Australia**
Libby Hackett, Chief Executive of University Alliance and author of *“A comparison of higher education funding in England and Australia: what can we learn?”* (published by HEPI April 2014)
- 10.30am** **Q&A/Discussion**
- 10.40am** **Higher Education - 2015 and beyond: Panel discussion chaired by Nick Hillman with guest speakers**
Mark Leach, Chair & Editor-in-Chief, wonkhe and former Chief Policy Adviser to the former Shadow Minister for Universities & Science, Shabana Mahmood MP.
Ryan Shorthouse, Director, Bright Blue and former senior policy researcher for the Rt Hon David Willetts MP, Minister for Universities and Science
Giles Wilkes, Special Adviser to the Rt Hon Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills
- 11.55am** **Access and equity: Positioning Alternative Providers in Higher Education Provision to 2020**
Stephen Lee, Chief Executive, CentreForum and author of the forthcoming CentreForum report on alternative providers
- 12.15pm** **Discussion/Q&A**
- 12.30pm** **Lunch**
- 1pm** **Seminar ends**