Workshop 2

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Padegogy and Managerial Culture

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Abstract: As universities increasingly see themselves as businesses, and as models of management displace earlier traditions of collegiality, what is the place of pedagogy? In particular, what is the role of a humanities or liberal arts model of teaching and learning within such a climate? Those of us who work in these disciplines often find it difficult to align our practices with, for instance, models of academic assessment designed for skills training rather than for, say, creative or critical practice. It is likely that certain versions of outcomes-based approaches are also implicated in this kind of difficulty. Nonetheless, even in a world imagined by commerce, creativity and critical thinking remain necessary. How, or rather how far, should we reframe our pedagogical orientation in response to this change in the culture of the university? This workshop will draw on the issues developed in Workshop 1, and will have broad relevance to those teaching in the humanities and liberal arts.

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