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on

**GOOD PRACTICES IN INSTITUTIONAL POLICY:  
AN INTERNATIONAL COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

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by



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## Abstract

*While public policy and higher education more specifically have been extensively researched in the scholarly literature, policy and policymaking at the higher education institution level has received scant attention. Brigid Freeman's seminar will explore good practices in 'institutional policy' identified through research conducted in the United States and Australasia (Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea). Institutional policy is an important governance artefact enabling higher education institutions to articulate principles governing academic and administrative operations and matters. Brigid will explore the place and substance of institutional policy frameworks ('meta-policy'), the policy cycle, the emergence of comprehensive policy suites and attendant dissemination mechanisms, and policy infrastructure. In doing so, Brigid will illustrate some of the key contextual and cultural influences that impact higher education institutions.*

## Brigid Freeman

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Brigid Freeman is a researcher with the Australia India Institute at the University of Melbourne, undertaking research regarding skills development and higher education in India, as well as internationalisation. Brigid has recently undertaken internationalisation research based at the University of Melbourne for an Australian Academy of the Humanities (AAH) project examining the humanities in Asia, including India. Brigid worked at the Centre for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Melbourne with Professor Simon Marginson, on a policy borrowing project exploring science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) policy reform globally. Brigid has also undertaken research for Professor Fazal Rizvi on another Securing Australia's Future project, Smart Engagement with Asia, examining Chinese, Indian and Australian diaspora scholar contributions to international research collaboration. Brigid has consulted to UNESCO on international comparative approaches to university admission systems, and delivers training internationally on university governance, institutional policy and policymaking. Brigid was a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley where she led a project exploring institutional policy in the United States, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. She has a Masters of Education Policy (International) and is completing a PhD exploring institutional policy in Australian universities.

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