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Seminar Title: University – school based partnerships; networking to increase social capital

Abstract

The current drive to shift teacher training into schools is highly contentious. In light of this policy the seminar will look at what is already known about how teachers learn and what the knowledge base might be needed to educate teachers to work in schools in the 21st century. Using social capital theory I will discuss the key role that university education departments have in the process of educating teachers and I will draw on data from the Cambridge HEI-School based partnership network.