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The EU Centre at RMIT as part of Melbourne Knowledge Week Presents:

Lifelong learning and the Autumn of Europeanization in Asia

Event details

Thursday 1 December 2011
12.30 pm—2.00 pm
RMIT City campus, The Chancellery
RMIT Building 20, level 2
Court Room 3
Enter via building 1, 124 La Trobe
Street

Speaker

**Chris Duke, Visiting Professor
RMIT and Pascal Observatory**

Free event. All welcome.
Please RSVP for catering purposes
by Friday 25 November to:
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The persisting global financial crisis prompts new waves of reflection on longer-term trends and shifts of influence and power in an increasingly 'globalized' and still neo-liberal world. The economic domination of the West is declining, the power of Asia rapidly increasing. North to South transfer of models and practices from Europe to Asia is fraught with problems, but assumptions about linear progress and modernity remain pervasive. Cultural, demographic, and historical diversity are the essential context for effective understanding and policy-making; within Europe, throughout the Asian region, and between these two continents.

The ideas of lifelong learning and the learning region, including the engagement of universities in local region development, have been formulated and advocated by western-based intergovernmental organisations (IGOs) and partly applied in the West, especially Europe, for several decades. They have suffered severe, partly neo-liberal, impoverishment making them less fit to build long-term sustainability. Their attempted transposition to the Asian region demonstrates the challenges implied, and the obstacle of assumed western superiority. There is, however, great potential for open-minded reciprocal inter-regional learning between these large continental as well as small local regions.

The City of Melbourne is running Melbourne Knowledge Week from 28 November to 2 December 2011 inclusive. The purpose of Melbourne Knowledge Week is to celebrate and showcase the city's applied knowledge assets, networks and capabilities.



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