

The Faculty of Humanities, Arts, Languages and Education Postgraduate Courses and Culture

The faculty has professional links with a large number of businesses, educational establishments and voluntary-sector organisations. These facilitate, research, placement, professional development, knowledge transfer and enterprise opportunities for students, staff and partners alike. The faculty employ a co-ordinator to manage, sustain and maximise professional links at postgraduate level. A key aim of this sort of activity is to increase students' chances of employment beyond (post-) graduation.

HALE staff are both research active and professionally engaged. Their work is carried out in media and business contexts as well as academic ones. They produce books, monographs and articles and regularly contribute to television, radio and newspaper productions. Staff write and broadcast on topics as diverse as media ethics, early education, film history, translation methods, literary theory, international language use, national politics, learning and teaching, American history, education management and Continental philosophy. For details of staff research and media activity click [here](#):

There is a busy schedule of academic and cultural events in the faculty that are related to research and postgraduate activity. Regular open seminars in subjects of interest to postgraduate students and academic staff are offered. There are also periodic creative writing and performance-related events such as readings by published writers and performances by professional performers, some of whom are lecturers in the faculty.

Staff and students in HALE contribute to a number of research centres and institutes that operate within and without the faculty and university. For details of these click [here](#). Centres, institutes and HALE staff that contribute to them have received funding from numerous bodies including The British Academy, The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and The British Council. Over two thirds of the research outputs submitted by the University to the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) were judged to be 'internationally recognised', 'internationally excellent' or 'world leading'. Analysis conducted by the influential 'Research Research' website reveals that London Metropolitan University ranks in the top half of UK Universities in terms of 'research power', coming 72nd out of 159 Universities submitted to the 2008 RAE. Among other areas, the University scored highly in 'European Studies' 'Education' and 'Communication, Culture and Media Studies'. HALE lecturers contribute to research activities in all three of these areas.

Staff are active in conference organisation at the University and elsewhere. Examples of recent conferences organised or co-organised by HALE staff are 'Countering Consumerism: Religious and Secular Responses' and 'Translator Training and Education'. Other conferences organised or significantly contributed to include 'The Irish Diaspora', 'Sade and his Legacy', 'The Victorian Supernatural', 'Border Crossings: Comparing Postcolonial Literatures', 'Current Research in Audience and Reception Studies', 'Beyond Camps and Forced Labour' and 'Aspects of Specialised Translation'.

The faculty has high pedagogic standards. Student feedback regularly reflects satisfaction with lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials and supervisions. Lecturers regularly undertake research and training in teaching and learning. Innovation and best practice in these areas are striven for, monitored and achieved. The faculty has received very positive reports and/or significant funding in areas related to teaching and learning from bodies including the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) and the European Union. Student input and comment is regularly sought and acted on, both by the faculty and the London Metropolitan University Quality Enhancement Unit.