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**Seminar 3: The future of higher education  
in Scotland and the UK**

**Date:** Wednesday 29th January 2014

**Time:** 9:30-16:00

**Venue:** [The Moffat Auditorium, National Museum of Scotland](#),  
Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF

This project forms part of the ESRC's *Future of the UK and Scotland Programme*. Its broad aim is to consider the future challenges and opportunities faced by higher education in Scotland and the rest of the UK in the case of further devolution or a vote for independence in autumn 2014. This seminar examines a range of policy futures.

Questions which will be addressed during the course of the day include the following:

- What broad policy futures for Scotland can we envisage and what might be their impact on higher education?
- What is the current pattern of cross-border student flows and how might this change in the future depending on the nature of constitutional change?
- What is the future of research funding in Scotland and the rest of the UK in the light of different constitutional scenarios?
- What might be the impact of constitutional change on those who work in Scottish universities?

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**Chair:** Professor Charlie Jeffery

09.30 – 09.45	Registration and coffee
09.45 – 10.00	Introduction to project Professor Charlie Jeffery, University of Edinburgh
10.00 – 10.45	Future scenarios for Scottish higher education Sir Andrew Cubie <i>(30 min presentation; 15 min for questions)</i>
10.45 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 11.30	Film – Our Future: Young People’s Views on Higher Education in Scotland Introduced by Sarah Minty, CREID
11.30 – 12.00	Research funding in Scottish universities Professor Anton Muscatelli, University of Glasgow <i>(20 min presentation; 10 min for questions)</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Scottish Government <i>(20 min presentation; 10 min for questions)</i>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.00	Alistair Carmichael, Secretary of State for Scotland <i>(20 min presentation; 10 min for questions)</i>
14.00 – 14.30	Globalisation and higher education Professor Susan Robertson, University of Bristol <i>(20 min presentation; 10 min for questions)</i>
14.30 – 14.45	Break
14.45 – 16.00	Higher education and constitutional change: implications for university workers and managers Dave Watson (Unison), Mary Senior (UCU), and David Lott (Universities Scotland) <i>(20 min presentation; 15 min for questions)</i>