



# IKD Open Day

10 February 2009  
11:00 – 14:00

Michael Young Building Presentation Area

## Agenda

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| 11.00            | <b>Arrival and coffee</b>  |
| 11.15 – 11.20    | <b>Welcome and introduction</b><br>Welcome and setting out agenda and aims of the day  |
| 11.20 – 11.50    | <b>IKD's vision and the newly reorganised thematic areas</b><br>Mariana Mazzucato, IKD Director, and each stream leader will briefly outline IKD's mission and the recent changes in IKD's organisation, as well as funding opportunities and research plans.  |
| 11.50 am – 12.15 | <b>IKD's external footprint</b><br>Two external speakers will briefly reflect on how they see IKD's current niche and what strategic directions we may want to take. They are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Mark Gottdiener, SUNY Buffalo</li><li>• Professor Luigi Orsenigo, Università Bocconi</li></ul>                  |
| 12.15 – 12.30    | <b>The doctoral school</b><br>IKD's graduate school is vibrant, growing and cuts across faculties via co-supervisions. Two of our current postgraduates - Masuma Farooki and Mary Upton - will talk about their work and the benefits and challenges of inter-disciplinary working.  |
| 12.30 – 13.15    | <b>Small group discussion</b><br>There will be small group discussion for 30 minutes followed by 15 minutes feeding back in the large group in order to get a sense of how we can respond to the challenges and opportunities identified in the preceding discussions and presentations and what new activities we might undertake to meet them. |
| 13.15 – 14.00    | <b>Lunch</b><br>A chance to chat informally.   |



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The Innovation, Knowledge and Development Research Centre (IKD) has recently been restructured to reflect strategic research foci. There are three new streams, each led by a different stream leader: *Innovation and Industry Dynamics* led by Dr Roberto Simonetti (Social Sciences); *Governance and Innovation Policy* led by Dr Giles Mohan (MCT); and *Regional Transformation and Development* led by Dr Les Budd (OUBS). IKD's core aim is to nurture new research projects within these streams as well as ones that cut across them, and to do so in a way that is as policy relevant as possible (e.g. addressing the *Innovation Nation* white paper etc). IKD has recently been called by the UN University in Maastricht: the number one innovation initiative in 2008 to watch in Europe.

We are holding a lunchtime event to publicise these changes, enrol new members and seek their feedback on future activities and projects. The event is booked for:

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In addition to short presentations by IKD coordinators there will be comments from Professor Mark Gottdiener (SUNY Buffalo) and Professor Luigi Orsenigo (Università Bocconi) on IKD's external profile and challenges for the future.

We would very much like you to come and take part so would you let Karen Barboteau (k.barboteau@open.ac.uk) know if you would like to attend. In the meantime you can find out more about IKD at [www.open.ac.uk/ikd](http://www.open.ac.uk/ikd).

**Giles Mohan**  
(Stream leader:  
*Governance and Innovation Policy*)

**Mariana Mazzucato**  
(Centre Director)

**Theo Papaianou**  
(Research Director)