

Class and inequality in the UK: Vested interests v. progressive reasoning

You are invited to a talk by:

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Time: 10.00-11.30am

Venue: R208



Keith Popple is Professor and former Head of Social Work at London South Bank University. Previously a field worker in social services he has written widely about the relationship between 'community', social work and community development. He is joint author with Paul Stepney of *Social Work and Community: A Critical Context for Practice* (Palgrave, 2008) and is Visiting Professor at Bournemouth University and at Hong Kong Baptist University. Professor Popple is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Community Development Journal* and the USA journal *Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society*. The second edition of his text *Analysing Community Work: Its Theory and Practice* is due to be published by the Open University Press early next year.

The talk will consider our different understandings of class in the UK and the impact of widening inequality on British society. Consideration will be made of the role vested interests can have in maintaining the status quo despite the evidence that as a society we would all benefit from addressing the negative impact of significant and substantial inequality.

The talk will be of interest to a range of students studying social work, community development, sociology and social policy.