

Achieving and Demonstrating Research Impact Workshop

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26 March 2015, 9am - 12noon

S202, Studland House

The workshop will consider both the achievement and demonstration of impact and will comprise three linked sessions. The first two sessions of approximately one hour each will comprise a presentation followed by questions and discussion. The final, shorter session will be a more open question and discussion session on the future of the REF more generally.

Professor John Scott, [CBE](#) [FBA](#), [FAcSS](#), is a leading figure in British sociology working on issues of economic and political sociology, social stratification, the history of sociology, and social network analysis. He is a Fellow of the [British Academy](#), a Fellow of the [Royal Society of Arts](#) and an Academician of the [Academy of Social Sciences](#). John is an Honorary Visiting Professor, University of Exeter, and an Honorary Professor, University of Copenhagen. He has been a member of the Sociology RAE/REF panel in 2001, 2008, and 2014 and was chair in both 2008 and 2014, sitting also as a member of Main Panel C.



Workshop programme

- **Welcome and Introduction-** Professor Ann Brooks, Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Health & Social Sciences
- **What is 'impact' and how can it be achieved?**
This part of the workshop will consider the REF definition of impact, the various types of impact, and the criteria for scoring impact. It will consider the broad range of types of impact and their varying advantages and disadvantages. It will also consider how the achievement of impact might be built into research projects and the support mechanisms that Universities can establish to promote the achievement of impact.
- **Coffee break**
- **How can impact be demonstrated?**
- In this part of the workshop I will consider the issue of producing evidence on impact and of constructing a plausible account of the impact achieved. We will consider the issues involved in constructing and presenting appropriate case studies.
- **The Future of the REF**
This final session will be an open discussion of wider issues in the REF: panel structure, assessment mechanisms, bibliometrics, etc. It is an opportunity to explore issues and potentialities in the approach to REF 2020.
- **Final Questions**