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Can we remake higher education to address socio-economic, ethnic and gender inequality?

Chair: Jürgen Enders. Speakers: Ellen Hazelkorn, Aniko Horvath, Stephen Hunt, Diana Laurillard, Michael Shattock

Higher education is undergoing continuous transformation but is this fostering greater social equality or the reverse? This panel session will use recent CGHE research to interrogate key trends in the sector – the modernisation of forms of governance in five countries in Europe, which could be the starting point for greater equality (but is it?); the expansion of access through the subsidised private colleges in England, where drop out and low employability suggest that the old inequalities of access are being relocated inside the sector; and the role of online delivery and learning in fostering large scale professional development, where the equality story might be more positive.