

CGHE Annual Conference
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Graduates' responses to student loans in England

25 May 2022, 1.50-2.50pm (UK)

Chair: Diana Laurillard

Speakers: Claire Callender and Susie Davis

Student borrowing is a major public policy issue in England. Unlike many European countries, England is dependent on student loans to help finance higher education, fuelling its expansion and greater access. Loans have made higher tuition fees politically and socially acceptable and led to growing levels of student loan borrowing and debt. Extant research in England has considered prospective and current students' attitudes to income-contingent loans but graduates' perspectives have been ignored. This session, drawing on data from 98 in-depth qualitative interviews with English graduates, examines their attitudes to undergraduate student loans and the influences of loans on their lives.

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