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Satisfying Many Masters: Teaching into Professional Degrees in Law and Engineering in the 21st Century.

Symposium on Professional Education Research in Law and Engineering Disciplines

Monday 30 September 2019

University of Southern Queensland

Location: Toowoomba Campus

Key Note Speakers

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It is common ground that academics have experienced growing expectations that has left academics attempting to perform a balancing act in their service of multiple masters. Whilst this is true of all academics, teaching into a professional degree, such as law or engineering, only serves to add another master – the relevant professional association. This Symposium aims to explore these issues from a range of perspectives and provide ways forward for academics to navigate this maze in order to have a successful and rewarding career.

Symposium sub themes.

The 'Student' Master

- Students as 'clients'
- Student satisfaction
- Changing student demographics
- Online learning
- Low SES students
- 'First nations' students
- HDR students

The 'University' Master

- Retention and progression of students
- Building resilience
- Mental health and wellbeing in the workplace
- The role of the academic in the 21st century
- Publish or perish?

The 'Professional Association' Master

- Oversight by professional bodies
- The role of ethics in teaching
- The impact of professional misconduct
- Designing good assessment for the professional student

Conference web page, call for papers and posters, registration details to follow.

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