Summary of Activities (2013-14)

The KOL group held a series of successful and well-attended research seminars and workshops this year. These include seminars given by eminent external speakers and internal colleagues, and discussion/developmental workshops based on thematic and review papers given by colleagues and doctoral students. Colleagues and doctoral students particularly welcomed these workshops which provided opportunities for them to obtain feedback on their work at an early stage of development.

The activities of the group have facilitated a major ESRC/DFID grant application submitted by Huaichuan Rui (with external colleagues) on ‘Policy learning between China and Africa’.

The group has also stimulated a number of new research collaborations and pilot projects:


- Alice Lam and Huaichuan Rui: “Global human mobility and knowledge transfer: returning foreign-educated professional knowledge workers as innovators in Africa”

- Neil Conway: “Examining individual and job context predictors of work event attributions and their effects on well-being”

- Alice Lam: “Careers, identities and knowledge brokering: social scientists in academic and practitioner communities”
Research Seminars 2013-14

Wednesday 9th Oct 2013, 1-3pm, MBS 008
Speakers: Yingqin Zheng (Royal Holloway) and Pamela Abbott (Brunel)
Discussants: Alice Lam and Fiona Moore
“Moving up the value chain or reconfiguring the value network? An organizational learning perspective on born global outsourcing vendors”

20th November 2013, 1-3pm, MBS 008
Speaker: John King (doctoral researcher, Royal Holloway)
Discussants: Neil Conway and Alice Lam
“Institutions, Cognition and Knowledge Transfer”

29th January 2014, 1-3 pm, MBS 006
Speakers: Antonia Alafouzo and Dr Hui Tan, SOM, Royal Holloway
“Metacompetence - A strategic capability in international acquisitions and alliances”

20th March 2014, 1-3pm, HLT1
Speaker: Dr. Mehdi Boussebaa, University of Bath
“Learning from the world? Horizontal knowledge flows and geopolitics in international consulting firms”

21st May 2014, 1-3pm, MBS 008
Speaker: Professor Juani Swart, University of Bath
“Human and Social Capital and Innovation”