

## EVENING TALK

# THINKING POLICY: EDUCATIONAL FUTURES IN A TIME OF EDU-ANXIETY

The power of education to transform our world is undeniable yet education has for a long time been a prisoner of presentist thinking and policy. Educational futures seeks to disturb this presentism by interrogating the spaces in which education is framed, maintained and articulated. In this lecture the focus will be on how policy acts as a process domain in which the pragmatic interests of states and citizens combine to create edu-anxiety. Such anxiety can lead to reactionary policy or, in the futures context, to exciting policy fragmentation that opens institutional responses to alternatives. Of interest here is how stress causes mutation in social forms and the language employed to think and communicate about the policy futures of education.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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Dr Marcus Bussey is an educator, futurist and historian. He has a keen interest in intercultural encounter. He teaches courses in world history, sustainable futures and cultural change theory at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia where he is a member of the Arts Research in the Creative Humanities (ARCH) collective. His research interests focus on educational futures, cultural transformation and the embodied processes we need to foster to further this important next step. He has twice been a visiting fellow at Nanyang Technological University with the Centre of Excellence for National Security and was 2014-2015 Taiwan Fellow with Tamkang University, Taiwan. Bussey publishes widely and has coauthored *Futures Thinking for Social Foresight with Richard Slaughter* (2005) and co-edited *Neohumanist Educational Futures: Liberating the Pedagogical Intellect* (2006) and *Alternative Educational Futures: Pedagogies for Emergent Worlds* (2008) with Sohail Inayatullah and Ivana Milojevic.

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