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- consolidating and developing data literacy across the creative and education sectors;
- unlocking the value in existing data to drive new product and service innovation.

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- governance, inequality and trust;
- finance, markets, technology and societies;
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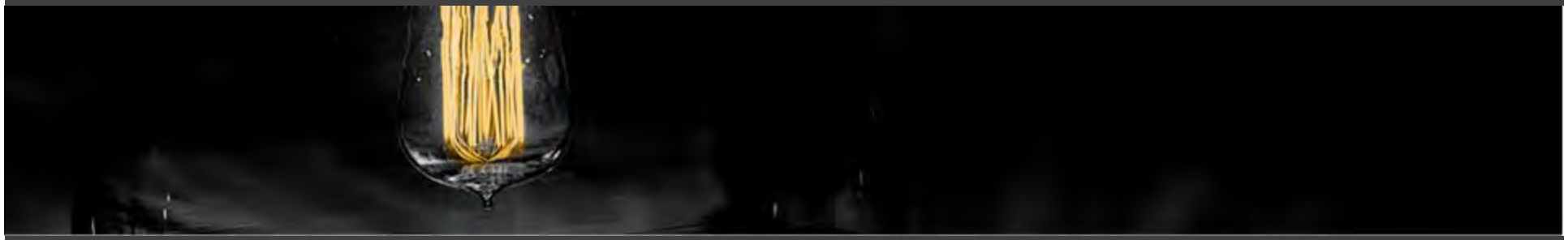

Innovative interdisciplinary research and policy

- Creative Informatics
  - AHRC (funds from ISCF)
  - R&D Partnership with Edinburgh's Creative Industries Cluster
  - Bid is for ~£7m
    - £1.2m leveraged from City Deal.
  - Help the sector develop
    - New audiences and markets
    - New products and services
  - R&D Projects & Talent Development

- Centre for Future Infrastructure
  - Engineering, Informatics, Architecture, Social and Political Science and Business School
  - City/Region infrastructure database.
  - Funding bids on
    - Resilience in complex infrastructure systems
    - Digitising the Infrastructure supply chain to transform delivery.

EFI Research Awards

Benjamin Bach

Can data visualizations engage a wider audience in data-driven policy and decision-making about inequality?

Deborah Scott

Can we develop narratives to guide Scotland's scientific research, technical innovation, commercial development, and public policy relating to near- Earth orbit and outer space?

Kate Symons

How can blockchain technology restore trust in sustainable development, aid and humanitarianism?

Richard Harrison

How does the science of compassion advance individual and organizational performance?

Jean-Benoît Falisse

How can community-level actors use 'data abundance' to improve basic social services in fragile and low-income settings?

The EFI Masters programmes:

2019-20 Finance, Technology and Policy (Business School)
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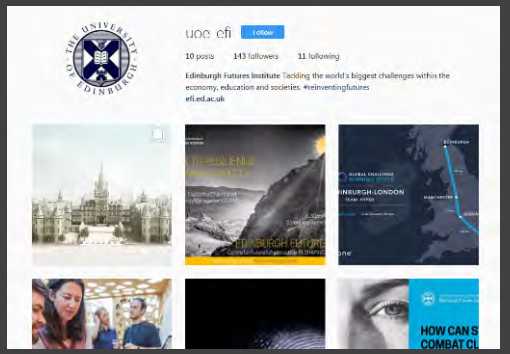

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Professor Dame Athene Donald

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We like to divide the world into two whenever possible: male versus female, arts versus science. Such binary divisions are very unhelpful and may hold progress back in academic research as much as in society. As a physicist, should I only work with other physicists? (No.) Should I only work with other scientists? (No, at least not necessarily.) As a woman how is my approach to my research and my research team different from a man's? Or is it different at all and should it be? Fundamentally, what academia should be seeking and pushing for is a world where such labels are irrelevant. I will discuss these issues, starting with the situation for women in physics, where I can speak from personal experience, but widening the debate to cover interdisciplinarity and gender issues more broadly. For the future we need to stop trying to label each colleague and move forward.

DATE AND TIME

Fri 18 May 2018
16:00 – 17:30 BST
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