**How fertile is the ground for us to reshape languages in UK Higher Education?**

**Abstract:**

The HE languages community in the UK has been 'mapping new landscapes' or seeking to 'navigate' them for many years, conscious of the many challenges that face us. We have not stood still.  We have engaged  both separately and collaboratively in re-shaping curricula and programmes and raising the profile of our disciplines, with some considerable success, including through wider public engagement. There are, however, undoubtedly still many challenges to face too, and they are not unique to the UK. The talk will chart the current landscape, noting the opportunities now available to us to reshape the future of languages in UK Higher Education.

**Biography:**

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