

Mind the gap – again.

In an MA dissertation entitled 'Mind the Gap', which focused on international students on the MA TESOL at the IOE, Ji (2005) suggested that there was a gap between tutor and student agendas. The former saw the course in terms of theory and research, whereas students had a strongly practical agenda. In this talk I shall report on a small scale survey study which attempted to find out whether this gap still exists, focusing on recent cohorts of graduates at the IOE, and comparing the views of international and home students. Overall, the dissatisfaction that was expressed by the students in Ji (2005) does not characterise all students, with most of them accepting the research element of the course and understanding its relationship to practice.

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