



## SEMINAR SERIES

# ***Small Isles Research Initiative: Stories From Island Places***

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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

3.30 – 4.30 pm, followed by refreshments

MacRobert MR051

This seminar will take a critical look at how perceptions of technological disempowerment in the Small Isles rural communities impact on community cohesion. It will draw on a series of focussed research strands which indicate that the effects of an absence of a 21st century digital infrastructure have both strong positive and negative outcomes for all those living in these isolated communities.

Do is committed to exploring and disseminating excellence in learning and teaching embedded in dynamic research communities. Do's research interests combine new technologies and e-learning with teacher education and classroom pedagogy. Working towards the 'borderless classroom' she has created innovative approaches to video conferencing using the Teaching and Learning Observatory concept.

She is active in European and international networks for CLIL (content and language integrated learning) and was awarded the *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques* by the French government in 1997 for promoting French in the field of teacher education and the Dearing Award by the University of Nottingham in 2002 for her outstanding contribution to teaching and learning.

She is a member of the international research group on learning strategies ([IPOLLS](#)), the European research group for CLIL ([CLILCOM](#)) and is guest editor of the International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism.

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