



## Abridged Biography | Prof Tristan McCowan

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Tristan McCowan is Professor of International Education at the Institute of Education, University College London. His research focuses on higher education and international development, particularly in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa, including issues of access, quality, innovation and sustainability. His theoretical and empirical work has also engaged with questions of curriculum, citizenship, human rights, indigenous education and radical educational alternatives. His latest book is *Higher Education for and beyond the Sustainable Development Goals* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019). Previous works include *Rethinking Citizenship Education: a Curriculum for Participatory Democracy* (Continuum, 2009) and *Education as a Human Right: Principles for a Universal Entitlement to Learning* (Bloomsbury, 2013). He has worked in an advisory capacity for a number of international agencies and civil society organisations.

Since 2015 he has been editor of *Compare – a Journal of International and Comparative Education*. He is currently leading the multicountry Global Challenges Research Fund project *Transforming Universities for a Changing Climate*. Other research projects underway are focusing on critical thinking in undergraduate education and international aid flows to higher education.

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