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Professor Wendy Larner is the Provost at Victoria University of Wellington, and is responsible for driving the highest standards of academic excellence across Victoria and overseeing the achievement of key goals in Victoria's Strategic Plan. Prior to Victoria, Professor Larner was at the University of Bristol where she was the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, and Professor of Human Geography and Sociology.

Professor Larner is an internationally respected social scientist whose research sits in the interdisciplinary fields of globalisation, governance and gender. She completed her BSocSci at Waikato, MA (First Class Hons) at Canterbury, and her PhD as a Canadian Commonwealth Scholar at Carleton University in Ottawa. Her research has been recognised with a range of scholarships and awards, including a Fulbright Senior Fellowship, Fellow of the New Zealand Geographical Society, Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand, and Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (UK).

Turning the University Inside Out ?

School of Environment Inaugural Cumberland Lecture

Discussions of the so-called 'neoliberal university' tend to focus on how the commercialisation of academic knowledge is affecting research, university missions and the boundaries of public universities. In such discussions attention is drawn to processes of marketisation, the ever increasing encroachment of 'audit culture', and the rise of competitive academic subjectivities. This paper argues the picture is more complicated than is often assumed, and demonstrates the need for a more expansive focus on the multiple modes of contact between academic, policy and practitioner worlds. It identifies the new knowledge forms that are emerging, and explores the implications of new kinds of value generating labour. It concludes by asking what these changes mean for academic spaces and subjectivities.



Kenneth Brailey Cumberland was renowned for his ground-breaking 1981 documentary series *Landmarks*, presenting his view of the story of New Zealand. The achievements of this English-born geography professor were many: establishing and heading Auckland University's Geography Department, writing on soil erosion, producing 13 editions of an Australasian school atlas, and helping plan Auckland's development.

**Thursday 15 September 2016
5-6pm**

**MLT3 Lecture Theatre 303-101
38 Princes Street**

Followed by drinks & nibbles
at 302 Level 6 break out space
6-7.30pm

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