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***“With or Without You! Collaboration, Networks and Governance in  
Tourism Planning and Policy”***

**DATE: Wednesday, 12 May 2010**  
**TIME: 12.15 - 13.15– followed by coffee**  
**VENUE: Board Room, Level 12, Rutherford House**

In recent years the emphasis on tourism planning and policy development has shifted from the conduct of rational planning and policy development processes towards the management of the social world in which the process takes place. Stakeholder relations, explorations of power and political agendas, and issues of collaboration, networks and governance have captured the attention of researchers and those working in the messy world of practice.

In this research seminar, I reflect on the widespread structural changes taking place and that continue to shape government-industry-community relationships. These changes have stimulated widespread experimentation of public-private partnerships and networked governance structures, which are often held up as exemplars of ‘good’ destination planning and management practice.

Drawing from 20 years of practical experience working predominantly with local governments, and drawing from case study research in diverse settings, this seminar questions whether networks and governance deserve this glory. Future directions for research and practice are discussed.

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Biographical Note: Dianne Dredge is an urban and environmental planner and has worked for over 20 years in the field of tourism planning and policy. She is co-author of *Tourism Planning and Policy* (2007, Wiley & Sons) and a forthcoming book *Stories of Practice: Tourism Planning and Policy* (2010, Ashgate). Dianne’s main areas of research include tourism planning and policy, place making, tourism networks and governance and government-business-community relations in tourism.