Welcome

The 7th international Women Leading Education across Continents Conference Nottingham 2019
‘I am very proud that the University of Nottingham is hosting this important conference on Women Leading Education. It is important that we challenge traditional views of leadership and the use of stories in particular can be an extremely powerful method of changing our views and identifying new role models. We have a strong commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Nottingham, and the work of our School of Education exemplifies the importance of this issue. Through working together in activities such as this conference I hope that we can transform the way that we teach and work in Schools and Universities’
Welcome from the Vice Chancellor

‘I am delighted to have joined the University of Nottingham as its first woman Vice-Chancellor and as one of a small but growing number of female Vice-Chancellors in UK Higher Education. As a senior leader in Higher Education, I am proud to mentor a number of talented women at various career stages and in both academic and professional services throughout the sector. So I am committed to supporting women’s leadership and management development across the University and beyond. I would like to welcome you to the University of Nottingham and to your Women Leading Education across Continents conference hosted by the School of Education. I am sorry I cannot be there in person, but I hope you have a stimulating and enjoyable week reflecting on leadership and developing connections.’

Vice Chancellor Professor Shearer West
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Saeeda, Pontso, Victoria & Kay
BELMAS Gender and Leadership RIG co-conveners
One might simplify this by saying: *men act* and *women appear*. Men look at women. Women watch themselves being looked at. This determines not only most relations between men and women but also the relation of women to themselves. The surveyor of woman in herself is male: the surveyed female. Thus she turns herself into an object – and most particularly an object of vision: a sight. (p47)

Berger’s theoretical legacy”, the Indian academic Rashmi Doraiswamy wrote recently, “is in situating the look in the context of political otherness”. Berger’s idea that looking is a political act, perhaps even a historically constructed process – such that where and when we see something will affect what we see – comes across most powerfully in the second episode of Ways Of Seeing, which focused on the *male gaze*. (my emphasis *The Independent* Tuesday 10 January 2017)
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