

Appointments



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Peter Buckley, professor of international business at the University of Leeds, has been awarded the Cheung Kong Scholar Chair professorship at the University of International Business and Economics in China. Although his research interests now lie in business, Professor Buckley originally trained in economics when studying as an undergraduate at the University of York, for a master's degree at the University of East Anglia and for his doctorate at the University of Lancaster. He said that he became interested in economics after taking an A level in the subject and that it remained at the core of his thinking: "I think about Alfred Marshall having a picture of a poor man on his desk to give him inspiration; that's what economics is about." He has been based at Leeds since 1994, when he was headhunted to lead the university's Centre for International Business. Professor Buckley's new role will require him to travel to China twice a year, but that will not inhibit his work in the UK. "I don't want to give the impression that I'm leaving Leeds," he said. "That would be very sad indeed."

CAMPUS ROUND-UP

Institute of Education/Birkbeck/Leeds Fear of the Rising Sun

An international network of scholars is set to analyse nationalistic tensions in East Asia. Led by academics at the Institute of Education, the project will encourage research into how schooling and other influences help shape popular perceptions of Japan and China. Edward Vickers, reader in education at the

institution, said: "Collaborative research promoted through this network will shed important light on how and why certain portrayals of Japan have become institutionalised in school curricula, museums, media and vehicles for youth culture among Japan's neighbours." The project also involves the University of Leeds and Birkbeck, University of London.

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