Message from Knowledge Exchange Office

To: Research Postgraduate Students
cc: Supervisors of Research Postgraduate Students

All RPg students are welcome to join the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) and Visualise Your Thesis (VYT) training workshops organised by the Knowledge Exchange Office (KEO). Whether you are considering joining the HKU 3MT or VYT, don’t miss these opportunities to learn the skills to become an effective research communicator!

**HKU Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Training Workshop**
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018
Time: 9:30am – 5pm
Venue: CPD 2.58
Note: Please bring along your laptop as there will be a task for you to do during lunch break.

**HKU Visualise Your Thesis (VYT) Competition 2019 Briefing cum Training Session**
Date: Friday, December 7, 2018
Time: 2 – 4pm
Venue: CPD 2.58

*Speaker:*  
Mr Simon Clews  
Director, Melbourne Engagement Lab, Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education,  
The University of Melbourne

*About the 3MT training workshop:*  
You will often hear Simon Clews say that, aside from the thesis itself, 3MT is possibly the most important thing a student can do during their RPg candidature. The skills that participation in the competition gives you will have benefits that will last you the rest of your career, whether that be inside the Academy or outside. Put simply, a good 3MT entry means you could pretty much have any grant or job that you set your eyes on!

The 3MT workshop will look at effective communications skills, preparing and delivering a winning 3MT entry, producing a stunning slide and the difference between a straight read and a captivating ‘performance’. Simon will offer tips, tricks and techniques he has gained from judging hundreds of 3MT heats and finals all around Australia and training students all over the world.

*About 3MT:*  
The 3MT was developed by The University of Queensland (UQ), Australia in 2008. This is an academic competition that challenges RPg students to explain their research within 3 minutes to a general audience. It encourages skills development in communicating the importance of research to the broader community. The HKU 3MT Competition is jointly organised by the Graduate School KEO every year. The highest ranking PhD candidate may be given the
opportunity to represent HKU in a regional/international 3MT competition. For further details, please visit the 3MT website: [http://www.ke.hku.hk/hku3mt/index.php](http://www.ke.hku.hk/hku3mt/index.php)

About the VYT briefing cum training session:
Visualise Your Thesis (VYT) is an exciting new competition introduced by The University of Melbourne that challenges RPg students to present their research in a 60 second, eye-catch digital display. It is the classic academic conference poster taken to the next level. Using a pre-supplied template, entrants are challenged to develop a striking looped presentation that encapsulates their research projects in short, engaging, digital narratives. Competition submissions are judged on their visual impact, and how well the content presents the research. The digital format allows for different levels of creativity, multi-media, interactivity and interpretation and is suitable for all disciplines.

The VYT workshop will look at both the design and content of a good entry – it will discuss the best writing to get your message across and how to create a ‘look’ that catches the eye across the room and draws the spectator in. Music, video and other tech. options that can enhance your presentation will also be touched upon.

About VYT:
The Graduate School and KEO jointly organised the HKU VYT Competition 2018 on a pilot basis. The HKU VYT Competition will be officially launched in 2019. Registration for the HKU VYT Competition 2019 will open in April 2019. Details will be announced in due course. For more information about the competition rules, judging criteria, technical instructions, and the submissions in the 2018 HKU VYT pilot, please visit the HKU VYT website at [https://www.ke.hku.hk/support-for-researchers-and-students/hku-visualise-your-thesis](https://www.ke.hku.hk/support-for-researchers-and-students/hku-visualise-your-thesis).

About the Speaker:
Simon Clews is the Director of the Melbourne Engagement Lab, The Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education, The University of Melbourne. He supports postgraduate students, early career researchers and academic staff as they transform their research into writing for non-specialist audiences.

Simon has judged every heat, semi and final since the 3MT Competition was introduced to Melbourne. He has also judged the Trans-Tasman 3MT finals twice at the University of Western Australia (once as head of the judging panel), and in 2015 he judged all the Trans-Tasman semis at the University of Queensland (UQ). He has conducted training sessions every year at the University of Melbourne, and in recent years at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver as well as at the University of Victoria on Vancouver Island. He also trained the wild card finalists at UQ in recent years. The guide he wrote, 'How to Make the Most of Your Three Minutes', appears on dozens of university web sites all around the world and has been translated into French.

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