# Critical debates around assessment and feedback; an update.

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### Themes of the Conference

- 1. Exploring approaches to assessment and feedback in higher education
- 2. Enhancing assessment and feedback at programme and institutional level
- 3. Cultivating assessment literacy
- Integrating digital tools and technologies for assessment
- 5. Developing academic integrity and academic literacies through assessment
- 6. Assessment for social justice



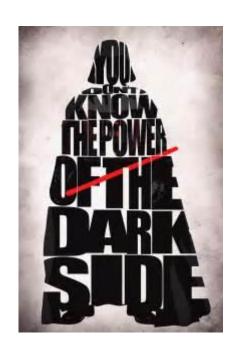
# The gory and glory of assessment; "If we always do what we've always done, we will get what we've always got" Adam Urbanski



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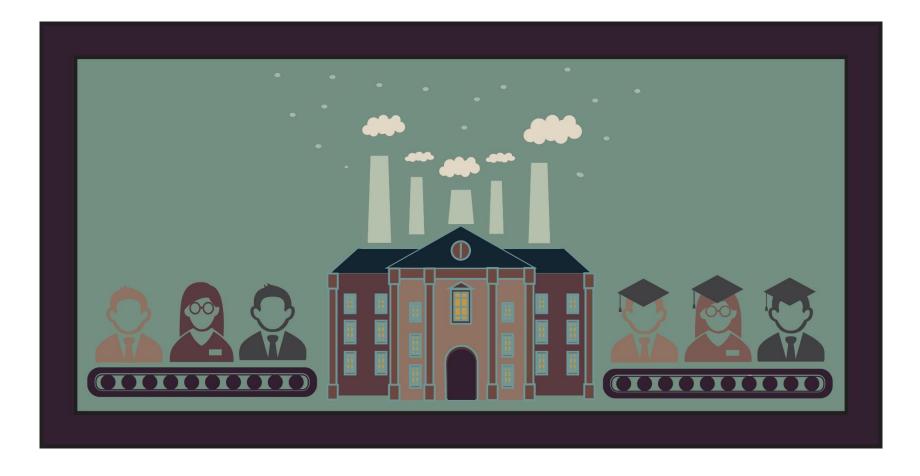
# The dark arts of assessment; from SMART to social justice



McArthur, J., (2013) <u>Rethinking Knowledge in Higher</u> <u>Education: Adorno & Social Justice</u>. London; Bloomsbury



#### The industrialisation of a pedagogic relationship





# Feedback is a fundamental problem for higher education across the globe



Boud, D., & Molloy, E., (eds) (2013) <u>Feedback in higher</u> and professional education London: Routledge



## Countering depersonalised education using AASL and ASPAL



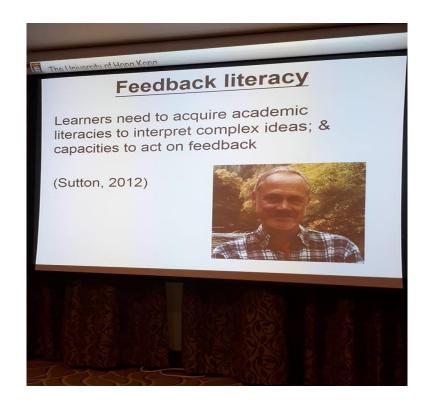
https://blogs.deakin.edu.au/cradle/tag/oltfeedback-for-learning-project/



# "It's only feedback if students act on it. If they don't it is merely dangling data"

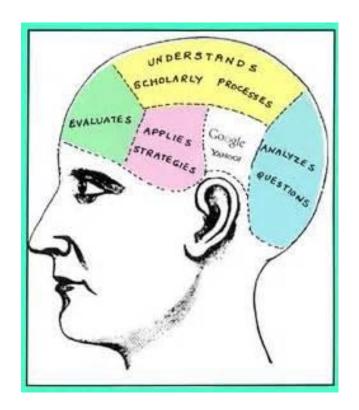
David Carless, 2017

based on the work of **Paul Sutton, 2012**.





## Academic and assessment literacy; so much to know and achieve.



Carless, D., & Chan, K., (2016) Managing dialogic use of exemplars Assessment & Evaluation in Higher Education



# "Learning outcomes are the cutting edge of neoliberalism of universities" Pete Boyd, 2017.





"Assessment should be a glorious celebration of student achievement. We can make the world a better place through what the students do." Jan McArthur, 2017



Boud, D., & Molloy, E., (2012) Rethinking models of feedback for learning; the challenge of design. *Assessment & Evaluation in Higher Education* 38 (6) 698-712.



## Thank you

- For funding 2 places on the conference
- Planning to submit a paper for the next AHE conference in June 2019 based on work to come in SLT

Wealth of knowledge, applied practice and unresolved questions



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