



## **Press Invitation**

### **Academy for Leadership in Teacher Education (ALiTE) International Webinar Series for Exemplary Scholarship**

#### **“Leading in Difficult Times – Revisiting Moral Purpose”**

The Faculty of Education of The University of Hong Kong (HKU) proudly presents the lecture of the **Academy for Leadership in Teacher Education (ALiTE) International Webinar Series for Exemplary Scholarship** on “**Leading in Difficult Times – Revisiting Moral Purpose**”. The lecture will be delivered by Professor Alma Harris, Deputy Head, School of Education, Swansea University, United Kingdom in mid-November 2021.

This lecture will focus upon what has been learnt about leading in difficult times. Drawing upon contemporary, international, research evidence, the lecture will outline the challenges of leading schools in the most challenging of circumstances, and will highlight some of the ways in which leadership practices, at all levels, have changed in response to the pandemic. The lecture will propose that the pandemic has afforded leaders the opportunity to focus on what matters most in education. It will argue that leaders have reaffirmed their moral purpose during the pandemic and have done so with commitment and compassion.

Members of the media are welcome to cover this online event. Details are as follows:

**Date:** November 15, 2021 (Monday)

**Time:** 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm (HKT)

**Speaker:** Professor Alma Harris

Deputy Head  
School of Education  
Swansea University  
United Kingdom

**Language:** English

**Mode:** ZOOM Webinar

**Registration:** [https://hku.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_jdXa29q0R3i9VvKYOzIxQQ](https://hku.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jdXa29q0R3i9VvKYOzIxQQ)

Professor Alma Harris, PhD, FAcSS, FLSW, FRSA, is Professor of Education and Deputy Head of School at the Swansea University School of Education, United Kingdom. She is internationally known for her research and writing on school leadership and system improvement. Professor Harris has written extensively on middle leadership and distributed leadership in schools. She is a consultant to the World Bank and is the Past President of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and School Improvement. She is committed to equity and excellence in education. Her latest book *System Recall: Leading for Equity and Excellence in Education* was published by Corwin in 2020. Professor Harris is an International Education Advisor to the First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Scotland. She has recently been elected to serve on the Council of the Learned Society of Wales. She was a member of the Independent Review of Qualifications 2020 in Wales, and the Chair of an Independent Review of Leadership for Welsh Government.

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