



PROFESSOR SANDRA KEMP

Professor Sandra Kemp is the newly appointed Head of College of the London College of Communication, University of the Arts. Until November 2008, she was Director of Research and a member of the Senior Management Group of the Royal College of Art (RCA) in London. After establishing the RCA's Research Office in 2001, she led the RCA in its international research development, building partnerships in Europe, the USA and South East Asia. In the UK she has contributed to many of the latest policy developments in higher arts education, in part through her membership of the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and through her involvement as a panel member in the recent UK Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Professor Kemp was a student at Oxford University, has held academic posts at the Universities of Southampton, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Westminster, and senior research posts at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Science Museum. She has been a board member of the Centre for Visual Culture at the British Museum and maintains strong teaching and research links with the National Portrait Gallery and the Victoria & Albert Museum in London.

Professor Kemp has published 18 books, and many articles, in the fields of visual culture, fiction and literary theory. Her recent exhibition, *Future Face*, was sponsored by the Wellcome Trust, and shown in London in 2005, and toured South East Asia from 2006-7. Her latest publication, *Research RCA* (2007), is the first-publication to survey the development of research at the RCA, benchmarking research at the College at the onset of the 21st century, and reflecting on the 150 years during which the RCA has built up its reputation for ground-breaking research within the disciplines of the arts, design and the humanities - a research culture which is distinct both from advanced practice in the professional worlds of art and design, and from research in more traditional settings.