



# Urban Research Program

## 2009 Seminar Series

### Professor John Mawson

#### Multi level and regional governance in England: A decade of experiment under New Labour

The Labour Government over the past decade has introduced a radical programme of regional devolution. In England this has proved problematic and instead a complex program of local and regional governance reforms have been introduced. This seminar explores the theoretical and practical issues surrounding the development of this form of multi level governance and the consequent problems for strategic planning and this asymmetric devolution of the British State.

John Mawson is a Director of the Local Government Centre, Warwick Business School and Professor of Local and Regional Governance, University of Warwick. He has also held Chairs in Town and Regional Planning at the University of Dundee and Public Policy and Management at Aston Business School. As a practitioner he was Chief Executive of West Midlands Enterprise Board and Director of Economic Development, West Midlands County Council.

**Friday 17th July**

11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Gold Coast campus - Room G31 3.17