



Veterinary educational research in Asia – potential way forward

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Since 2013 she has worked in the LIVE Centre, focusing on the development of veterinary students' professional skills and their professional identity, and on faculty development as the Course Director of the MSc in Veterinary Education. Her research interests are professional identity and the ways that this is developed through reflective practice and critical thinking. Liz is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education, contributing expertise particularly in qualitative research methods, and serves on professional committees in the UK and USA.