



Professor Paul Maharg

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Professor Paul Maharg, whose ground-breaking work has attracted global attention by putting Law at the forefront of information and communications technology (ICT), has become a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Professor in Law at the University of Strathclyde, Professor Maharg has led a team that has designed a simulation environment that enhances experiential learning via ICT. His students use a fictional town on the Internet as a setting for various simulations including virtual law firms acting for virtual clients. Students are taught and assessed using these simulations, which include projects on personal injury, conveyancing, private client work and practice management.

Professor Maharg is an advisory board member of the Academy's UK Centre for Legal Education (UKCLE), Warwick, where he frequently speaks at conferences. He introduces his simulations work at an interdisciplinary event at the Centre next month. He also leads an interdisciplinary project, funded by JISC and UKCLE, entitled SIMPLE (Simulated Professional Learning Environment).

Negotiations are underway with global information providers to produce a commercial version of Professor Maharg's pioneering work for use with law firms and other professionals around the world.

Professor Maharg is also Director of the University of Strathclyde's Learning Technologies Development Unit where, unique to the UK, the whole unit focuses on design and creation of applications for legal education. He edits multi-media resources that are among the most successful e-learning initiatives in the UK, he plans to make elements of his work freely available to further and higher education institutions, and he designs and contributes to staff development in Law schools throughout the UK.