

Breakout session 2

Consider how Steve Courtney studies the role of leadership through the lens of the Global Education Reform Movement and related 'what works' discourses. Then observe how Steve Courtney embeds this analysis within the context of wider political and economic developments, namely neoliberalism, in order to draw out the connections between education and depoliticisation and corporatisation.

In groups reflect on the following questions:

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using neoliberalism as a framing for our analysis of education discourses, processes and structures?
- What kinds of tensions and contradictions arise from doing such work?