



Saturday 5th July 2008

9am – 12pm

(morning tea will be served)

**AUT University North Shore Campus
AG127**

The workshop will be of interest to teachers and researchers wishing to explore the concept of communities of practice and the possibilities for improving learning.

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LEARNING IN COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

A workshop with Dr Etienne Wenger

Etienne Wenger is a globally recognized thought leader in the field of communities of practice and their application to organizations. A pioneer of the "community of practice" research, he is author and co-author of seminal articles and books on the topic, including *Situated Learning* (Cambridge University Press, 1991), where the term was coined, *Communities of Practice: Learning, Meaning, and Identity* (Cambridge University Press, 1998), where he lays out a theory of learning based on the concept of communities of practice, and *Cultivating Communities of Practice: a Guide to Managing Knowledge* (Harvard Business School Press, 2002), addressed to practitioners in organizations.

Etienne is also a founder of CPsquare, a cross-organizational, cross-sector community of practice on communities of practice. His new research project, "Learning for a small planet," is a broad, cross-sectoral investigation of the nature of learning and learning institutions at the dawn of the new millennium.

This workshop is free to AUT staff and students.