3LE’s academic contributions...

3LE is unashamedly committed to policy and practice in our advice and support for clients. However, personally, I have wanted to progress a PhD for a number of years. I aim to complete this before ‘retirement’. And, as part of 3LEs portfolio, I have been proud to be a Visiting Professor at Newcastle University, and to have been a Principal Industrial Fellow at Institute for Manufacturing, Cambridge; and a Visiting Fellow at Ashridge Business School.

These and other collaborations seek to underpin and reinforce 3LEs work with academic rigour. They contribute further to thought leadership of industrial and inclusive local growth, leadership of place, and enhanced devolution. Among key authored pieces that have supported 3LEs work, take a look at:

- [IMPENDING] **Universities and innovation-based regional development in lagging metropolitan and rural regions of England**, Marlow, D., March 2018 – to be published in a book being produced by Fraunhofer ISI in Germany, this presentation explores how universities in lagging regions might contribute to local industrial strategy (and smart specialisation), and the barriers they may have to overcome to do this effectively.

- **How can urban and local leadership teams navigate the impending international relations revolution: A practitioner’s viewpoint**, Marlow D., Local Economy 32 (4), June 2017 – an exploration of how sub-national leadership teams – arguably more than ever – need a coherent, strategic approach to global engagement in the Brexit era and beyond.

- **‘The future role of University of Warwick in Coventry, Warwickshire and the wider region’**. This independent, innovative, evidence-based and consultative/deliberative report looks at how Warwick – a large research-intensive global HEI - can refresh its engagement and uplift its positive impacts on the city, region and communities where it is located. I was the Executive Commissioner responsible for leading drafting and co-authoring the report.

- **Decentralisation: Issues, Principles and Practice**, Pike, A., Kempton, L., Marlow, D., O’Brien, P., and Tomaney, J., May 2016, CURDS, Newcastle - an ESRC-funded project which focuses upon key issues in the decentralisation agenda, synthesising high-quality academic research into a series of accessible and practical messages and recommendations for policy-makers.

- **How smart is England’s approach to smart specialisation?**, Marlow, D., and Richardson, K., European Planning Studies, 24(8), May 2016 – a paper based presented to the 2nd joint EU Cohesion Policy Conference in Riga which challenges the UK’s use of smart specialisation as an approach to industrial strategy – drawing on academic, policy and practice analysis.

- **Local institutions and local economic development: The Local Enterprise Partnerships in England 2010** , Pike, A., Marlow, D., McCarthy, A., and Tomaney, J., Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society, 8 (2), June 2015 – drawing on the first universal survey of all 39 LEPs, this piece explored LEPs within the institutional frameworks that academic research has applied to local economic development actors and players.
• **England’s non-metropolitan cities: The long march to unlocking economic growth**, Marlow, D., Local Economy, 28 (7-8), November 2013 – an assessment of how small and mid-size cities’ potential is consistently underplayed by UKs focus on London and core cities – especially in the Greater South East. The piece suggests how small and medium cities can collaborate to redress this national deficit and bias of thinking and policy development.

• **LEPs, Universities and Europe – opportunities and challenges for supporting sub-national innovation in England**, Goddard, J., Kempton, L., and Marlow, D., in Book “Where next for Local Enterprise Partnerships”, Editors, Ward, M., and Harding, S., Smith Institute 2013 – an assessment of whether infant LEPs are likely to be able to lead and shape local growth and development, or whether they have neither the powers nor resources to be effective.