

## About the Keynote Speakers:

**Gibson Burrell** is Head of the Management School at the University of Leicester, having enjoyed a distinguished career at the Universities of Lancaster and Warwick. Co-author of *Sociological Paradigms and Organizational Analysis* with Gareth Morgan (1979) he inaugurated debates in organization studies that continue and make him one of the most highly cited scholars in the field – on either side of the Atlantic. Gibson's remarkable ability to open up new areas of the field was felt during the 80s in studies of gender and sexuality, and both individually and in collaboration with Robert Cooper he set the terms for another generation of debate on modernism and postmodernism. In 1997 he produced a creative landmark in his *tour de force* sole-authored book *Pandemonium*, which was a radical innovation in transdisciplinary thinking, as well in the form of the work. Constructed as a theme-park style tour through the dark recesses of a medieval city of the organizational mind, it remains a dramatic source of inspiration for 21<sup>st</sup> century organizational thought.



**Stewart Clegg** is Professor of Management at the University of Technology, Sydney and at Aston Business School, as well as being a Visiting Professor at a number of European Universities including Maastricht University, Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam, both in the Netherlands, EM-Lyon Business School, France, and Copenhagen Business School, Denmark. He has produced many books, including the Academy of Management George R. Terry award-winning *Handbook of Organization Studies* (1996; 2006 2e; with Cynthia Hardy, Tom Lawrence and Walter Nord), the Eight Volume *Central Currents in Organization Studies* (2003), *Debating Organizations* (2003), with Robert Westwood, and the *International Encyclopedia of Organization Studies* (2007 with James R. Bailey). His interest in the dark side of organizations stems from his world-renowned work on power, including the best-selling *Frameworks of Power* (1989) and the recent *Power in Organizations* (2006 with Nelson Phillips and David Courpasson), and the organizational “heart of darkness” that it often occludes.

**David Whyte** is Reader in Sociology at the University of Liverpool, a board member of the Centre for Corporate Accountability and an advisory board member of Corporate Watch. His research interests are in crimes of the powerful, corporate power and corporate crime and regulation. He has published widely on those subjects and his books include *Unmasking the Crimes of the Powerful* (ed. with Steve Tombs, 2003) and *Safety Crimes* (with Steve Tombs, 2007). His latest book *Crimes of the Powerful* (ed., Open University Press) will be published in Autumn 2008.

