

## 2014 SEMINAR PROGRAMME

*Wednesday, 5th February - 5:30pm*

*Room 401*

*Bartlett School of Planning - UCL*

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University of Liverpool, Liverpool*

### North West England's Atlantic Gateway: Private Power in the Established Tradition of British Strategic Planning?

*Peel Holdings is one of the largest and most powerful companies in north west England. Their Ocean Gateway strategy, launched in 2008, has been transformed into a wider Atlantic Gateway strategy, receiving support from the highest levels in government. The lecture will introduce the strategy, consider its characteristics, and draw some comparisons with a number of other significant UK infrastructure plans.*

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**All are welcome and participation is free.**

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