

TRIBUTE AND DEDICATION: PROFESSOR JOHN CODD

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Our Aotearoa/New Zealand colleague Professor John Codd of Massey University, Palmerston North passed away on Christmas Day, 25 December 2007. He is sadly missed. John was a quiet, consummate professional whose writing epitomised some of the best work both nationally and internationally in his wide fields of philosophy of education, sociology of education and educational policy. For many of us involved in critical education and academia in New Zealand John was a revered father figure and mentor. During the 1980s and 1990s he was among a handful of critical scholars openly contesting aspects of neoliberal policy initiatives and their effects upon education. John leaves behind a long legacy of critical literature published in books, journals and monographs, public submissions and letters to politicians. Professor Codd deliberately chose to publish a significant amount in practitioner-based localised journals as well as the often well regarded and prestigious international journals. It would be hard to find a New Zealand teacher who was not aware of John's work in teacher education and the education sector more broadly. Professor Codd was an editor or co-editor of a large number of books, a founding editor of several publications and member of the international editorial boards and advisory boards of many journals including *ACCESS*. We publicly acknowledge John's vast contribution to knowledge production in New Zealand and globally, and his public agitation as true critic and conscience of society. His disarmingly calming influence and manner will be mourned and sadly missed. We dedicate this volume of *ACCESS* to our colleague and friend John Codd.