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Professor MASON's research interests have centred on elearning ever since completing her PhD in 1990 on the Open University's first large scale implementation of computer conferencing. Since then she has designed, tutored and evaluated many online courses.

Her research has focussed on online interaction, global education and technologies to support elearning course design. She has produced seven books on elearning and over 100 journal articles, book chapters and other writings. In 2003 she was chosen as Australia's elearning Scholar of the Year and toured around all the major Australian universities. She is on the editorial board of five journals and regularly carries out peer reviews of articles and book proposals. She supervises three doctoral students working on various aspects of elearning.

Currently Professor MASON has **three very different funded research projects** :

- EU Aisa-Link project on distributed education in Nepal and Bhutan ;
- Study of the elearning provision of the UK Royal Air Force ;
- Leader Project in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland studying the educational potential of broadband.

Some recent publications :

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