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Prof Petra Wend is the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh since September 2009. Prior to that, she was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Deputy Chief Executive at Oxford Brookes University.

She has taught German and Italian at Middlesex University, rising to senior management roles before being appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education at the University of North London, now London Metropolitan University, where she subsequently became Pro Vice Chancellor (Learning and Teaching).

With a research background in institutional strategies, she has a significant profile of academic publications and invited lectures. She holds a number of formal advisory roles on UK and international committees and boards. Currently, she chairs Learning and Teaching Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee of Universities Scotland; a member of the Board of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAAHE) (UK); the joint Government and Scottish Funding Council's Skills Committee and the Edinburgh Business Leadership Forum. She is also a member of the British Council Scotland Advisory Committee and the Quality Assurance Agency Scotland Committee.