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Title: GLOBAL: Internationalisation: A research agenda

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081017101149606&mode=print>

Summary: The position of higher education and its international dimension in the global arena are more dominant than ever before, says Dr Hans de Wit, editor of *Journal of Studies in International Education*. In a 2006 International Association of Universities survey, 73% of institutions gave internationalisation high priority, 23% medium priority and only 2% low priority. But despite an increase in studies on internationalisation, research on the topic is struggling to find a disciplinary, conceptual or methodological 'home'.

As the internationalisation of higher education has grown in importance, a new group of activities and related terms has emerged, De Wit said in a paper for a conference on 'Enhancement of Knowledge on Higher Education and its Dissemination: Imperative for policy and practice', held at Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, last month.

Date: October 19, 2008

Source: University World News

Title:	CHINA: Record numbers studying abroad	
Link:	http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081017100051628&mode=print	
Summary:	<p>The number of students from China enrolling for the first time at universities in other countries is estimated to reach a record 200,000 this year compared with 144,500 who went abroad in 2007. That latter number represented a 170-fold increase on the 860 students who opted to go offshore 30 years ago. Since then, more than 1.2 million students have left China to study abroad although only 320,000 returned home after completing their studies.</p> <p>A report in <i>China Daily</i> early this year said the number of students leaving secondary school and college was expected to hit record levels of 14.8 million and 5.5 million in 2008. According to the Ministry of Education, a fifth of those who graduated last year were unable to find work and this situation is expected to force more school and college leavers to look to foreign universities.</p>	
Date:	October 19, 2008	Source: China Daily (http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2008-01/17/content_6399780.htm) via University World News

Title:	AUSTRALIA: Overseas postgraduate student numbers rise	
Link:	http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081017094443951&mode=print	
Summary:	<p>International postgraduate research student numbers in Australia have increased more rapidly than those in other programmes, suggesting the country is finding traction in the global talent wars, new research has shown. The Australian reports that the number of overseas research students in the country has grown by 67% from 2002 to 2007, while the number of international students in higher education has increased 52%.</p> <p>But just 19.7% of all postgraduate research students in Australian universities are international, according to the Australian Education International data for 2008 presented at an IDP conference in Brisbane.</p>	
Date:	October 19, 2008	Source: The Australian (http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,24496792-12332,00.html) via University World News

Title:	👤 Paterson makes largest donation ever to RRC	
Link:	http://www.rrc.mb.ca/index.php?pid=2384&mid=3588&rid=389%0D2008-10-27	
Summary:	<p>Red River College (RRC) is proud to announce that Paterson GlobalFoods Inc. and the Paterson Foundation have made the largest charitable donations in the College's history.</p> <p>The matching \$1 million contributions will fund the Paterson GlobalFoods Institute – a student residence and new home for RRC's culinary and hospitality programs – to be located in the historic Union Bank Tower in Winnipeg's Exchange District.</p> <p>The Institute is part of Red River College's Momentum campaign, a multi-year capital fundraising effort to support expansion of training facilities for high-demand programs.</p>	
Date:	October 20, 2008	Source: Red River College

Title:	👤 Paterson donates \$2M to Red River	
Link:	http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/story/4240357p-4883258c.html	
Summary:	<p>Red River College grad and business mogul Andrew Paterson donated \$2 million to his former alma mater today, the largest charitable donation in the college's history.</p> <p>The big cheque is seed money for an ambitious new \$25-million downtown project, which will see the rebirth of the historic Union Bank Tower at Main and William. The 103-year-old heritage building has been dark for nearly 17 years. The main bankers' hall of the Union Bank Tower will be converted into a teaching restaurant, while the culinary arts program will expand to 400 students from 260.</p>	
Date:	October 20, 2008	Source: Winnipeg Free Press

Title: MALAYSIA: Towards harmonization of higher education in Southeast Asia: Malaysia's perspective

Link: <http://globalhighered.wordpress.com/2008/10/21/towards-harmonisation-of-higher-education-in-southeast-asia/>

Summary: The idea of harmonising higher education systems in Southeast Asia was inspired by the development of regionalism in higher education in Europe, specifically the establishment of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). The idea of regionalism in higher education in Asia or Southeast Asia is a very exciting idea, indeed. Is this idea feasible?

Higher education systems in Southeast Asia are very diverse, and even within each nation incompatibility is to be expected. In the case of Malaysia, the Malaysian Qualification Framework (MQF) was introduced to ensure compatibility of qualifications and learning outcomes within and outside of Malaysia. More importantly, harmonising the highly diverse systems of higher education in the region is seen as an important step towards the regional integration objective. But, it is important to appreciate that in the context of Southeast Asia, with its diverse systems, harmonization is about *comparability*, not standardization or uniformity of programmes, degrees and the nature of higher education institutions.

Date: October 21, 2008 **Source:** Global Higher Ed

Title: AUSTRALIA: Australia fears recession could affect foreign student numbers

Link: <http://www.higher-edge.com/docs/oov-V07-No.35.pdf>

Summary: Overseas students now make up about a quarter of all tertiary enrolments in Australia, with universities increasingly reliant on the fees they provide.

Professor John Taplin from the University of Adelaide says a big drop in student numbers would affect universities and the Australian economy as well.

"It's the third largest export industry for this country and within South Australia it's ranked fourth," he said.

Date: October 22, 2008 **Source:** ABC (<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/10/17/2393691.htm?section=justin>) via Overseas Overwhelmed

Title: UK: Graduates who have studies abroad more appealing to global business

Link: <http://www.higher-edge.com/docs/oov-V07-No.35.pdf>

Summary: UK graduates are missing out on high-flying international jobs because fewer of them are choosing to study abroad as part of their degree. New research presented today by the Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE) found that international businesses are increasingly seeking graduates who have a global awareness, particularly those who have the initiative to study overseas as part of their learning.

Date: October 22, 2008 **Source:** The Guardian (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/oct/16/students-highereducation>) via Overseas Overwhelmed

Title: 🍁 Canadian Academe Does More Than a Third of Its Nation's Research

Link: <http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/daily/2008/10/535>

Summary: The university sector in Canada does a larger share of its nation's research than university sectors elsewhere in the developed world do of their own countries' research, according to a report released on Tuesday by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada at its annual meeting of university presidents.

Last year, Canadian universities performed 36 percent of the country's research and development, compared with 14 percent of the United States' research done by American universities, according to the report, "Momentum: The 2008 Report on University Research and Knowledge Mobilization."

Date: October 22, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: 🇨🇦 **Manitoba Hires First Fairness Commissioner for Qualifications Recognition**

Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/press/top/2008/10/2008-10-22-125500-4624.html>

Summary: After a rigorous public competition overseen by the Government of Manitoba's Civil Service Commission, Manitoba has selected the province's first fairness commissioner to be responsible for the implementing the Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act and improving qualifications recognition for skilled immigrants to Manitoba, Labour and Immigration Minister Nancy Allan announced today.

The new fairness commissioner is Ximena Munoz. Munoz, herself an immigrant professional, came to Canada from Chile and has spent over two decades working to improve settlement and labour market services for immigrants.

Date: October 22, 2008 **Source:** Province of Manitoba News Release

Title: 🇨🇦 **UWinnipeg Remains One of Canada's Best Universities**

Link: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/release-081023>

Summary: The University of Winnipeg continues to be one of Canada's top undergraduate universities, particularly in the area of academic excellence, according to today's The Globe & Mail Canadian University Report 2009. UWinnipeg ranks 1st or 2nd in six important categories including quality of education (1st), class sizes (1st), recreation & athletics, quality of teaching, student-faculty interaction and most satisfied students.

Date: October 23, 2008 **Source:** University of Winnipeg

Title: 🇨🇦 **Recruiting Foreign Students**

Link: http://www.pembinavalleyonline.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8

Summary: The Prairie Spirit School Division is into its third year of recruiting international students. The division is trying to off-set an annual loss of about 100 local students, and to keep their teachers. The division currently has five full-time international students.

Date: October 23, 2008 **Source:** Pembina Valley Online

Title: **UK: British Universities Warned of Need to Rethink International Strategy**

Link: http://chronicle.com/news/index.php?id=5379&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en

Summary: With countries like India and China rapidly expanding their higher-education systems, British universities will be able to attract fewer students from abroad, the British Council has warned in a report.

Britain must review its overall approach to internationalization in higher education in order to maintain its global position, the council said.

Date: October 23, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: **US: Fulbright Emphasizes Diversity Among Its Fellows**

Link: <http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/weekly/v55/i09/09>

Summary: The Fulbright Program is one of the most successful fellowship programs around. About 1,500 students and 1,300 scholars from the United States and abroad are studying and working on Fulbrights this academic year.

But the U.S. State Department, which oversees the program, has been concerned in recent years about the lack of diversity among American applicants. They have been, and still are, overwhelmingly white and from four-year institutions.

Date: October 24, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: 🇩🇪 Exchange program looking for students

Link: <http://cgi.bowesonline.com/pedro.php?id=204&x=archives>

Summary: Each year, the program's partners in Germany have over 200 applications from students looking to come to Canada to study, said president Micki Kolbe, a German teacher at Emerado Centennial School in Winkler.

In contrast, Manitoba program organizers have been sending back just 12 to 15 applications in recent years, she said.

Date: October 24, 2008

Source: Winkler Times

Title: 🇨🇦 Immigration reforms put Canada on the right track

Link: <http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/October2008/24/c9312.html>

Summary: The convergence of Canada's "temporary" and "permanent" systems is providing a more flexible and adaptive approach to immigration, according to a Conference Board study, *Renewing Immigration: Towards a Convergence and Consolidation of Canada's Immigration Policies and Systems*.

"Canada's permanent and temporary immigration systems are changing to better address the needs of business, provinces and migrants themselves," said Douglas Watt, Associate Director, Organizational Effectiveness and Learning. "These changes are positive steps, but more needs to be done."

Date: October 24, 2008

Source: CNW Group