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Title: GREECE: Tough regulations create more unrest

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081205091617465&mode=print>

Summary: Tough new measures are being imposed by the Greek Education Ministry on universities and technology institutes. Although the institutions are supposed to be autonomous and self-administering, the government intends to exercise greater control over their operations, restrict academic freedom and trade union activity, and curtail student mobilisation.

The new measures were introduced following the failure of almost all the higher education institutions themselves to produce their own internal regulations as demanded by legislation brought in by the government last summer.

Date: December 7, 2008

Source: University World News

Title: **IRAN: Foreign universities to be allowed**

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081205085003912&mode=print>

Summary: The Iranian government is planning to allow foreign universities to establish branches in the country, an official has revealed, reports Press TV.

Arsalan Qorbani, Iran's Deputy Minister of Science, Research and Technology, said that a committee has been formed to work on the plan, IRNA reported. "As far as science, research and technology is concerned, we should think globally and Iranian universities should maintain international standards," he added.

Date: December 7, 2008 **Source:** Press TV (<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=77378§ionid=351020105>) via University World News

Title: **JAPAN: Japan's graduates brace for job crunch**

Link: <http://tdw2.globeinvestor.com/servlet/ArticleNews/print/RTGAM/20081203/wjapan1206>

Summary: University students in the world's second-largest economy could face a rude awakening as the global financial crisis hits Japan, prompting firms to cut graduate recruitment.

Japanese companies, once flush with cash and desperate to fill a gaping hole from retiring baby boomers, have enticed university students in recent years with generous vacations, free iPods and monthly allowances for pets.

Date: December 7, 2008 **Source:** Globe and Mail

Title: **SPAIN: Protests against Bologna begin to spread**

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2008120509191347&mode=print>

Summary: Resistance to the Bologna process is growing among academics and students in different countries across Europe. In Spain, angry students have stepped up their protests by occupying university buildings, blocking train lines and interrupting senate meetings. The Spanish government has tried to defuse the situation but last week more than 600 students were occupying various buildings at the University of Barcelona while universities in Madrid, Seville and Valencia were also affected.

The past month has seen major protests in several Spanish cities, including large demonstrations in Madrid, students blocking train lines in Barcelona and others interrupting a senate meeting in Valencia. The students are protesting at what they see as a creeping privatisation of state universities, in which they allege private interests such as those of employers are taking precedence over the common good.

Date: December 7, 2008 **Source:** University World News

Title: **INDIA: Post-Secondary Collaborations as the New Cornerstone in Canada-Indian Relations**

Link: <http://www.asiapacific.ca/en/news/bulletins/post-secondary-collaborations-new-cornerstone-canada-india-relations>

Summary: The stampede of Canadian premiers and educators to India in the past three years stands in stark contrast to the thin and sporadic efforts by Canadian institutions to keep alive the connections to India that ripened during the Colombo Plan and withered after Delhi's 1974 nuclear tests. In the past three years, representatives of more than 70 Canadian universities and colleges have visited India. Last week, senior representatives from 40 Canadian post-secondary institutions and the presidents of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Association of Community Colleges in Canada participated in Delhi in the Higher Education Summit 2008 organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

Date: December 8, 2008 **Source:** Asia Pacific Bulletin

Title: **UK: Prospect of Drawing Foreign Students Looks Better for U.S. than Britain**

Link: <http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/daily/2008/12/815>

Summary: The financial difficulties created by the worldwide credit crunch will only intensify in the coming year, and the ramifications of the crisis for universities are uncertain, participants at an international-education conference here were told last week.

David Watson, a co-director of the Centre for Higher Education Studies at the University of London's Institute of Education, emphasized that no country would escape unscathed from the global economic meltdown. But he said that the United States would probably sustain the least damage to its ability to attract foreign students.

Date: December 8, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education


Title: **INDIA: Graduates of India's 3-Year Universities May Soon Find It Easier to Study in U.S.**

Link: http://chronicle.com/news/index.php?id=5626&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en

Summary: World Education Services, one of the largest foreign-credential evaluators for American and Canadian universities, has revised its assessment of India's three-year undergraduate degrees, putting those rated A or higher by a national accreditor on par with American undergraduate programs. Until now, students in India needed to complete 16 years of academic work to be eligible for admission to graduate programs in the United States.

The move could sharply increase the already-high number of Indian students who apply to American universities. College graduates who now go abroad usually complete a year of a master's-degree program in order to qualify for admission.

Date: December 8, 2008 **Source:** Daily News & Analysis (<http://www.dnaindia.com/report.asp?newsid=1212242>) via The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title:  **City is incrediblycool.ca**

Link: <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/35787919.html%0D2008-12-16>

Summary: IN an effort to appeal to out-of-province young adults, the city's non-profit marketing and business development agency is taking out advertisements on two social networking Web sites, pitching Winnipeg as a "cool" place to live.

"We wanted to appeal to a market that doesn't necessarily look for its information on standard tourism and economic development (Web) sites," said Lori Walder, Destination Winnipeg's director of Marketing and Communications.

Date: December 9, 2008 **Source:** Winnipeg Free Press

Title: **SOUTH KOREA: Jeju Seeks to Become Mecca for English Education**

Link: http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2008/12/117_35830.html

Summary: Tens of thousands of Korean children are studying English overseas. Jeju Island seeks to attract these children to a new English town to be built on the island.

The first ever English education "city" is now under construction in Daejeong-eup, Seogwipo-si, a project to be completed by 2013 at an estimated cost of 785 billion won.

Date: December 9, 2008 **Source:** Korea Times

Title:	Winnipeg ‘incredibly cool,’ city’s new pitch promises
Link:	http://www.cbc.ca/canada/manitoba/story/2008/12/09/wpg-exist.html?ref=rss
Summary:	<p>Winnipeg's economic development agency is using Hollywood to promote the Manitoba capital as a growing city with jobs, affordable housing, "360 degrees of Cottage Country" and world-class culture and entertainment.</p> <p>Destination Winnipeg has created a new video compiling many of the hundreds of references to Winnipeg that have appeared over the years in old movies and big-name TV shows.</p>
Date:	December 9, 2008
Source:	CBC News

Title:	GLOBAL: Workloads Grow While Pay Is Low for Study-Abroad Professionals, Survey Finds
Link:	http://chronicle.com/news/index.php?id=5642&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en
Summary:	<p>Among the findings of the Pathways to the Profession Survey 2008, more than half of the respondents described their offices as being understaffed relative to their current caseloads, while more than 40 percent said they “may be on the threshold of not having enough staff to meet predicted growth.”</p> <p>Respondents listed a variety of strategies for dealing with the growth, including closing programs that drain resources, using fees to support program expansions, and convincing administrators that “if they were serious about internationalization, they had to invest serious resources.”</p>
Date:	December 10, 2008
Source:	The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title:	UK & AUSTRALIA: UK, Australia Hot in South India
Link:	No website link, received via email
Summary:	<p>The global economic slowdown appears to be feeding the demand for a British or Australian tertiary education in at least one region of India.</p> <p>According to L Dhanasekaran, Education U.K.'s head for south India, the number of visas issued from south India for students applying to study in Britain in 2008 was 11,126—163 per cent higher than last year's total of 6,846. An increase in inquiries about studying in Britain next year has Mr. Dhanasekaran estimating that the number of applicants from across India will be 20 per cent higher next year than this year.</p>
Date:	December 10, 2008
Source:	Times of India (http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Bangalore/Students_opt_to_study_abroad_to_wait_ou) via Overseas Overwhelmed

Title:	UK: Applicants Not Necessarily Drawn to Lower Tuition Fees: UK Study
Link:	No website link, received via email
Summary:	<p>The fees charged by a university appear to have no bearing on the number of international students who will apply to study there, a new study suggests.</p> <p>Increasingly, the study claimed, international students are “experience-seekers” - people looking at their university years as an entire experience, not just a stepping-stone to a career. These people are likely to be swayed by whether or not the place they're going to study is considered “happening” by their peers.</p>
Date:	December 10, 2008
Source:	Times of Higher Education (http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/storv.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=404422&c) via Overseas Overwhelmed

Title:	INDIA: Mumbai Attacks Could Derail New University in India
Link:	http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/daily/2008/12/847
Summary:	<p>The terror attacks in Mumbai last month, believed to have been carried out by Pakistani militants, have imperiled the development of a new university that was supposed to help promote peace in the fractious region.</p> <p>South Asian University, scheduled to open here in 2010, was to bring together students from across the region and also offer a significant boost to India's weak efforts to internationalize its higher-education system.</p> <p>Supported by the governments of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, and with an initial commitment of \$2-million from India, the university's development has been an important regional confidence-building measure, designed to ensure that India and Pakistan do not return to the nuclear confrontation they faced in 2002.</p>
Date:	December 11, 2008
Source:	The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title:	GLOBAL: The Reverse Brain Drain
Link:	http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20081211.RMIGRATION11/TPSto
Summary:	<p>Five months ago, Pankaj Dinodia was on top of the Wall Street boom: At age 25, the Indian immigrant had made it through one of the top U.S. business schools and held an important investment banking position with Goldman Sachs.</p> <p>Then, in the middle of the summer, he felt the calling. The future didn't look so good in the big Western markets, he decided. Those calls from his family in New Delhi, urging him to come back and help out with the family accounting business, sounded more sensible. So he gave up his huge bonus and got on a plane.</p> <p>People like Mr. Dinodia are pioneers in the "reverse brain drain," a huge shift of knowledge and skills out of New York and London and back into the developing world. In one of the surprising consequences of the global financial meltdown, the collapse of the Western banking and finance industries has sent thousands of highly skilled professionals from immigrant backgrounds back to their homelands, where they are taking on key roles in emerging economies.</p>
Date:	December 11, 2008
Source:	Globe and Mail Report on Business

Title:	AUSTRALIA: Creating learning spaces for refugees: the role of multicultural organisations in Australia
Link:	http://www.apo.org.au/linkboard/results.chtml?filename_num=247935
Summary:	<p>The research set out to identify the role of multicultural community organisations as surrogate English language and work skills learning organisations. Through the experiences of refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq and Sudan, the study explored the role played by multicultural community organisations in creating informal networks and learning spaces which connected people from refugee backgrounds to the wider Australian community.</p>
Date:	December 12, 2008
Source:	NCVER (http://www.ncver.edu.au/research/proj/nr5L07e.html) via Australian Policy Online

Title:	Rural schools court foreign students to boost enrolment
Link:	http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/rural_schools_court_foreign_students_to_boost_enrolment.html
Summary:	<p>A consortium of five rural school divisions is making a big push to recruit international students to help stave off the steadily declining enrolment plaguing schools throughout Manitoba.</p> <p>The consortium includes Beautiful Plains (Neepawa), Rolling River (Minnedosa), Turtle Mountain (Killarney), Southwest Horizon (Souris), and Fort la Bosse (Virden).</p> <p>Scott said the group will attend education fairs overseas, hire agents, and promote their communities online. Initially, foreign students will be placed in schools depending on the availability of home stay families, he said.</p>
Date:	December 12, 2008
Source:	Winnipeg Free Press

Title:	UK: UK Academics Abandon Israeli Boycott
Link:	http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/12/12/qt
Summary:	<p>The UK lecturers' union has abandoned attempts to boycott Israeli universities after years of international controversy, opponents of the policy said today.</p> <p>In the face of legal threats, the leadership of the University and College Union has quietly dropped plans to implement a conference motion that instructed members to "consider the moral and political implications of educational links with Israeli institutions, and to discuss the occupation with individuals and institutions concerned, including Israeli colleagues".</p>
Date:	December 12, 2008
Source:	The Guardian (http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/dec/10/boycott-israel-ucu-palestinians) via Inside Higher Education