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**Title:** **🇨🇦 A Canadian model for the Gulf**

**Link:** <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/opinions/a-canadian-model-for-the-gulf/article1268913/#>

**Summary:** All Middle Eastern states would do well to implement a “Canadian Model” – not just the streets and infrastructure but Canada's modern education system, which has produced tens of thousands of ambitious and enlightened Arabs.

According to Statistics Canada, Canadians of Arab origin, almost half a million strong, are twice as likely as other ethnic groups to have university degrees. More than 87 per cent of these young Arab Canadians have at least a Grade 9 education. Compare this to the Arab world, where about 30 per cent of 300 million people are illiterate.

**Date:** August 28, 2009

**Source:** The Globe and Mail

**Title:** IRAN: 20-year plan for knowledge-based economy

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090827175231370>

**Summary:** To promote a knowledge-based economy, Iran has announced a 20-year "comprehensive plan for science" focusing on science in higher education and industry-university research partnerships.

Besides aiming to increase the number of scientists to 3,000 per million of population, the plan sets the goal of increasing investment in research to 4% of GDP, and to 7% for education, 50% of which will come from private sector investment.

The plan also calls for decreasing emigration of elite professionals and specialists to other countries using several measures, including ways of boosting employment in higher education and providing special facilities, preserving their social status and preparing facilities and regulations in entrepreneurship.

**Date:** August 30, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** USA: California's higher education apocalypse

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090827175130734>

**Summary:** The fiscal crisis in California, the world's eighth largest economy, seems destined to jeopardise the integrity - and future - of higher education in the state.

The two university networks - the University of California and the California State University - expect to have their budgets cut by 20%, from \$3.61 billion to \$2.79 billion in 2009-10.

In total, more than three million students will be affected when term begins again in a couple of weeks. In addition to facing reduced enrolments, increased fees, expanded class sizes, fewer subject choices and resources, students may also be faced with long-term institutional reorganisation.

**Date:** August 30, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** AFRICA: Plan for 15 NextEinstein institutes

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090827172800294>

**Summary:** Within a decade the AIMS NewEinstein Initiative plans to launch 15 institutes across Africa.

The non-profit, donor-funded NextEinstein Initiative seeks to educate Africa's brightest graduates in mathematical problem-solving and computing skills. The goal is to empower them to innovate in science, technology, industry and government to help meet Africa's urgent needs.

It will train Africans in mathematical sciences at relatively low cost, offering postgraduate mathematics diploma, masters and PhD courses in French and English, and will help students work in situ towards the development of the continent.

**Date:** August 30, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** IRELAND: Free higher education to end

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090827175024545>

**Summary:** The end is nigh for free higher education in Ireland. Even the timing of its demise is known - September 2010, barring some miraculous political intervention. The only decision that has to be made is the manner of its departure.

Tuition fees were abolished in the mid-1990s by the Labour Party. They will either return directly or be replaced by some form of graduate contribution to the state once a certain income level has been reached. A decision will be taken shortly but in the meantime all incoming students are being informed that they won't escape.

**Date:** August 30, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** SWEDEN: Fresh look at innovation

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090828112049135>

**Summary:** The Swedish Presidency of the European Union has organised a major conference starting this week and titled *The Knowledge Triangle: Shaping the future of Europe*. The conference is a follow-up of the "Lund declaration" from the EU Presidency conference in July - *New Worlds: New Solutions* - which called for "grand challenges" in European research during the coming decade.

The "Knowledge Triangle" between research, higher education and innovation, which is at the heart of the European Research Area, is strongly endorsed by the Swedish Presidency as the framework for further policy making. The Gothenburg conference is intended to give some further clues on implementation.

**Date:** August 30, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** AUSTRALIA: Foreigners face stringent tests

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2009082717471424>

**Summary:** In a crackdown on visa fraud, the federal government has imposed stringent tests on foreign students from five large source countries who enrol in Australian onshore education institutions. Those from the target countries will face interviews and have restricted access to visa applications online.

The changes, which already apply to students from China, were announced by Immigration Minister Chris Evans and will include students from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Brazil and Zimbabwe.

Under the new rules applying to students from the five countries, online visa applications will be restricted and migration agents who have abused the e-Visa system with false documentation may be blocked.

University World News

**Date:** August 30, 2009

**Source:**

**Title:** EUROPE: The Professional Value of ERASMUS Mobility

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090827173402689>

**Summary:** Many policy reports praise ERASMUS for having enabled over two million students to study in another European country. ERASMUS was probably more frequently in the limelight and more thoroughly scrutinised by means of evaluation studies than any other higher education policy measure and programme in Europe.

The present study points out a paradox of continuity and change. The immediate value of the ERASMUS experience seems to be unchanged, but former ERASMUS students of the academic year 2000 report a less impressive career impact five years later than prior generations of ERASMUS students did.

**Date:** August 30, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** ZIMBABWE: Students abroad starve

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090828111813866>

**Summary:** Zimbabweans studying abroad on government scholarships are starving as the country's authorities struggle to raise funds for their upkeep. Local newspapers have been awash with letters from desperate students who have fallen on hard times. Most are studying in Algeria but there are also students who are suffering in Libya, Cuba, China and Russia.

A decade-long economic collapse exacerbated by international isolation, blamed on the ruinous policies of President Robert Mugabe, has rendered the Zimbabwean government unable to fulfil many of its financial commitments, including study abroad scholarships.

**Date:** August 30, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** USA: 3 Key Issues in Exchanges With China

**Link:** [http://chronicle.com/article/Due-Diligence-for-Exchanges/48222/?sid=at&utm\\_source=at&utm\\_medium=en](http://chronicle.com/article/Due-Diligence-for-Exchanges/48222/?sid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en)

**Summary:** Faculty and student exchange, research collaboration, and joint degree programs between the United States and China have increased at a rapid pace over the last 10 years. The acceleration of those relationships has led to enhanced research productivity, student and faculty mobility, tuition revenues, cross-cultural understanding, and integration between America and the next emerging superpower.

Regardless of the level of commitment and involvement, however, understanding the opportunities, challenges, and pitfalls of international exchange with China requires due diligence in the assessment of relationships and an understanding of three overarching issues: American versus Chinese goals and priorities; different higher-education systems; and, uneven institutional infrastructure and commitment.

**Date:** August 31, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** INDIA: Overseas education falling prey to the increasing fraud

**Link:** <http://www.indiaprwire.com/pressrelease/education/2009083132665.htm>

**Summary:** Lately there has been an increase in the student usage of fake documentation for getting the beneficial visa outcome. Fraud ranges from fake financial documentation such as bank loans or bank statements, fake marriages and also fake qualifications documents.

Talking about the issue, Mr. Naresh Gulati, CEO, Oceanic Consultants says, "Students should strictly prevent usage of fraudulent documents as it gravely hampers their dream to study abroad. The consultants' role takes a serious turn here as they are very vital in guiding students in the right direction. There is a need for the right kind of people to step forward to help the students out."

**Date:** August 31, 2009

**Source:** India PR Wire

**Title:**  A Canadian Company Sells 'Mass and Class' Education in China

**Link:** [http://chronicle.com/article/In-China-a-Company-Sells/48211/?sid=at&utm\\_source=at&utm\\_medium=en](http://chronicle.com/article/In-China-a-Company-Sells/48211/?sid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en)

**Summary:** For 13 years CIBT has been one of the most visible foreign education providers in China.

CIBT's strategy, which its founder and president Toby Chu describes as catering to both the "mass and class" educational needs here, meshes well with the demographic and economic currents now reshaping China's rapidly urbanizing society.

CIBT's success in maneuvering through the bureaucracy and competition of the Chinese educational landscape and its savvy reading of the country's changing educational interests distinguish it as a worthy model—or partner—for other for-profit and nonprofit institutions seeking inroads into this expanding market.

**Date:** August 31, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** UK: How did we get into this mess over fees?

**Link:** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/sep/01/higher-education-jonathan-wolff>

**Summary:** For all courses there are quotas – ultimately government-imposed – for home/EU students, but not for overseas students. Yet admission tutors are expected to apply the same admissions standards to both groups.

Universities can say that standards are the same; it is just that, unlike home applicants, they can admit all sufficiently able overseas applicants. What else should they do? High fees for all? Low fees for all? "Fee-blind" admissions? All have obvious problems.

**Date:** September 1, 2009

**Source:** The Guardian

**Title:** **UK: International students may spurn UK because of new visa rules**

**Link:** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/sep/01/international-students-visas-higher-education>

**Summary:** The "house full" sign went up at most of the country's top universities last week as students snapped up the few spare places in record time. But now some institutions are worried that, come the new term, there will be rows of empty seats.

To get a visa, international students are now expected to show that they can afford their tuition fees 28 days before they apply, and keep it all in a bank account in their own name for the first year of their study. They also need a biometric identity card and have to have received their exam results by the time they apply.

**Date:** September 1, 2009

**Source:** The Guardian

**Title:** **SOUTH KOREA: Korean Students Hang on at University for Longer**

**Link:** [http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/09/01/2009090100840.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/09/01/2009090100840.html)

**Summary:** Korean university students are taking longer to finish their degree as opportunities for travel open up. Students in other countries also take leave to earn money for tuition, but the difference in Korea is that taking a leave of absence to prepare for the job market is now practically taken for granted.

The primary factor was the chronic difficulty finding jobs. The fall of universities from ivory towers to job market preparation mills is another reason.

**Date:** September 1, 2009

**Source:** The Chosun Ilbo

**Title:** **INDIA: India to open door to Australian universities**

**Link:** <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/09/01/2673549.htm>

**Summary:** Despite diplomatic tensions running high this year after a number of Indian students were bashed while studying in Australia, the nation's universities may now be invited to set up shop in India.

Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard is in India and yesterday met with the Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Kapil Sibal, who touted a plan for Australian universities to open campuses in India.

Almost 60 per cent of India's population is under the age of 25, however there are only places for 7 per cent of college-age Indians in post-high school institutions.

**Date:** September 1, 2009

**Source:** ABC News

**Title:** **USA: Course Cuts at California State U. Put International Students in a Bind**

**Link:** [http://chronicle.com/article/Course-Cuts-at-Cal-State-Put/48253/?sid=at&utm\\_source=at&utm\\_medium=en](http://chronicle.com/article/Course-Cuts-at-Cal-State-Put/48253/?sid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en)

**Summary:** As classes begin at most of California State University's 23 campuses, international undergraduates are running headlong into the effects of California's fiscal crisis. Hundreds of students face an unexpected challenge: signing up for enough courses to stay in the United States.

Nearly all of the system's campuses have reduced their fall course offerings in response to major budget cuts.

Many new international students run into problems, Ms. Volkert said, because they do not understand that they must sign up for classes before they arrive in the United States. "By then, our classes are filled," she said.

**Date:** September 1, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** AUSTRALIA: Gillard vows to stop 'shonky' Indian agents

**Link:** <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/09/01/2673668.htm?section=australia>

**Summary:** Ms Gillard is in India to help restore Australia's reputation as a safe place for overseas students. She has also used the visit to reassure the Indian Government that Australia is cracking down on dodgy education providers.

However, Ms Gillard has told ABC that the problems are not just in Australia. "There's a lot of education agents in India who have made it their business to peddle wrong information to people. We are moving to address that; we've increased the flow of accurate information directly from the Australian Government to Indian students."

**Date:** September 1, 2009

**Source:** ABC News

**Title:** ♦ Atlantic universities urged to defer expansion plans

**Link:** <http://www.academicagroup.ca/print/8363>

**Summary:** Since an aging population will make it more difficult to maintain even current enrolments, universities in Atlantic Canada should put their expansion plans on hold, argues renowned demographer David Foot.

While he praises New Brunswick universities for their efforts to recruit in India and Latin America, Foot warns that international recruitment should not be treated as an expansionary move. He suggests nations that can afford to pay international students fees but do not have enough educational facilities themselves should be the target of recruitment efforts.

**Date:** September 2, 2009

**Source:** Telegraph-Journal (<http://telegraphjournal.canadaeast.com/search/article/777856>) via Academica Group

**Title:** JAPAN: Crisis puts universities on steep learning curve

**Link:** <http://www.asahi.com/english/Herald-asahi/TKY200909020043.html>

**Summary:** The financial turmoil that originated in the United States last fall jolted educational institutions here across the Pacific, shaking the financial health of some universities and dashing the dreams of any number of parents.

As most major private universities released their financial data for the fiscal year that ended March 31, it was clear they were weighed down by heavy investment losses.

According to the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a survey of the fiscal 2006 business reports released by 296 entities showed 46 percent stopped short of reporting details of their financial results.

**Date:** September 2, 2009

**Source:** Asahi

**Title:** CHINA: Nepal, China sign scholarship scheme MoU

**Link:** [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-09/02/content\\_11980951.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-09/02/content_11980951.htm)

**Summary:** Nepal and China signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on scholarship scheme in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Tuesday.

The new scholarship scheme is to strengthen traditional friendship between Nepal and China, and promote educational exchange and cooperation between the two countries, stated the MoU.

According to the MoU, Tianjin Municipal government agrees to receive students from Nepal to study in Tianjin universities, and to increase the number of such students from Nepal up to 200.

**Date:** September 2, 2009

**Source:** China View

**Title:** USA: U.S. Offers Guidance on Commercial Recruitment Agents

**Link:** [http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/09/02/qt/u\\_s\\_offers\\_guidance\\_on\\_commercial\\_recruitment\\_agents](http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/09/02/qt/u_s_offers_guidance_on_commercial_recruitment_agents)

**Summary:** The State Department has issued guidance that bars its EducationUSA centers from forming partnerships with commercial recruitment agents who represent specific universities.

The guidance, which applies to the 450 EducationUSA centers that are designed to provide objective advice to international students contemplating study in the United States, cites the lack of objectivity of commercial recruiters among other objections, many of which are consistent with concerns raised by the National Association of College Admission Counseling and other groups.

**Date:** September 2, 2009

**Source:** Inside Higher Ed

**Title:** GLOBAL: Rapid Growth Occurs in Establishment of International Branch Campuses

**Link:** [http://chronicle.com/article/Rapid-Growth-Occurs-in/48275/?sid=at&utm\\_source=at&utm\\_medium=en](http://chronicle.com/article/Rapid-Growth-Occurs-in/48275/?sid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en)

**Summary:** The number of international branch campuses has grown rapidly in recent years, with the United Arab Emirates hosting the most institutions by far, according to a new report by the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education.

Since its last report on the subject, in 2006, the Observatory found that at least 49 new branch campuses have been established, bringing the total to 162. Universities in the United States run 78 of those campuses, making them the dominant player in the market. The United States is followed by Australia and Britain.

**Date:** September 2, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** **M** Manitoba to lead pack: bank

**Link:** <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/manitoba-to-lead-pack-bank-56871947.html>

**Summary:** Manitoba will be the only province to post any economic growth this year and will be one of the country's better performers in 2010, according to Laurentian Bank. In its *Provincial Monitor* report issued Wednesday.

Manitoba's strength during the recession has been its diversified economy, while Saskatchewan's has been its strong population and employment growth.

The report also predicts Manitoba will be one of only four provinces to post any employment growth next year (only 0.1 per cent), and that it will continue to boast the second-lowest unemployment rate (6.5 per cent).

**Date:** September 3, 2009

**Source:** The Winnipeg Free Press