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Title: USA: US is poised to stop worrying and embrace overseas agents

Link: <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=407739&c=1>

Summary: A report this week from the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education says that the US has established itself as the world's largest recruiter of international students without any help from the agents that its rivals have long relied upon.

American law bans the payment of agents in the domestic recruitment market, which has led to a widespread misconception that overseas agents are also banned, says the report. However, it adds that ethical concerns "may now be about to turn", with plans for US regulation of the agency market.

Date: August 13, 2009

Source: Times Higher Education

Title: UK: Key university departments could 'implode' without foreign students

Link: http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/article6793829.ece

Summary: Vital university departments could collapse without foreign students, a leading vice-chancellor has told *The Times*. More than one university student in seven is from outside Britain and those from outside the EU bring in 8 per cent of the total income of British universities, paying almost £1.9 billion in tuition fees last year.

However, some vice-chancellors are concerned about the new points-based visa system. They believe that it is deterring foreign students, who are being turned away or subjected to such long delays that they risk missing the start of term.

Date: August 13, 2009

Source: Times Online

Title: GLOBAL: National and International Leaders who were Fulbright Alumni

Link: <http://ihed-djc.blogspot.com/2009/08/national-and-international-leaders-who.html>

Summary: The *Fulbright at Fifty* (1996) publication, which is now available in an abbreviated format on the National Humanities Center webpage, provides an interesting list of Fulbright alumni from both the United States and abroad who are/were national and international leaders.

You can view this list of Fulbright alumni [here](#). Please note that this list of Fulbright alumni is through the year 1996 and could use some updating to bring it up to date.

Date: August 14, 2009

Source: The International Higher Education Consulting Blog

Title: AUSTRALIA: Review to bring overseas study industry to account

Link: <http://www.theage.com.au/national/review-to-bring-overseas-study-industry-to-account-20090813-ejv8.html>

Summary: The \$15.5 billion international education industry is likely to shrink as shonky operators face their "day of reckoning", says the head of a Federal Government review into its future.

Mr Baird said some educational institutions had been set up for the sole purpose of getting students permanent residency visas. He said Immigration Minister Chris Evans and his review into the law and regulations governing the international education industry, would examine "decoupling" the link between education and immigration. The review needed to address a "market failure", which had been covered extensively in the media.

Date: August 14, 2009

Source: The Age

Title:	KENYA: Crackdown on bogus tertiary institutions		
Link:	http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090813170630810		
Summary:	<p>Kenya's Higher Education, Science and Technology Minister Dr Sally Kosgei has called on the country's quality assurance body, the Commission for Higher Education, to crack down on bogus training institutions in an effort to improve the university system and make it more competitive.</p> <p>In another development, Kosgei recently directed the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) to extend its financial support of loans, bursaries and scholarships to Kenyan students enrolled in universities in the East African region as from this year.</p>		
Date:	August 16, 2009	Source:	University World News

Title:	SOUTH KOREA: Push for mergers of public universities		
Link:	http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090813164206773		
Summary:	<p>South Korea's government is proposing a phased amalgamation of state universities as its efforts to restructure ailing institutions have been faltering in the face of stiff resistance, reports The Korea Herald. Under the plan, three or more universities in the same region will form an alliance with a single decision-making system but maintain separate campuses before fully merging within three years.</p> <p>Under the new gradual model, overlapping departments among partner universities will be scrapped or consolidated and each institution will centre on its specialty, the ministry said.</p>		
Date:	August 16, 2009	Source:	The Korea Herald (http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/08/10/200908100036.asp) via University World News

Title:	USA-CHINA: American graduates flock east		
Link:	http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090813163401192		
Summary:	<p>Shanghai and Beijing are becoming new lands of opportunity for recent American college graduates who face unemployment nearing double digits at home, reports Hannah Seligson for <i>The New York Times</i>.</p> <p>"I've seen a surge of young people coming to work in China over the last few years," said Jack Perkowski, founder of Asimco Technologies, one of the largest automotive parts companies in China. "When I came over to China in 1994, that was the first wave of Americans coming to China. These young people are part of this big second wave."</p>		
Date:	August 16, 2009	Source:	The New York Times (http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/11/business/economy/11expats.html?_r=3&bl&ex=1250136000&en=370e4670dc148005&ei=5087%0A) via University World News

Title:	AUSTRALIA: Crackdown on student recruitment		
Link:	http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090813162800551		
Summary:	<p>The failure of Australia's states to properly regulate the troubled college sector is putting at risk the AUD\$15 billion export education industry and the federal government should consider a takeover, according to former immigration minister Philip Ruddock, reports <i>The Australian</i>.</p> <p>Former Liberal MP Bruce Baird told <i>The Australian's</i> Higher Education Supplement this policy "seemed like a good idea at the time". But he was concerned that unscrupulous people in business had used the lure of permanent residency to recruit students for inadequate education. He foreshadowed a tough approach to abuses: "Unless there are sanctions, we are wasting our time," he said.</p>		
Date:	August 16, 2009	Source:	The Australian (http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0.25197.25916022-12332.00.html) via University World News

Title: VIETNAM: Universities ignore brand building

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090813162627504>

Summary: Vietnamese universities are reluctant to build brands, according to Dr Vu Thi Phuong Anh of the Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City's Center for Educational Testing and Quality Assessment, reports *Thanh Nien Daily*. She believes this resistance could be the kiss of death for institutions in an increasingly globalised and commercialised world.

"I think that has to do with the prevalent view that higher education is a public service, which has to be subsidised by the government, and the total lack of competition among universities as demand far exceeds supply," she said.

Date: August 16, 2009

Source: Thanh Nien News (<http://www.thanhniennews.com/education/?catid=4&newsid=51700>) via University World News

Title: **M** uWinnipeg 'ANX' replaces former Greyhound bus depot

Link: <http://www.academicagroup.ca/node/8245>

Summary: Construction work started on the new University of Winnipeg 'ANX' (Annex) on Saturday, replacing the former Greyhound depot. The main level of the 6,000 square foot location will house a university and community bookstore, student pub, food and beverage services, medical and complementary services, and retail stores. The lower level, which is now complete for student occupancy in September, includes 10 additional classrooms with smart technology, a computer lab, offices, and meeting rooms.

Date: August 17, 2009

Source: The Winnipeg Free Press (<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/former-greyhound-depot-to-become-u-of-w-anx-53215852.html>) via Academica Group

Title: INDIA: S P Jain plans to set up campus in Canada

Link: <http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/s-p-jain-plans-to-setcampus-in-canada/367154/>

Summary: Mumbai-based S P Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR) is planning to set up a campus in Canada. The institute, which has two international campuses in Dubai and Singapore, is pursuing due diligence regarding the new project.

B-schools, throughout the country are also gearing up for the competition they could face from international universities once they are permitted by the Indian government to set up campuses in India. While the government is still to decide on whether or not to allow foreign universities in India, industry players say few US and UK universities are considering India as their destination in Asia.

Date: August 17, 2009

Source: Business Standard

Title: MALAYSIA: More Foreign Universities To Open Up Campus In Malaysia

Link: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsindex.php?id=433414>

Summary: The Higher Education ministry is expected to announce the names of a number of foreign universities, ready to open their campus in Malaysia.

"The interest shown by foreign universities to open up their campus here, is a recognition of the country's higher education policy," Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin told reporters after opening a seminar aimed at identifying the results of Liberalising Higher Education.

Mohamed Khaled said his ministry had not received any complaints from universities that had already opened their campus here.

Date: August 17, 2009

Source: Bernama

Title: GLOBAL: Australia's loss is UK and Canada's gain

Link: <http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/australia%5Cs-loss-is-ukcanada%5Cs-gain/367156/>

Summary: Almost 40% of Indian students who opt for international education destinations prefer the US, followed by 25% for the UK, 20% for Australia and the rest spread across Canada, Singapore, Dubai, New Zealand and other countries.

While the US, which attracts the highest number of students from India, is still suffering from recession, students are wary of opting for it. Also, the cost of studying in the UK and Canada works out cheaper as compared to Australia. In these times, students will consider this factor say industry players. While UK and Canada have a one-year masters degree, Australia has two years.

Date: August 17, 2009

Source: Business Standard

Title: SAINT LUCIA: A College Adopts a Country, and Everybody Wins

Link: <http://chronicle.com/article/A-College-Adopts-a-Country/48010/>

Summary: This summer, professors from the private college in Lynchburg provided training to all 120 school principals and nearly 900 teachers on the eastern Caribbean island country. And over the past two summers, a total of 62 Lynchburg students have traveled there to do service projects, such as painting school buildings and conducting a preschool-readiness screening of 350 children.

The partnership between Lynchburg and Saint Lucia, which began six years ago, has enabled 11 Saint Lucia students to earn bachelor's or master's degrees in special education at Lynchburg, and 30 more to collect their master's degrees in educational guidance and counselling without leaving the island.

Date: August 17, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: SAUDI ARABIA: So close, yet so far

Link: <http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentID=2009081646894>

Summary: Even though avenues to higher education for expatriates are opening up in the Kingdom, young expats say that not all is well pointing to the exorbitant fees charged by local colleges and universities, along with other obstacles, such as a language barrier and a concomitant cultural difference.

Irfan Ahmed, KAU marketing manager, believes that if local colleges are able to provide affordable as well as vocational education to young expats, students will be able to save on expenses by studying in the Kingdom with their families. Many expatriates would rather pursue higher education in their home country.

Date: August 18, 2009

Source: The Saudi Gazette

Title: AUSTRALIA: Global standing 'poisoned' by student crisis

Link: <http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/global-standing-poisoned-by-student-crisis-20090818-ep4j.html>

Summary: Australia has been warned it risks damaging relations with emerging superpowers India and China if it fails to deal quickly with problems in the international education industry.

Foreign policy expert Michael Wesley says violent attacks on foreign students, poor standards at some colleges, social isolation and workplace exploitation could create a "poisoned alumni".

Foreign students returning to their countries with negative impressions of Australian universities and colleges, and criticisms of Australian society, "could ultimately destroy a strong export product", says Dr Wesley, executive director of the Lowy Institute.

Date: August 19, 2009

Source: The Age

Title: NEW ZEALAND: Government moves to stop international students 'waka jumping'

Link: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/2765015/Govt-moves-to-stop-international-students-waka-jumping>

Summary: The Government is moving to prevent "waka jumping" among international students as figures show student visa approvals are up for the first time in five years.

The Press reported in April on what had become known as "waka jumping", where international students apply for a student visa to attend an institution, but after arriving in the country drop out and start a cheaper course elsewhere.

The Government is changing the Education Act to allow private training establishments (PTEs) to retain up to 25 per cent of fees to compensate for the costs of recruiting international students.

Date: August 19, 2009

Source: Stuff

Title: ♦ The fast track in Quebec and Blighty

Link: <http://www.international.ac.uk/resources/International%20Focus%20issue%2044.19.08.pdf>

Summary: In June of this year, immigration minister, Yolande James, announced some forthcoming changes to Quebec's immigration rules. One is the Programme de l'expérience québécoise, a new category of Quebec immigration that bears resemblance to the Canadian Experience Class and that allows most international students and temporary workers to apply to immigrate permanently to Quebec under a simplified, fast-track online process.

Finally, the validity period of federal Study Permits for international students in Quebec has been extended from 37 to 49 months in order to accommodate students in four-year programs.

Date: August 19, 2009

Source: International Focus

Title: UK: Cymru Rhyngwladol

Link: <http://www.international.ac.uk/resources/International%20Focus%20issue%2044.19.08.pdf>

Summary: Welsh universities are signaling an enhanced commitment to internationalization through recent announcements to increase scholarships, bursaries and awards for international students.

More than £17m in funding is now on offer as several universities launch new scholarships for 2009-10 or expand existing provision.

This recent spate of funding announcements follows the launch in May this year of an £11.4m Welsh scholarship program which aims to attract the world's best graduates to research and development-focused businesses in Wales to undertake key research projects.

Date: August 19, 2009

Source: International Focus

Title: USA: Studying abroad: Game on for the American dream

Link: http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/student/article6802310.ece

Summary: Most school-leavers with wanderlust who fancy studying in America dream of Ivy League universities such as Harvard and Yale. But there is a little-known and far cheaper alternative that virtually guarantees talented British students a place at an American university or college.

A consortium of state universities and smaller colleges in the United States is keen to attract British students and offers generous scholarships to lure them across the Atlantic.

Rather than apply to individual universities, which is time consuming and expensive, students can go through InTuition, the central point set up by the institutions to handle scholarship applications.

Date: August 20, 2009

Source: Times Online

Title: AUSTRALIA: Australia set to revise international strategy for education sector: Minister

Link: <http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/australia-set-to-revise-intl-strategy-for-education-sector-min/71230/on>

Summary: The government of Victoria state is all set to revise its international strategy on education to give more focus on transparency and quality, a senior minister has said.

"The old policy will be refreshed to ensure international students get better information on education providers," Jacinta Allan, Minister for Regional and Rural Development and Skills and Workforce Participation, told a group of Indian journalists here.

Her ministry is in-charge of higher and technical education of Victoria state. The last education strategy on international students was released in 2004.

Date: August 20, 2009

Source: Business Standard

Title: USA: International Admissions Fall

Link: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/08/20/grad>

Summary: For the first time since 2004, admission of international students to U.S. graduate schools has declined, and students from India and South Korea are applying in significantly fewer numbers as well, according to a report released today by the Council of Graduate Schools.

Admissions from prospective international students declined by 3 percent from 2008 to 2009, and applications from India and South Korea fell by 12 percent and 9 percent, respectively.

"The entire global economy has got to have played a part in what's happening for fall of '09," said Nathan Bell, the council's research director.

Date: August 20, 2009

Source: Inside Higher Ed

Title:  Research, International And Aboriginal Students Subject Of AUCC's 5-year Spending Recommendations

Link: <http://www.academicagroup.ca/node/8270>

Summary: In its pre-budget submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada recommends the federal government significantly boost financial contributions to university research with \$400-million investments a year for 2 years, followed by increases of \$250 million in each of the subsequent 3 years.

AUCC suggests Ottawa contribute \$20 million a year for 5 years to an international student recruitment strategy. With regard to efforts to expand university education opportunities for Aboriginal Canadians, AUCC recommends new funding of \$65 million for the first year, followed by increases of \$55 million in each of the subsequent 4 years.

Date: August 20, 2009

Source: Academica Group

Title: BAHRAIN: Bahrain stops admissions to 6 private varsities

Link: <http://www.tradearabia.com/news/newsdetails.asp?Sn=EDU&artid=166100>

Summary: Admissions to five private universities in Bahrain have been suspended for a year and to one for a semester, by the kingdom's Council of Higher Education, said a report.

Admission will be stopped for a semester at Applied Sciences University, according to a report in Bahrain Tribune.

The Council decided to take action after the universities failed to respond to its decisions on time. It also said that it will take further action if the universities failed to act within the time granted to them.

Date: August 20, 2009

Source: Trade Arabia

Title: UAE: Emirati Students Ready for New Challenges

Link: http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/theuae/2009/August/theuae_August379.xml§ion=theuae&col=

Summary: Having successfully completed a full six-week summer programme at various cities across Canada, Australia and New Zealand, 600 students including 500 males and 100 females, came back home with more than just their luggage. The was part of Abu Dhabi Education Council's (ADEC) annual training programme for academic and personal development of Emirati students through English language, IT and leadership courses abroad.

With the aim of encouraging students to excel in their studies, only students with the highest marks from all private and public schools in Abu Dhabi, Al Gharbiya and Al Ain are selected.

Date: August 21, 2009

Source: Khaleej Times Online

Title: AUSTRALIA: Australia thinks twice about linking visas and degrees

Link: <http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/282262,australia-thinks-twice-about-linking-visas-and-degrees--feature.html#>

Summary: Since 2001 the government has allowed foreign students to apply for permanent residency if they complete certain vocational courses in skills it lists as being in short supply domestically. Previously, there was no preferential treatment for those studying in Australia and the rule was that all students had to return home before applying for permanent residency.

Canny operators spotted a marvellous marketing opportunity and began touting courses that were certain to deliver a visa.

The government doesn't want to get too tough on foreign students because they deliver 15 billion Australian dollars (12 billion US dollars) in annual revenues.

Date: August 21, 2009

Source: Earth Times

Title: TURKEY: Turkish universities host over 18,000 international students

Link: <http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-184617-100-turkish-universities-host-over-18000-international-students.html>

Summary: More than 18,000 international students from 127 countries have chosen to study at universities in Turkey. According to statistics from the Student Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM), the majority of foreign students come from Turkic countries and other countries close to Turkey.

Fewer students from Far Eastern countries and other countries at a greater geographical distance from Turkey choose Turkish universities. African countries have the least number of students studying here.

In addition, there are four students in Turkey who are termed "without homeland."

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Source: Today's Zaman