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Title: AUSTRALIA: The unintended segregation of transnational students in central Melbourne

Link: <http://www.envplan.com/abstract.cgi?id=a41126>

Summary: The article discusses the linkage between a city's growth of tertiary student resident and its gentrification. It outlines the internationalization of Australian higher education that has given rise to the rapid growth in Melbourne of students from overseas, discusses the role of institutions in creating socio-spatial segregation, and the social differentiation of urban space used to interpret the urban lives of transnational students in central Melbourne.

The article concludes with comments on some efforts being made within and beyond the universities to bridge the separation between overseas and local students.

Date: May 26, 2009

Source: Environment and Planning A

Title: GLOBAL: International trends in establishing the standards of academic achievement in higher education

Link: <http://apo.org.au/research/international-trends-establishing-standards-academic-achievement-higher-education>

Summary: This report was prepared for the Australian Universities Quality Agency during July 2009, and presents a snapshot of international trends and activities in the setting, measurement, and reporting of academic achievement standards in higher education.

This paper provides analysis of a range of national and international initiatives relating to academic standards. The approach is not to evaluate these projects, but rather to illustrate the range and extent of activity in this area. The paper represents both a summary and an analysis of the types of initiatives underway, and proposes a conceptual framework to facilitate further discussion within Australia.

Date: September 18, 2009

Source: Australian Policy Online

Title: AUSTRALIA: Indian student visa requests decline

Link: <http://www.theage.com.au/national/indian-student-visa-requests-decline-20090918-fvf5.html>

Summary: Fewer Indians are applying to study in Australia, immigration officials have admitted, in more worrying signs for the nation's \$15 billion international education industry.

Department of Immigration official Peter Vardos told a Senate committee hearing yesterday the department's figures showed a decline in student visa applications from India compared with last year.

The department was unable to provide the figures last night because they are still being compiled.

Date: September 19, 2009

Source: The Age

Title: AUSTRALIA: Good practice guide for colleges

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090917184240863>

Summary: The federal government has published a good practice guide with details of the best performing international college providers in an effort to improve Australia's reputation for offering quality education to international students.

Education Minister Julia Gillard announced the guide after a two-day "international student roundtable" at Parliament House in Canberra last week.

Students met with government ministers, received briefings and provided suggestions to the government on international student issues. A communiqué drawn up at the meeting will be presented by three representatives from the roundtable to a meeting of state and territory education ministers later this month.

Date: September 20, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: EUROPE: A new Lisbon by another name?

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2009091718300610>

Summary: A revival of the European Union's 'Lisbon Process' for developing a knowledge-based economy is to be pressed forward by Sweden as president of the EU before the year's end.

Originally launched in 2000, the aims are ambitious and touch all the right buttons for economic growth in today's world. But the applause soon died - so much so that the whole effort had to be revived a mere five years after it began.

But now EU officials think it's worth taking the initiative out of the drawer again in the context of the worst recession since the Second World War.

Date: September 20, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: MALAYSIA: International students must be qualified

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090917181327663>

Summary: Private universities and colleges have been asked to enrol only qualified international students to avoid being branded as diploma or degree mills, writes Richard Lim for *AsiaOne*.

From next year, universities will be graded in the Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education Institutions (SeTara) to benchmark their performance.

The ministry has set a minimum score for all foreign students and private institutions were advised to abide by the benchmark.

Date: September 20, 2009

Source: AsiaOne (<http://news.asiaone.com/News/Education/Story/A1Story20090916-168072.html>) via University World News

Title: EGYPT: Swine flu fear closes foreign universities

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090917181226600>

Summary: Egypt has ordered foreign universities and schools to close until 3 October over worries about swine flu, a Health Ministry official said last week, reports *AFP*. Egyptian universities and schools were due to re-open in the last week of September, but foreign institutions started earlier this month. The government decided to delay the academic year by a week.

Date: September 20, 2009

Source: AFP (<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iTWpjE9MFbRKKHauVW5hyx6Ns77g>) via University World News

Title: GLOBAL: American Graduate Programs With Overseas Partners Are on the Rise

Link: <http://chronicle.com/article/American-Graduate-Programs/48529/>

Summary: American universities may still lead the world when it comes to the sheer number of students they attract. But in another measure of internationalization, Europe fares far better.

At the annual meeting of the European Association for International Education here last week, many educators focused on the booming field of international joint-degree and dual-degree programs.

Debra W. Stewart, president of the Council of Graduate Schools, who chaired a panel on best practices for joint- and dual-degree programs, said that such programs have been slow to catch on at American institutions, but that the tide is quickly turning.

Date: September 20, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: GLOBAL: Priorities in Internationalization Shift From Research to Preparing Students

Link: <http://chronicle.com/article/Internationalizations-Focus/48530/>

Summary: Universities around the world are more focused than ever on internationalization, but new data reveal some surprises about institutional priorities and motives.

Strengthening research capacity through international collaborations, which in 2005 ranked second in importance only to internationalizing the faculty and student body, is no longer among the top three rationales institutions cite for why they are internationalizing.

Instead, their current priorities, in order of importance, are improving student preparedness, internationalizing their curricula, and enhancing their institution's international profile and reputation.

Date: September 20, 2009 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: USA: New Publication Sizes Up the International Student Market

Link: <http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=HENA&TEMPLATE=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=34188>

Summary: Ramped up recruitment efforts by countries such as the United Kingdom and Australia could begin to erode the United States' position as the premier destination for international study, according to a new issue brief from the Center for International Initiatives (CII) at the American Council on Education (ACE).

Sizing Up the Competition: The Future of International Postsecondary Student Enrollment in the United States examines enrollment trends of internationally mobile postsecondary students in five top destinations: the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France and Australia. It also looks at national scholarship programs, visa policies, and recruitment initiatives in these countries.

Date: September 21, 2009 **Source:** American Council on Education

Title: M Province Supports Research with More than \$1.45 Million in Grants: Rondeau

Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/press/top/2009/09/2009-09-22-115200-6783.html>

Summary: Research into health sciences, the environment and new technologies will receive more than \$1.45 million in provincial support, Science, Technology, Energy and Mines Minister Jim Rondeau announced today.

The funding is provided through the Manitoba Research and Innovation Fund. The fund was created to help increase the capacity of the province's universities, colleges, hospitals and other institutions to carry out important, world-class research and development.

Since 2003, it has provided over \$85 million in research and innovation support for health and agriculture, technology and aerospace, cultural and new media industries, and alternative energy developments.

Date: September 22, 2009 **Source:** Government of Manitoba News Release

Title: SOUTH KOREA: Foreign student rules tightened

Link: http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/09/22/200909220028.asp

Summary: The government yesterday announced a set of guidelines for selecting and managing foreign students in a move to enhance the quality of students and global competitiveness of local universities and colleges.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology said it also plans to enhance systems to offer information on studying in Korea, expand scholarship programs and build a comprehensive online support system for foreign students.

Under the guidelines, universities are required to interview foreign students to check their academic abilities. The students are also required to have a certain level of proficiency in Korean or English.

Date: September 22, 2009 **Source:** The Korea Herald

Title: VIETNAM: First grade students learning to run before learning to walk

Link: <http://english.vietnamnet.vn/education/2009/09/869889/>

Summary: In principle, schoolchildren are not expected to write 'dictations' until they are in second grade students. In HCM City, however, many first grade students have to write dictations right in the first week of the new school year.

An experienced teacher in District 9 confirms that students cannot take dictations until they have learned to write words. "That's impossible at first. It will make many students afraid of going to school because they cannot meet the high expectations of the teachers".

Date: September 22, 2009

Source: Viet Nam Net

Title: USA: Unmuzzling Diploma Mills: Dog Earns M.B.A. Online

Link: http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Unmuzzling-Diploma-Mills-Dog/8175/?sid=pm&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en

Summary: GetEducated.com, an online-learning consumer group, managed to purchase an online M.B.A. for its mascot, a dog named Chester Ludlow.

The Vermont pug earned his tassles by pawing over \$499 to Rochville University, which offers "distance learning degrees based on life and career experience," according to a news release from GetEducated.

He got back a package from a post-office box in Dubai that contained a diploma and transcripts, plus a certificate of distinction in finance and another purporting to show membership in the student council.

Date: September 23, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: SAUDI ARABIA: Saudi looks to the future, opens coed university

Link: <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2009/09/23/85724.html>

Summary: Saudi Arabia's new \$10 billion, state-of-the-art science and technology university welcomes the country's first coed student body Wednesday in one of the king's keystone attempts to power his country into the 21st century with renewable energy and social reform.

The university accepted 817 students from 61 countries from more than 7,000 applications, and about 15 percent of the incoming student body is women.

Women will not have to cover themselves and will also be allowed to drive, according to reports. There will also be a movie theatre – usually forbidden in the kingdom.

Date: September 23, 2009

Source: Al Arabiya

Title: AUSTRALIA: Kaplan Inc and University of Adelaide join forces

Link: <http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,27574,26114097-2682,00.html>

Summary: Kaplan - which is owned by famous US newspaper The Washington Post - plans to introduce e-learning technologies to deliver programs across Australia. Students will be able to study at the Adelaide campus or complete their courses online from anywhere in Australia.

Financial services and business programs will be initially offered, ranging from Bachelors to Masters degrees, with plans for future expansion into other fields such as allied health. Once the university is fully operational, it is expected to have 5000 Adelaide-based students with many more enrolled online.

Adelaide has three other international campuses, the University College of London, Cranfield University and Carnegie Mellon University.

Date: September 23, 2009

Source: Adelaide Now

Title: UK: Visa delays worry students

Link: <http://www.deccanherald.com/content/26830/visa-delays-worry-students.html>

Summary: In a span of three months from April to June this year, 49.1 per cent of applications from Indian students for UK Universities were rejected due to strict visa regulations and increasing cases of fake documents produced by applicants.

The students are a worried lot as the dates of admission to varsities cannot be extended due to delay in the visa approvals

According to the new rules, students aspiring to work in UK and not to study would be deterred and the regulations would also keep a check on the fake colleges from conning international students.

Date: September 23, 2009

Source: The Deccan Herald

Title: USA: U.S. community colleges strive to boost study-abroad programs

Link: http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-09-23-community-college-abroad_N.htm

Summary: Community colleges, acknowledging increased attention to their role in preparing today's workforce for a global economy, are looking for new ways to send more students abroad.

The U.S. House has approved a plan, backed by President Obama, to reform community colleges, with an eye toward increasing global competitiveness.

About 250 students are expected to benefit from a grant funded last year by the State Department to help community colleges create new programs. Many schools offer shorter trips to less costly destinations to reduce costs. But colleges are looking for new ways to expand opportunities.

Date: September 23, 2009

Source: USA Today

Title: USA: U.S. college recruiters find growing market overseas, in Vietnam

Link: http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-09-23-vietnam-college-fair_N.htm?POE=click-refer

Summary: At the New World Hotel, 700 students and their parents poured into a fancy ballroom to learn about 23 U.S. schools participating in last year's Asian recruitment tour organized by the American Association of Community Colleges.

Other countries may send more students to the USA, but enrollment of Vietnamese students in U.S. colleges and universities is growing fastest. It jumped 45%, to 8,769, in 2007-2008, the latest data available. The worldwide increase averaged 7%.

Date: September 23, 2009

Source: USA Today

Title: AUSTRALIA: Australian colleges may restrict foreign students intake

Link: <http://www.hindustantimes.com/Australian-colleges-may-restrict-foreign-students-intake/H1-Article1-457427.aspx>

Summary: Australian colleges could be asked to restrict the number of foreign students intake apart from limiting enrolment from a single country.

In a review paper released on Wednesday it was suggested "a heavy concentration of international students, particularly from a single country" could lead to a poorer student experience.

Glenn Withers, chief executive of Universities Australia, which represents 38 universities, said a lack of diversity was not often a problem for universities, but the problems in other parts of the industry had the potential to damage Australia's international reputation as a study destination.

Date: September 24, 2009

Source: The Hindustan Times

Title: **UK: Twice as many foreign students at UK universities**

Link: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/sep/24/internationalstudents-students>

Summary: There are almost twice as many international students studying in the UK now as there were 10 years ago, says an annual report on university trends. The number of non-European students has virtually doubled, according to today's report, published by Universities UK.

China provides the most students to UK universities, with 19,385 enrolments for first degrees, and 21,990 enrolments for post-graduate degrees.

The report also reveals a 3.7% drop in the number of part-time undergraduate students between 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Date: September 24, 2009

Source: The Guardian

Title: **AUSTRALIA: India, China fuel foreign student market**

Link: <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/india-china-fuel-foreign-student-market-20090924-g4jh.html>

Summary: Students from India and China are fuelling the growth in Australia's international education sector, accounting for more than one-third of the export market.

According to a snapshot from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, China and India were the two biggest source countries for students, contributing \$5.1 billion to the sector in 2007-08.

The ABS said the number of enrolments from Chinese students was 146,000 at June 2009, up an average annual 16 per cent over the past six years. Indian student enrolments were 121,000 at June 2009, up an annual average 46 per cent over the same period.

Date: September 24, 2009

Source: The Sydney Morning Herald

Title:  **New Canadian course offered**

Link: <http://www.caymannetnews.com/news-18474--1-1---.html>

Summary: Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) this week announced a pilot project, which will enable CARICOM students to "stay put" while taking course and earning Canadian credentials.

The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) will deliver the programme on behalf of DFAIT, in cooperation with Canadian Virtual University (CVU). The CCVUSP will offer selected certificate programmes, delivered entirely at a distance, to learners from CARICOM countries.

Detailed information is available at scholarships.gc.ca and is mirrored on the CVU web site at cvu-uvc.ca, which links to the universities offering the programmes available under CCVUSP.

Date: September 24, 2009

Source: Cayman Net News

Title: **CHINA: China's First Research Fund for Foreign Young Scholars Set Up**

Link: http://www.jyb.cn/world/zgsx/200909/t20090924_312834.html

Summary: This September, the National Natural Science Foundation of China announced that 40 foreign young scholars from various countries received 7.4 million RMB (\$1.2 million CAD) to enable them to work with researchers from 27 Chinese universities and 13 research institutes on a half-year or one-year joint research. Foreign scholars who are interested in participating should apply to the MOE of China or the Chinese Academy of Sciences in May.

Date: September 24, 2009

Source: People's Daily

Title: UK: British universities 'make £2bn selling degrees abroad'

Link: http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/article6847524.ece

Summary: Universities are earning an estimated £2 billion a year by awarding degrees to hundreds of thousands of students, most of whom never set foot in Britain.

Universities with satellite campuses in China, Malaysia and the Middle East are increasingly relying on the income gained in exchange for a degree with a British cachet.

The total income of British universities, which was £23.4 billion in 2007-08 according to HESA. The estimated revenue from overseas campuses would account for almost 10 per cent of earnings.

Date: September 24, 2009

Source: The Times Online

Title: **M** Record Enrolment At Red River College

Link: <http://www.academicagroup.ca/node/8531>

Summary: Red River College, based in Manitoba, reports that its enrolment figures have hit another record high with a 3.3% increase in full-time students this fall. Significant jumps in enrolment are found in advanced diploma (17.7%) certificate (9.9%) and apprenticeship (8%) programs. Full-time enrolment has also risen 16.8% at the college's 5 regional campuses.

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Source: Red River College (<http://www.rrc.mb.ca/index.php?pid=2384&mid=3588&rid=687>) via Academica Group

Title: SOUTH KOREA: Tougher rules for overseas students

Link: <http://joongangdaily.joins.com/article/view.asp?aid=2910499>

Summary: Guidelines on how universities can select, manage and fund the increasing numbers of overseas students studying here at the college level have become an issue for the first time for the Education Ministry.

The number of foreign students here shot up from 16,832 in 2004 to almost 64,000 last year following a government drive to "globalize" local universities by attracting more overseas students.

However, the ministry admits that quality has at times been compromised in favor of quantity, a situation the government said it now wants to rectify. The new guidelines note that universities should take responsibility for attracting, recruiting and managing overseas students.

Date: September 25, 2009

Source: JoongAng Daily

Title: SOUTH KOREA: Lack of Cultural Considerations Is Repelling Foreign Students

Link: http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/09/25/2009092500846.html

Summary: Rather than creating a positive impression of Korea, Seoul National University's foreign exchange program actually ends up making international students dislike the country, according to Yavuz Selim Kacar, a Turkish student who until recently served as president of SNU's International Students Association.

One of the biggest problems encountered by foreign students is a lack of English-speaking staff. It is difficult for them to find staff to talk to about their grievances, and when they find one and discuss their problems in broken Korean, they are often met with impatience and irritation.

Date: September 25, 2009

Source: The Chosun Ilbo

Title: UK: Universities gain from rising fees for non-EU students

Link: http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/5aa942a6-a96b-11de-9b7f-00144feabdc0.html?nclick_check=1

Summary: Universities' fee income from international students has more than doubled in only seven years, underlining the sector's status as one of Britain's fastest-growing export industries.

The "international student" category covers everyone outside the EU. Students from outside the EU are particularly valuable to British universities because they can be charged free-market rates, rather than the regulated fees that British and other EU students pay.

Institutions argue that the extra income gained from taking on each international student helps UK higher education, which is disproportionately highly represented in global league tables of the top universities, to maintain the quality of facilities and teaching.

Date: September 25, 2009

Source: The Financial Times