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## News Items & Articles

### INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

**Academics told to push intellectual credentials (THES, 13 April 2007)** – "University staff should play a more prominent public role, experts claim. Academics owe it to society to promote themselves as public intellectuals, according to a sociologist. Barbara Misztal, whose book *Public Intellectuals and the Public Good* is due to be published this September, said this week that more academics would be needed to take on the role of public

**Local universities carve a passage to India (Australian, 18 Apr: 21)** – “Macquarie University plans to open a network of campuses in India. The dramatic move comes as Australian universities grasp the strategic importance of India in the global hunt for talent.”

**Melbourne's radical model unlikely to be copied (Australian, 18 Apr: 21)** – “The University of Melbourne has predicted that a string of capital city copy cats would take up its radical new curriculum, which was officially unveiled yesterday.”

**Go8 dons dominate quality panel chairs (Australian, 18 Apr: 21)** – “Thirteen of Australia's research heavyweights have been appointed to oversee the first assessment of all publicly funded research, with the Group of Eight universities dominating the line-up.”

**Red tape to be slashed after agreement from states (Campus Review 17 Apr: 1, 8)** – “Less red tape, increased effectiveness and greater consistency are the likely outcomes following agreement by Australia's education ministers to proceed with a national accreditation agency, as well as a national approach to auditing financial and risk management in universities.”

**Speech to the Australian Financial Review Higher Education Summit (DEST, 4 April 2007)** – The Minister noted in her speech that “the Australian community has high expectations of the university sector in this country. ... Universities are expected to create new knowledge that will underpin Australian innovation and global competitiveness.”

**Research Quality Framework Panel Chairs Announced (DEST, 17 April 2007)** - “The Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, today announced the Assessment Panel Chairs for the Research Quality Framework (RQF) – the Australian Government’s innovative model for assessing and funding research.”

**Our universities relatively poor (Australian Financial Review, 16 Apr: 30)** – “The case for increased federal government funding of higher education can no longer be ignored. The calls were made by Ross Milbourne, Vice Chancellor of the University of Technology, Sydney, last week. He said the level of public funding received per Australian university student was a 'disgrace,' something Education Minister Julie Bishop refutes.”

**Rankings provide degree of desirability (Australian Financial Review, 16 Apr 2007: 35)** - “University ranking systems are an inevitable part of higher education, a part that is growing in importance as a bigger proportion of the population gains access to higher education, students look for more information, and research-based innovation increases in impact. ”

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## New Publications

**Australian Council for Educational Research, April 2007, *Completing university: Characteristics and outcomes of completing and non-completing students*** - “A new analysis of the characteristics of students who fail to complete university courses by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) has found that

<http://www.go8.edu.au/news/latest.htm>

**Australian Education International, April 2007, *International Student Enrolment Data*** - " AEI's data show that across all education sectors, international student enrolments in Australia have grown 12.5 percent."

To access this data, navigate to: <http://aei.dest.gov.au/AEI/MIP/ItemsOfInterest/07Interest17.htm>

**Australian Universities Quality Agency, April 2007** - A new version of the AUQA Audit Manual is now available.

To access the manual, navigate to: <http://www.auqa.edu.au/qualityaudit/auditmanuals/index.shtml>

**Fisher, D and Rubenson, K, et al. 2006. *Canadian Federal Policy and Postsecondary Education*** – "The book has three main themes. First is the paradox of Canadian federalism, whereby two levels of government have overlapping responsibilities for postsecondary education. Second is the shift in federal policy from the provision of direct funding through transfers to indirect funding for research and development, and for infra-structure costs. Third is the "exceptional" role played by Québec as successive governments have pursued "nation-building" objectives."

To access the PDF, navigate to: [http://www.chet.educ.ubc.ca/publications/Canadian\\_Federal\\_Policy.html](http://www.chet.educ.ubc.ca/publications/Canadian_Federal_Policy.html)

**Institutional Management in Higher Education, *IMHE Info*, April 2007** - This issue focuses on Regional Engagement and reports on the OECD project *Supporting the Contribution of Higher Education Institutions to Regional Development*.

To access this publication, navigate to: <http://www.oecd.org/edu/imhe/newsletter>

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**Global Higher Education Forum (GHEF), *Knowledge and Relevant Human Resource Development*, Kuala Lumpur, 6 & 7 November 2007** - Themes proposed in the program: • Global Mobility, Access and Equity in Higher Education, • Governance, Leadership and Quality of Higher Education, • Transnational, Crossborder Education and Lifelong Learning

Detailed programme for the Global Higher Education Forum Malaysia 2007, as well as Registration Forms, fee schedule and hotel information will be available in early April on the Global Higher Education Malaysia Forum 2007 website. To be added to the mailing list for up-dated information, please send your request by e-mail to: [malaysiaforum2007@yahoo.com](mailto:malaysiaforum2007@yahoo.com) or to [iau@unesco.org](mailto:iau@unesco.org) and signal your interest in Malaysia Forum 2007.

**OECD, *Globally Competitive, Locally Engaged: Higher Education and Regions*, Valencia, 19-21**

**September 2007** – "Bringing together policy makers and practitioners; public and private bodies concerned with regional development; leaders and managers of HEIs; and those responsible for community liaison and regional development at HEIs, this important conference will look at ways in how HEIs can best contribute to the region building in the knowledge-based economy."

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