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## News Items & Articles

### INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

**Proposal for 'Super Regulatory Body' in higher education (14 July: India edunews)** - "New Delhi: A Super Regulatory Body has been proposed by the HRD Ministry to bring about a uniformity in the country's higher education policy in all sectors including medical, agriculture, management and engineering." [more](#)

**Gambia sets up a task force to review higher education policy (13 July: APA-Banjul)** - "The Gambian education authorities Thursday set up a task force to study and review the higher education policy of the country". [more](#)

**Rammell hails business input in skills-gap battle (THES, 13 July)** - "'Huge opportunities' for dramatic expansion in higher education will come from work-based degrees, not the traditional model 'of 18 to 21-year-olds going to leafy campuses', the Higher Education Minister said this week." [more](#)

### AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

**PhD review needed: Go8 (Campus Review, 17 July: 1)** - "There are fresh calls for a review of the quality of PhDs awarded in Australia, with the Group of Eight Universities warning below- par standards could be jeopardising our reputation overseas."

**Policy on extended vacation (Campus Review, 17 July: 3)** - "Australian policy- makers had done very little to set up long-term strategies for engaging in the global knowledge economy."

**Education and tourism deliver a bigger bang (Campus Review, 17 July: 3)** - "Creating a "brand Australia council", more closely aligning education and tourism and overhauling the student visa regime. These are among a raft of "positive" recommendations targeting Australia's \$10 billion international education industry".

**The shape of things to come bang (Campus Review, 17 July: 6)** - "Higher education will increasingly divide along price lines depending on the mode of delivery."

**Go8 eyes new sales strategy (Australian, 18 July: 21)** – “University of NSW chief Fred Hilmer says the Group of Eight will have to sell the story of Australia's successful education.” [more](#)

**Focus shifts to teaching, despite concerns (Australian, 18 July: 21)** – “Two universities, including a member of the research-intensive Group of Eight, are breaking with tradition by creating new academic positions that focus on teaching, not research.” [more](#)

**Public audits see unis tighten act (Australian, 18 July: 22)** – “Anecdotal evidence suggests Australian Universities Quality Agency audits speed up change at universities and generally have a positive effect, according to researchers”. [more](#)

**Hi-tech carrots to tempt generation C (Australian, 18 July: 24)** – “Technology researchers warn that universities need to become more interactive and embrace mobile phones, blogs and MySpace if they want to keep the latest technology-savvy generation of students interested.” [more](#)

## New Publications

**OECD/CERI, 12 July, Evidence in Education: Linking Research and Policy** – “Evidence in Education: Linking Research and Policy brings together international experts on evidence-informed policy in education from a wide range of OECD countries. The report looks at the issues facing educational policy makers, researchers, and stakeholders – teachers, media, parents – in using evidence to best effect. It focuses on the challenge of effective brokering between policy makers and researchers, offers specific examples of major policy-related research, and presents perspectives from several senior politicians. This book provides a fresh outlook on key issues facing policy makers, researchers and school leaders today.”

To find out more, navigate to

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**Simon Marginson and Marijk van der Wende, 06 July 2007, Globalisation and Higher Education, Education Working Paper No. 8, Directorate for Education, OECD** – “Part I of this paper provides an overview of globalisation and higher education and the global responses of national systems and individual institutions of higher education. Part II focuses on certain areas of policy with a strong multilateral dimension: Europeanisation, institutional rankings and typologies and cross-border mobility”

To access this working paper, navigate to

[http://www.oecd.org/document/13/0,3343,en\\_2649\\_35845581\\_36831885\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/13/0,3343,en_2649_35845581_36831885_1_1_1_1,00.html)

## New Conference Listings

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**7th National University Finance & Procurement Conference: Innovation and Productivity in Higher Education, Gold Coast, 23-25 July 2007** – “This year the conference will explore the advantages of collaboration amongst universities in advancing management practices to promote innovation and productivity”. To find out more, navigate to <http://www.hes.edu.au>

**16th Annual New Zealand International Education Conference, Christchurch, 8-10 August** – “For International education Marketers, Student Recruiters, Policy Makers and Senior Management. Sessions cover marketing practice, comparative costings, rankings offshore diversification, e-marketing, market research, competitor profiles and more”. To find out more, navigate to <http://www.educationnz.org.nz/conference>

**ANZCIES 2007, International Co-operation Through Education, The University of Auckland, New Zealand 30 November - 2 December 2007 – CALL FOR PAPERS CLOSE 16 JULY 2007** - The theme for the conference, International Co-operation through Education, is designed to showcase various educational approaches that foster international co-operation through education while promoting an understanding of the complexities and sensitivities of less developed countries. The challenge is to identify, explore, and analyse the plethora of human agency involved in

transforming comparative perspectives of and about the world. Emphasis will be placed on bridging gaps between policy and practice as well as identifying distinctions in how countries and cultures approach international co-operation through education. To find out more, navigate to <http://www.anzcies.org/>

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