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## News Items & Articles

### INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

**University World News Special Africa Edition (01 Feb)** – “The purpose of these University World News special Africa editions, to be published quarterly, is to investigate issues and developments of importance to tertiary education in Africa, and to generate and disseminate information about them. While the focus is on Africa, and especially South Africa, international perspectives are included and the issues interrogated are of relevance to many countries in the developing and developed worlds.” [more](#)

**Number of staff entered for RAE rises by 12% (THE, 31 Jan)** – “The number of academics whose work has been submitted for the research assessment exercise has increased by nearly 6,000 compared with the last exercise in 2001, figures from the Higher Education Funding Council for England show.” [more](#)

**Minister calls for cultural revolution (THE, 24 Jan)** – “Grant letter urges universities to embrace business and two-year degrees.” [more](#)

### AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

**Call to resurrect advisory body (Australian: 30 Jan)** – “The Rudd Government is expected to come under pressure to reinstate an independent higher education advisory body axed by John Dawkins, as University of Melbourne vice-chancellor Glyn Davis reinvigorates support for the model.” [more](#)

**Knowledge exchange key to new ideas (Australian: 30 Jan)** – “Universities needed to flick their switches from “transmit” to “receive” in order to adapt to new patterns of knowledge transfer, a visiting innovation policy expert has warned.” [more](#)

**Fear of taking risks greater than risk itself (Australian: 30 Jan)** – “There is a widely held and increasingly discussed view that contemporary universities are failing intellectual risk-takers. The perceived failure is organisational in origin and systemic in nature, where intellectual inquiry and knowledge are subjected to rather

narrow systems of compliance and short-term reward.” [more](#)

**Science to better service the nation (Campus Review, 29 Jan: 1, 3)** – “Innovation Minister Kim Carr has urged universities to look to the UK’s Sainsbury report as they prepare for the major review of innovation to occur here over the next few months”.

**Employability skills still not up to scratch (Campus Review, 29 Jan: 3)** – Leading business and employer groups have said universities need to refocus attention on the issue of generic employability skills following the release of Graduate Careers Australia’s *Snapshot: Universities and Beyond Report 2007*.”

## New Publications

**Romina Boarini and Hubert Strauss, *The Private Internal Rates of Return to Tertiary Education: New Estimates for 21 OECD Countries*, Economics Department Working Papers No. 591, OECD** – “This study provides estimates of the private Internal Rates of Return (IRR) to tertiary education for women and men in 21 OECD countries, for the years between 1991 and 2005. ... The study discusses various policy levers for shaping individual incentives to invest in tertiary education and provides some illustrative quantification of the impact of policy changes on those incentives.” To find out more about this paper, navigate to <http://www.oecd.org/eco>

**Graduate Careers Australia 2008, *Snapshot University and Beyond 2007*** – “The Graduate Outlook Survey (GOS) examines current practices and perceptions, and future trends in graduate recruitment in Australia and New Zealand via a survey of graduate recruiters. This annual survey is undertaken with the aim of conducting a focussed and meaningful review of current practices in graduate recruitment, as well as to gain an indication of the future for graduate recruitment in Australia and New Zealand.” To access this report, navigate to [http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/library/00\\_research\\_centre\\_files/other\\_reports\\_publications/university\\_beyond\\_2008](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/library/00_research_centre_files/other_reports_publications/university_beyond_2008)

## New Conference Listings

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**AIEA Annual Conference, *Globalization: Implications for International Education*, Washington, 17-21 February 2008** - The theme of the conference serves as the basis for proposals on the following sub-themes: Globalization, Identity, Ethics, and Citizenship; Globalization and the University; Globalization, Mobility, and Articulation; Globalization, Experience, and Learning; Globalization and the Disciplines; Globalization and Technology.” For further information, navigate to <https://aieaworld.american-data.net/events/2008conf/index.php>

**AFR Higher Education Conference, *New Directions in Higher Education, Seizing the Opportunity*, Sydney, 13-14 March 2008** – “The program has been designed to ensure maximum opportunity for the presenters and audience to discuss and review the issues identified within the sessions, as well as to generate debate. The conference dinner on the Thursday night (included in the ticket price) will provide invaluable networking opportunities, as well as the opportunity to reflect with colleagues on the day’s learning’s in a relaxed environment.” For more information, navigate to <http://www.afr.com/home/events/education/>

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