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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

REF could leave universities with 'huge' bill, expert warns (THE, 8 May) – "Australian model shows that institutions bear data-gathering burden." [more](#)

Revolution is in the air (THE, 8 May) – "Reform is widely felt to be overdue for French higher education, but its proponents face an entrenched and powerful universities system. Matthew Reisz assesses the appetite for change." [more](#)

SPECIAL REPORT: Quality assurance and enhancement (University World News: 4 May) – "Quality in higher education is a complicated and hotly debated topic that touches on every aspect of academia. This issue of University World News has our correspondents reporting on quality assurance and enhancement measures from around the globe, together with commentaries from international experts and links to recent key documents and initiatives." [more](#)

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Hope wavers on budget for the future (Australian, 7 May) – "Universities are facing Treasurer Wayne Swan's first federal budget amid fears the Government either does not understand the gravity of their situation or thinks it has snowed the sector with a blizzard of reviews and inquiries." [more](#)

Age outruns recruitment (Australian, 7 May) – "Increased recruitment of academic talent by universities anxious to address the problem of an ageing workforce has failed to stem a further greying of academe." [more](#)

Innovative responses needed to ageing academics (Campus Review, 6 May: 1, 4) – "Simply producing more PhDs to eventually take the place of ageing academics is not the answer to the impending demographic crisis facing Australia's higher education workforce."

Poverty engulfs PhDs (Campus Review, 6 May, 2) – "Student poverty, in this case PhDs in poverty, hit the headlines again last week with the news that the stipend was expected to fall below the poverty line by the end of the year".

Casualisation killing quality (Campus Review, 6 May, 6 – 7) – "The impact of higher education's 'casualisation experiment' is in urgent need of reassessment and alternative models of short-term employment need to be found."

Top uni's peace corps subject (Australian, 6 May) – "All students at a leading university will have to undertake volunteer work and study subjects from the arts and sciences under an overhaul of its curriculum designed to provide a broader education and more socially aware graduates." [more](#)

Fee shift: unis will recruit overseas (Sydney Morning Herald, 7 May) – "University students will no longer be able to buy their way into prestige courses under changes introduced by the Labor Government, but universities say the end to full fee-paying places will force them to recruit more international students." [more](#)

Australian Learning and Teaching Council announced – "The Carrick Institute, the country's national body for learning and teaching in higher education, has been renamed the Australian Learning and Teaching Council." [more](#)

New Publications

Podcast: *Timeline to the future* (JISC, 28 Apr) – "JISC programme manager Sarah Davies talks with Philip Pothén about e-portfolios and how they're supporting students in making vital decisions about their learning, their work and their careers." To access the podcast, navigate to <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/Home/news/stories/2008/04/podcast41sarahdavies.aspx>

Dialogue Volume 27, 1/2008, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia – This issue of Dialogue has articles on the Education Revolution, Casualisation and Serving Society. To access this latest issue, navigate to <http://www.assa.edu.au/>

Sullivan, W.M. and Rosin, M.S. 2008, *A New Agenda for Higher Education: Shaping a Life of the Mind for Practice*, Jossey-Bass, San Francisco – "In *A New Agenda for Higher Education*, the authors endorse higher education's utility for enhancing the practical as well as intellectual dimensions of life by developing a third, different conception of educational purpose. Based on the Carnegie Foundation seminar that brought together educators from six professional fields with faculty from the liberal arts and sciences, *A New Agenda for Higher Education* proposes an educational aim of "practical reason," focusing on the interdependence of liberal education and professional training." To find out more, navigate to <http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/publications/pub.asp?key=43&subkey=718>

New Conferences and Events

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Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) 2008 International Education Research Conference, *Changing Climates: Education for Sustainable Futures*, Brisbane, 30 November to 4 December 2008 – "This theme reflects sustainability in many forms, including a clear social justice perspective. ... Special Interest Groups include: Assessment and Measurement; Distributed Learning Environment and Multicultural Issues; Doctoral Education Research; Early Childhood; Educational Leadership and Management; Educational Philosophy and Theory; Gender and Sexualities; Health and Physical Education; Information and Communication Technology; Motivation and Learning; Sociocultural and Activity Theory; and Social Justice." To find out more, navigate to <http://www.aare.edu.au/conf2008/scope.htm>

Effective Teaching and Learning Conference, Brisbane, 30-31 October 2008 – "Academic staff are invited to engage colleagues with the policies, procedures and practices related to 'transitions into' university and 'transitions out' into professional practice (encompassing the academic professional practice of research) including: enhancing the transition of commencing students into university, enhancing the employability capabilities and confidence of students as they prepare to transition into new professional environments, embedding and institutionalising good practice strategies for helping students to engage with their learning and profession, access appropriate academic and professional support mechanisms and acquire a sense of belonging including social integration into university and into their profession. " To find out more, navigate to <http://www.etl2008.qut.edu.au/>

CHEMP International Study Tour, US and Canada (visiting San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria), 6-15 August 2008 - Designed for university executives/managers, governing body members, and university commercialisation company executives, this program will focus particularly on:

- Research commercialisation and industry partnerships
- Leadership, governance and strategic direction setting
- Funding issues and private higher education
- Graduate studies and research management
- Building new 'on-campus' integrated urban communities

Scheduled immediately before the International Meeting of University Administrators (IMUA) to be held in Vancouver from 17-21 August 2008. To find out more about our study tour, navigate to <http://www.une.edu.au/chemp/activity/tours/2008tour.php>

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