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INTERNATIONAL ITEMS


GREECE: Higher education in crisis (University World News, 8 June) – "After almost a month of unrest, conflict and violence in Greek universities, all parties in the dispute - government, political parties, trade unions, lecturers and students - are seeking a way out of the crisis so the student examination period can go ahead unhindered." [more](#) 


BOTSWANA: New tertiary education policy (University World News, 8 June) - "Botswana's parliament recently approved a new tertiary education policy, Towards a knowledge society, for the stable and rapidly growing southern African nation." [more](#) 

US: Call to fund the young and risky (University World News, 8 June) – "A coalition of researchers has strongly urged a greater commitment among policymakers, universities and private donors to support scientists early in their careers and encourage potentially "high risk, high reward" ventures". [more](#) 


AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Bradley sets terms of unis debate (Australian, 11 Jun) – "The quality of university education is set to decline according to the much anticipated discussion paper from the Bradley committee." [more](#) 

Rise of the iron chancellor (Australian, 11 Jun) – "The stoush between University of New England chancellor John Cassidy and his vice-chancellor Alan Pettigrew over the latter's allegedly "substandard" performance, is a salutary reminder of fights past." [more](#) 


Unis and medical schools team up (Australian, 11 Jun) – "Universities Australia and the Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes have called for greater collaboration between their sometimes squabbling sectors as they press for more research funding from Canberra." [more](#) 

Funds to follow researchers (Australian, 11 Jun) – "Universities will lose the right to claim credit for the publications of researchers they have nurtured under a proposal to ensure federal research money follows them from

post to post." [more](#) 

The long march to the four-year degree (Campus Review, 10 Jun: 4) – "Australia may eventually have to move to a four-year undergraduate degree, as the world's second largest economy China, seems to be heading in the same direction as the US."

UNE's corporate chancellor (Campus Review, 10 Jun:6) – "A clear danger arises when the drive for corporatism pushes aside academic tradition."

Privatisation fight rated above plight of part-timers (THE, 5 Jun) – "University and College Union members believe that campaigning against privatisation in further and higher education is more important than improving job security for colleagues on casual contracts, a union survey found." [more](#) 

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New Publications

Review of Australian Higher Education, Discussion Paper, June 2008 – "The issues outlined in this paper have been informed by the preliminary input we received and we would like to thank those respondents for their contribution. The paper has been structured around nine key challenges and issues for higher education in Australia over the coming decades. We would welcome your comments on the questions raised in this paper or on other matters that relate to the terms of reference." To access the Discussion paper, navigate to

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/policy_issues_reviews/reviews/highered_review/ 

Frank Donoghue, *The Last Professors: The Corporate University and the Fate of the Humanities*, Fordham Press - "How is it that the number of students attending American universities has surged in recent decades, but the number of professors—especially humanities professors—has dwindled? The perplexing institutional dynamics of the modern university come in for penetrating scrutiny here." To find out more, navigate to


<http://fordhampress.com/detail.html?id=9780823228591> 

Group of Eight, *Submission to a House of Representatives Standing Committee inquiry into research training*, 10 June – "... the policy architecture governing Australia's higher education sector as a whole, and research and research training in particular, is not capable of sustaining an internationally competitive sector into the future." To access the submission, navigate to <http://www.qo8.edu.au/> 

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New Conferences and Events


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The 8th International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations Montréal, Canada 17-20 June 2008 – "The Conference has a history of bringing together scholarly, government and practice-based participants with an interest in the issues of diversity and community. The Conference examines the concept of diversity as a positive aspect of a global world and globalised society. Diversity is in many ways reflective of our present world order, but there are ways of taking this further without necessarily engendering its alternatives: racism, conflict, discrimination and inequity." To find out more, navigate to <http://www.Diversity-Conference.com> 

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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