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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

US: Poor students miss out in some universities (University World News, 5 Oct) - "A new study by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, has found that selective institutions in America differ markedly in the number of low-income students they admit." <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081002151932940> 

UK: Widening participation debate heats up (University World News, 5 Oct) - "The debate on widening participation in Britain's universities heated up last week with the publication of a report on special schemes to encourage pupils from poorer backgrounds to enter higher education." <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081002151757844> 

GERMANY: Bologna - still making slow progress (University World News, 5 Oct) - "German students are still complaining about having their performance in courses abroad recognised at home. Credit transfer is a key aspect of the Bologna process, aimed at making European higher education systems more compatible." <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081002151228985> 

The long and the short of it (THE, 2 Oct) - "Britain's one-year masters is proving a sticking point in the Bologna Process, but the equivalence issue is raising difficult questions about length of study for other degrees." <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=403750&c=2> 

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Kim Carr has tools to improve research (Australian, 8 Oct) - "Federal Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Minister Kim Carr has declared the Cutler innovation review has given him the tools for a shake-up of university research and a compelling argument for extra funding." <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,24462138-12332,00.html> 

Funding shortfall hampers research expertise (Australian, 8 Oct) - "The federal Government's failure to fund the full cost of research leaves universities out of pocket by an estimated \$900 million." <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,24461707-12332,00.html> 

The export that keeps on giving (Campus Review, 7 Oct: 1, 4) - "International education may be the

undisputed heavyweight of Australia's export service industries, ... but earnings ... could be dwarfed by the industry's flow-on benefits."

Education more than just great trade: Mortimer (Campus Review, 7 Oct: 5) - "The recent Review of Export Policies and Programs has significant implications for the post-secondary education sector."

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New Publications

Venturous Australia: Building Strength and Innovation - The report on the Review of the National Innovation System provides recommendations "to shape the future innovation landscape" in Australia.

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/innovationreview/Pages/home.aspx> 

Group of Eight, Mission-based funding compacts with public universities, Go8 Backgrounder 6 - "This Go8 Backgrounder explores the possible uses of compacts in government financing of university activities, examines their potential costs and benefits, and outlines principles for their design and implementation."

http://www.go8.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=188&Itemid=164 

Group of Eight, October Newsletter - http://www.go8.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=187&Itemid=180


HEFCE, Compact schemes in higher education institutions - "In this report we discuss the types of compact scheme and their purpose; the eligibility and involvement of schools, colleges and learners; the coverage of schemes, and the benefits and outcomes for learners involved in them." http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2008/08_32/




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New Conferences and Events

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Going Global 3, London, 3-5 December 2008 - Themes include: institutional collaboration and partnership; student mobility and international student recruitment; the role of international education in promotion entrepreneurship; employability and internationalisation. <http://www.britishcouncil.org/goingglobal3.htm> 

The World Conference on Higher Education, New Dynamics of Higher Education, UNESCO Paris, 6-8 July 2009 - "A global platform for innovative thinking, the 2009 World Conference will take stock of the changes in higher education and research since the last World Conference in 1998, address the dynamics shaping the strategic agenda for the development of higher education and identify concrete actions to meet national development objectives and individual aspirations." http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=56642&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html 

LH Martin Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Management, Charting New Terrain: Creating and maintaining a diversified tertiary education sector in Australia, Melbourne, 27-28 November, 2008 - "The conference will focus on the formation of a diverse tertiary education system in Australia. A select group of national and international speakers will explore the challenges that such a system poses in terms of flexibility, quality and transparency, and meeting the needs of a diverse range of stakeholders. The conference provides ample opportunity for discussion and exchange of ideas, and it is hoped that these can provide input into the review of higher education currently underway. Confirmed speakers include the Hon John Dawkins AO, Mr Robin Shreeve, Professor Frans van Vught and Dr Tom Karmel. **Early bird rate available until 20 October 2008.** <http://www.mihelm.unimelb.edu.au/chartingnewterrain> 

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