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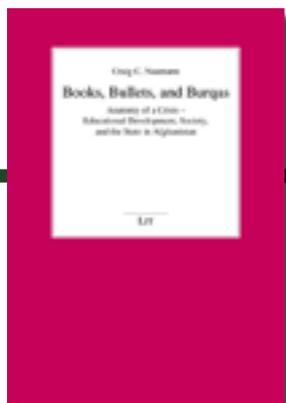
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Stane Pejovnik (Photo: University Ljubljana)



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ESNA's news section provides an easy-to-use format to learn about the latest developments in European Higher Education. The news are selected by our team from thousands of sources and drafted to provide you with the most comprehensive overview of events.

## press review

This autumn, the editors of ESNA have chosen to present the most important and interesting news for the European higher education sector in another way than before: featuring the titles and teasers from the press around the world.

As usual our choice of what is important and interesting for higher education managers, staff, politicians and researchers benefits from a wide – perhaps the widest – range of sources available online.

As usual, we will consider the breaking news by the acknowledged specialised media as well as the national and international papers and news agencies.

As usual we will look beyond the dominant Anglo-Saxon angle of university and science policy offered in English, and show more of what happens between Vladivostok and Lisbon, more of what journalists report in some two dozen European languages, and pay more attention to the periphery of the EU.

Enjoy reading!



Editor-in-Chief

Monday

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### TUITION FEES PARTICULARLY HIGH IN UK

BRUSSELS (EC) -- The cost of higher education varies dramatically across Europe, according to a new report published by the European Commission. The study was carried out by the Eurydice network ... [read more](#)

more than 3,000 postdocs and PhD students, thereby supporting a new generation of top scientists in Europe. There is still time to apply for the 'ERC Starting Grants' 2013 ... [read more](#)

### CZECH PRIVATE SCHOOLS SUCCESSFUL, BUT NOT UNIVERSITIES

PRAGUE (ČTK) -- While the private secondary schools are attractive for students thanks to their high quality, private Czech colleges and universities seem to be waiting for those who were rejected by public universities. Moreover, most professors who teach at the private universities have other jobs ... [read more](#)



Ariel University Center (Photo: Michael Jacobson)

### EU WILL FUND 536 EARLY- CAREER TOP RESEARCHERS

BRUSSELS (euroalert) -- The European Commission announced the 536 early-career top researchers for funding totalling almost €800 million in order to develop their ideas at the frontiers of knowledge. The grants will allow them to build their own research teams with

### WILLIAM HAGUE CONDEMNS ISRAELI GESTURE ON WEST BANK UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague con-demned a symbolic decision by the Israeli Cabinet to change the status of the Ariel University Center in the West Bank into a full-fledged university. Hague's statement the decision could affect academic cooperation between British and Israeli universities ... [read more](#)

Tuesday

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11**TURKEY'S PRIVATE TUTORING SECTOR TO BE ELIMINATED**

ISTANBUL (Hürriyet) -- Turkey's controversial private tutoring sector, a giant industry of more than 4,000 companies that prepare students for university entrance, may see an end as Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan promises to remove them by 2014 season. The private tutoring system - or *dershane* - has become unsustainable, and has almost replaced the regular school system, Industry Minister Nihat Ergün



R.T. Erdogan (Photo: WEF)

said yesterday. "Especially during the last year of high school, students focus only on their studies at the *dershane*. The system hampers the importance the school system; it is not sustainable," ... [read more](#)

**GREEK ACADEMICS DEMONSTRATE IN PROTEST OVER PAY CUTS**

ATHENS (demotix) -- A protest rally of about 300 university professors against pay cuts included in a new austerity program was held in front of the Parliament in Athens ... [read more](#)

Wednesday

Sept.  
12**EU BATTLES OVER RESEARCH BILLIONS**

BRUSSELS (nature) -- Tens of billions of euros are at stake as negotiations ramp up to shape Europe's next seven-year research programme. Discussions will cover familiar divisions over applied versus basic research and conflicting national agendas, but the continent's ongoing financial problems ... [read more](#)

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Sept.  
13**CAMERAS IN UK SCHOOLS RAISE CONCERN**

LONDON (*Today Online*) -- A privacy campaign group has estimated that British high school students and staff are monitored by more than 100,000 cameras, with 90 per cent of the schools surveyed acknowledging the use of some form of video surveillance ... [read more](#)

**EUROPE IS FAILING ITS YOUTH**

PARIS (AP) -- As Europe slides back into recession, young graduates from the Class of 2012 across Europe are

finding that even their hard-won university diplomas are no protection against rising unemployment. Nearly a quarter of young people in the eurozone are jobless — and for those from minority backgrounds, the hurdles are even higher ... [read more](#)

**PROPOSAL TO CANCEL TUITION FEES FOR BELARUSIANS IN POLAND**

WARSAW/MINSK (*Charter 97*) -- In a letter to Poland's university rectors, Marek Migalski, a Polish member of the European Parliament, proposes to create a special educational programme for Belarusian students and reduce or cancel tuition fees for them ... [read more](#)

**ITALIAN UNIVERSITY TO INTRODUCE 'CUSTOMIZED' TUITION FEES**

TURIN (*Corriere della Sera*) -- The University of Turin is the first in Italy to make its tuition fee system more equitable and to introduce income-contingent fees. This "revolution" has been developed by Turin's students themselves ... [read more](#)

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Stane Pejovnik (Photo: University Ljubljana)

For three months always in another city, there will be eight winners of a competition who ... [read more](#) | "*Fiat likes U*"

## SARKOZY'S WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY SACLAY FADES

PARIS (*Le Figaro*) -- Since Nicolas Sarkozy has left the Élysée Palace, the latent conflicts between Grandes Écoles and universities and lacking business cooperations have emerged as obstacles for his plan to make Saclay in Southern Paris the "Silicon Valley" of France ... [read more](#)

## FIAT PROMOTION AT UNIVERSITIES

ROME (*La Repubblica*) -- The Italian car manufacturer FIAT starts a promotional campaign at eight universities offering car sharing, graduation scholarships, internships, design lessons and jobs.

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## SCOTLAND MOVES TO CLOSE EU TUITION FEES LOOPHOLE

EDINBURGH (*BBC*) -- Some students have avoided paying fees by receiving Irish passports while living in Northern Ireland. The Scottish government has taken steps to close this loophole - from next year, students will need to prove they have lived in an EU state ... [read more](#)

## MOST EUROPEAN STUDENTS PREFER PAPER TO DIGITAL TEXTBOOKS

INTERNATIONAL (*PCMAG*) -- According to a recent survey, 58 percent of American pupils would rather do their required reading via a tablet or

e-reader. In countries like Germany, the U.K., and the Netherlands, between 30 and 40 percent of students prefer digital textbooks, but most are still stuck on old-fashioned paper ... [read more](#)

## UKRAINE WANTS TO REVIVE COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA IN SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

KYIV (*Kyiv Post*) -- "We are committed to expanding and strengthening our cooperation with Russia at absolutely all levels, including at the levels of secondary and higher education. This is a strategic issue for us," Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov has said ... [read more](#)

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## OPPOSITION THWARTS FEDERAL UNIVERSITY FUNDING IN GERMANY

HAMBURG, Sept. 16 (*Der Spiegel*) -- Plans of Germany's education minister Annette Schavan to facilitate the cooperation between the Federal Government and the States in the field of science and higher education have no future. The SPD-led States have agreed to reject the Government's amendment which would allow federal university funding ... [read more](#)

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## upcoming



### BOOKS, BULLETS, AND BURQAS ANATOMY OF A CRISIS — EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SOCIETY, AND THE STATE IN AFGHANISTAN

This is the most recent and comprehensive analysis of the Afghan education system against the backdrop of the social and political terrain, covering all relevant related issues such as, i.a. the status of Afghan women and girls, the rejection of central authority by ethnic-tribal groups, the fundamental contradiction between an externally funded rentier state and state sovereignty, intricacies and limitations of capacity building including the competition between humanitarian aid agencies and state authorities. The author argues in favor of customized development solutions instead of a centrally driven one-size-fits-all approach and provides reasons why a military "solution" to the current development crisis is all but impossible.

Craig C. Naumann  
LIT Verlag | Sept. 2012  
ISBN 978-3-643-90197-2  
360 pp. €34.90

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### THE ACADEMIC PROFESSION IN EUROPE NEW TASKS AND CHALLENGES

This book provides a state of the art account of existing research about the following themes: main results of previous studies on the academic profession; the academic profession and their interaction with new higher education professionals; professional identities in higher education; extending work tasks: civic mission and sustainable development; academic careers in academic markets; the changing role of academics in the face of rising managerialism; the influence of quality assurance, governance, and relevance on the satisfaction of the academic profession.

Barbara Kehm, Ulrich Teichler (eds.)  
Springer | 2013  
ISBN 978-94-007-4613-8  
200 pp. hardcover €99.95

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### RESEARCHING HIGHER EDUCATION

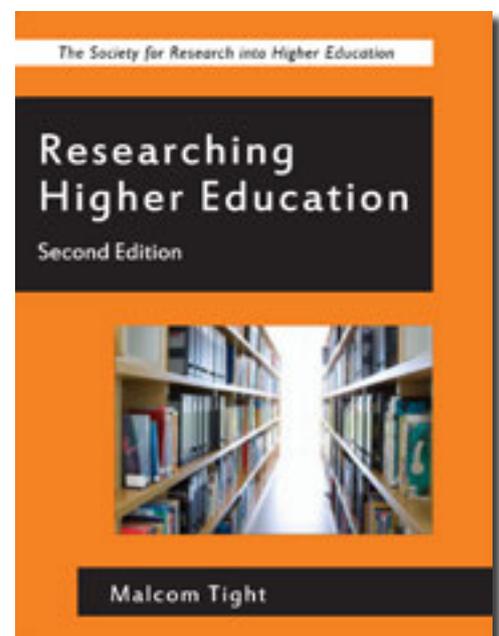
The book couples an overview of the principal current areas of research into higher education with a guide to the processes involved in undertaking such research.

Comprehensively updated throughout, this new edition examines the current state of higher education research with brand new case studies and has been expanded to include North American work.

Consideration is given to research design and questions, funding, progressing research projects, publication and dissemination.

MalcomTight  
Open University Press | June 2012  
ISBN: 978-0-335-24183-5  
296 pp. paperback £29.99

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## new studies

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Bookboon | September 2012  
English

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### NOT ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE THE SAME UNDERSTANDING SEGMENTS, MAPPING BEHAVIOUR

International students aiming to study abroad form a highly heterogeneous group. This research report by World education Services presents insights from an online survey of nearly 1,600 prospective international students from 115 countries, administered October 2011 through March 2012.

Rahul Choudaha,  
Kata Orosz, Li Chang  
WES | August 2012  
English

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### A SKILLS BEYOND SCHOOL REVIEW OF DENMARK

This review of Denmark is the first published, alongside that of Korea, of 17 countries pursuing OECD examinations of their postsecondary vocational training systems as part of the OECD's Skills beyond School exercise. It highlights the importance of calls for action to address the organization of postsecondary vocational institutions, improve the recognition of prior learning and enhance the skills of the training profession.

OECD | September 2012  
English

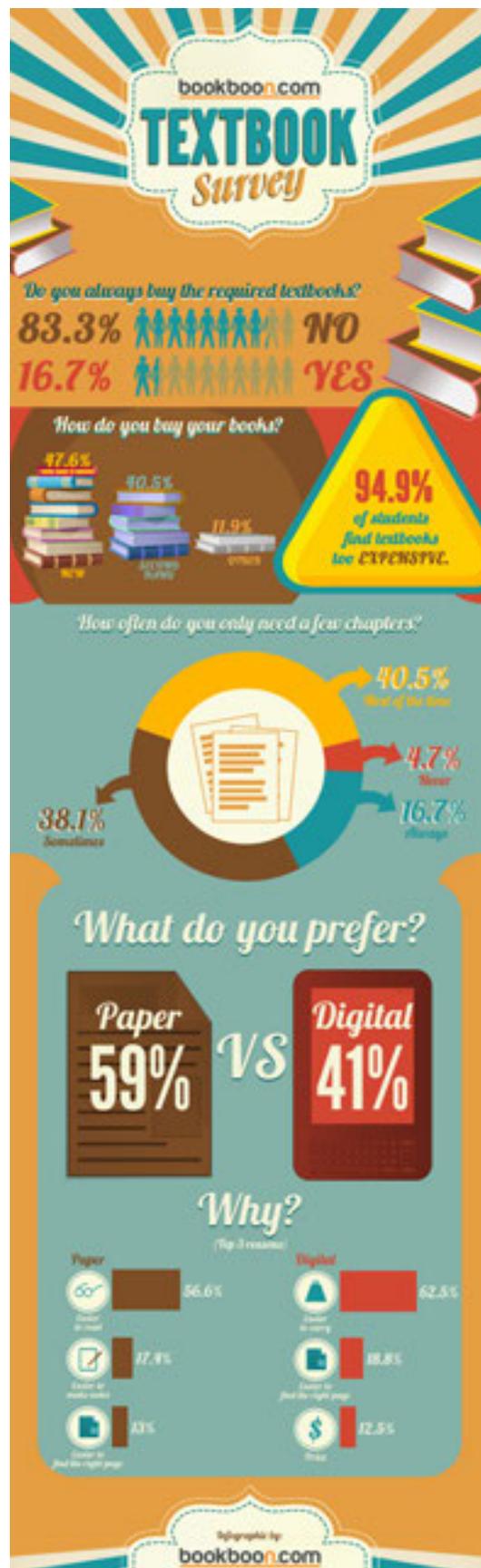
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### RECRUITMENT AGENTS (UK)

Using data obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, a *Times Higher Education* investigation has found that UK universities recruited more than 50,000 international students through commission payments to overseas agents last year, spending close to £60 million on the practice in 2010-11.

THE | July 2012  
English

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Results for the UK

## MIND THE GAP - EDUCATION INEQUALITY ACROSS EU REGIONS AN INDEPENDENT REPORT AUTHORED FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION BY THE NESSE NETWORK OF EXPERTS

Despite commitments by EU Member States to promote equity in education and training, major geographic disparities persist in educational opportunities and outcomes, across but also within EU Member States. This report paints a picture of intra-national regional inequalities in educational opportunities and outcomes in the EU. Its aim is to support policy makers in their efforts to design effective measures to redress these disparities. It contains over 100 maps that help visualise inequalities. It identifies the top 10 and bottom 10 EU regions for each of the indicators it examines.

European Commission  
September 2012  
English

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## EDUCATION AT A GLANCE 2012

The yearly OECD report Education at a Glance provides comparable national statistics about education for the 34 OECD member countries, as well as Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Russia, Saudi Arabia and South Africa. It includes indicators on public and private spending on education, tuition fees, adult participation in education, class sizes, teacher salaries and decision-making powers of schools, and analysis of national exam systems and the criteria for attending tertiary education.

OECD | September 2011  
English

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## AFRAID OF SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT?

### A HISTORICAL STUDY ON SOCIAL INEQUALITY WITH REGARD TO HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS

Did Germany succeed, since 1960s, to open the universities and create more equal access for children from socially disadvantaged families? How did their share among students evolve? — This comprehensive study by the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) analyses the reforms in German education and higher education and their consequences of the last decades.

Steffen Schindler  
MZES | September 2012  
German

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## A NEW APPROACH TO ANALYZING UNIVERSITY PRESTIGE AND INTERNAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION GEOMETRIC INTERPRETATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS

The content of this paper is based on the original study reported in Abe and Watanabe (2012a) in which the authors develop a structured and innovative theory of optimal resource allocation and prestige maximization for an institution of higher education. Its primary objective is placed on conveying informative insights and enhancing solid understanding of the new analytical approach proposed by the authors to a broader audience of students and scholars whose research interests cover the cost effectiveness in financing higher education institutions.

Yasumi Abe, Satoshi P. Watanabe  
CSHE | June 2012  
English

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## INNOVATION ACROSS EUROPE

### HOW IMPORTANT ARE INSTITUTIONAL DIFFERENCES?

This paper investigates the relative importance of institutional variation across European countries in explaining differences in their innovation intensity at the industry level. The results show that stringent product and labor market regulation affects innovation intensity negatively, and that more developed credit markets foster innovation.

Natália Barbosa, Ana Paula Faria  
University of Minho | Nov. 2011  
English

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**3RD ASEM RECTORS' CONFERENCE**,  
Groeningen 25-26 September

**RESEARCH NETWORKS: DEVELOPING  
INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT  
SCIENCE**, London 27 September

**EMPLOYABILITY OF GRADUATES AND  
HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEMS**, Ljubljana 27-28 September

**THE ROLE OF OPEN AND FLEXIBLE  
EDUCATION IN EUROPEAN HE SYSTEMS  
FOR 2020**, Cyprus 27-28 September

**3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
ELEARNING**, Belgrade 27 September

**EURASHE QUALITY ASSURANCE  
SEMINAR**, Nicosia, Cyprus 27-28 September

**MAKING SHIFT HAPPEN - LEADING A  
LEARNING REVOLUTION**, Amsterdam 4 October

**10TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS  
AND CITIES - SMART ACADEMIC CITIES**,  
Brussels 8-11 October

**4TH EUROPEAN INNOVATION SUMMIT**,  
Brussels 9 October

**FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURIAL  
LEARNING AT TERTIARY LEVEL**, Banja Luka,  
Republica Srsпка 11 October

**ACA POLICY SEMINAR: HIGHER  
EDUCATION IN 2030**, Brussels 12 October

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"It's not that kind of symposium."

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
TRENDS FOR SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION  
PROFESSIONALS 2012**, Berlin 14-17 October

**MEETING OF DIRECTORS GENERAL FOR  
HIGHER EDUCATION**, Nicosia, Cyprus 22-23  
October

**LINQ 2012, "LEARNING INNOVATIONS  
AND QUALITY: HOW DO THEY FIT  
TOGETHER?"**, Brussels 23 October

**NEW PERSPECTIVES IN HIGHER  
EDUCATION AND REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT**, Twente, NL 30 October

**EASTLINK CONFERENCE: THE WAY TO  
THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY**, Klaipeda,  
Lithuania 1-2 November

**7TH EUROPEAN QUALITY ASSURANCE  
FORUM**, Tallinn, Estonia 22-24 November

## 2013

**THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
CONFERENCE**, Moscow 23-25 April

# calls for proposals / still open

## Deadlines ▶ LINKS

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EAC/27/2012

### IMPACT OF DIFFERENT COST-SHARING MODELS ON EFFECTIVENESS, EFFICIENCY AND EQUITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

In order to contribute to the European and national policy debates concerning higher education funding, this study aims to analyse the influence of different models of funding on higher education system outcomes, focusing specifically on the teaching mission of higher education institutions. The budget amounts to 500.000 Euro. Particular focus lies in the identification of EU added value of the Erasmus programme:

- Erasmus student mobility
- teaching assignment/staff training
- Intensive Programmes (IP)

8 October 2012 ▶  
RTD FWC 2012-A6

### FRAMEWORK CONTRACT IN THE FIELD OF EVALUATION OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES

The framework contract intends to provide a facility through which the European Commission, the ERC executive agency and other implementation structures can obtain services in relation to the evaluation of European Union research and innovation activities. The focus of the evaluations has to lie on the Framework Programmes, the European Research Area (ERA), the Innovation Union and Horizon 2020. The programme budget is 27 million Euro.

5 December 2012 ▶  
FP7 PEOPLE 2013  
COFUND

### MARIE CURIE CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND)

The programme supports training and career development of researchers. Eligible are Public bodies, e.g. ministries, state committees for research, research academies, councils or agencies; and other bodies, including research organisations. The total budget is €115 million, a single project can amount to €10 million in up to 5 years.



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### LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME 2013

The Commission has published the general call for proposals for 2013 for participation in the last year of the Lifelong Learning Programme. Through the programme the EU enables people of all ages to gain experience through studies, training or learning abroad and supports co-operation between schools, universities and enterprises in different European countries.



Besides Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig and Jean Monnet, the programme offers support to activities for policy co-operation, in the fields of languages, information and communication technologies and dissemination and exploitation of results. The total budget is 1.276 billion Euro.

The 2013 call has five priorities: Develop strategies for lifelong learning and mobility, encourage cooperation between the worlds of education, training and work, support initial and continuous training of teachers, trainers and education and training institutions' managers, promote the acquisition of key competences throughout the education and training system, and promote social inclusion and gender equality in education and training, including the integration of migrants and Roma.