Challenges to Higher Education in the 21st Century

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Challenges to higher education in the 21\textsuperscript{st} century

- Higher education trends
- Higher education fragmented problems
- Higher education at different age at different continents
- Continued need to reestablish a sense of academic mission!
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- Challenges for 21st century higher education is more extensive and wider
  - Number of institutions and people they affect

- Some of the main challenges:
  - Educational massification and social mobility
  - Funding of higher education
  - Diversified higher education systems and confronted academic standards
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- Higher education has become a competitive enterprise
- Admission process is competitive
- Universities contest for status, rankings and funding
- Unlike many fields, competition has not always supported academic society in development
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- Globalization and integrated world economy is a key reality
- Influencing factors are:
  - Information and communication technologies
  - International knowledge network
  - Role of English as dominant scientific language
- Assault to national culture and autonomy
- Inequality is some of the key challenge for different groups to access higher education
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- Big challenge is academic profession
- Due to massification, average qualification of academics declined
- Research, teaching and public service is in tight competition again
- Academic institutions are required to follow new technological developments
- Luck of quality academic professions globally
- Part-time profession become another challenge
- Academic profession has lost autonomy
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- Change is inevitable in time
- Modern world accelerates higher education to more complex challenges in every era
- Traditional societal mission of higher education has been under pressure
- The commercialization of higher education has put considerable strain on its social mission
- Policymakers, administrators and professors have to reconsider some of the main structures and traditions of academic profession
Thank you!

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