

Challenges to Higher Education in the 21st Century

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Challenges to higher education in the 21st 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
- ◇ Lack 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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