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Private providers, market competition central to UK HE white paper (17 May)

By Beckie Smith: The Pie News: 17 May 2016

A new white paper released yesterday aims to increase competition in the UK's higher education sector by making it easier for alternative providers to access degree awarding powers. The document, which marks an historic shakeup for the sector, overhauls HE funding and brings all providers under the jurisdiction of a new regulatory body.

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EU vote harmonises and eases visa rules for non-EU students (17 May)

By ICEF staff: 17 May 2016

- New visa rules passed this month will open up expanded post-study work and residency options for non-EU students in Europe
- The new Visa Directive also seeks to harmonise visa regulations across EU member states, and to improve mobility within Europe for non-EU students and researchers
- Non-EU nationals will now be permitted to work at least 15 hours per week during the studies and to remain in Europe for at least nine months after their studies.

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Higher education bill is not a threat to a varsity autonomy (20 May)

By Stephanie Allais: 20 May 2016

The heat generated around the Higher Education Amendment Bill has been so intense that the detached observer might wonder whether there is an election imminent, causing some to lose touch with reality, push abstruse and fanciful ideas, and grab desperately for the headlines.

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Study in Australia: How the Group of Eight is leading the way in international education (13 May)

By Asian Correspondent: 13 May 2016

- Australia has launched a trio of key strategies for the expansion of its international education sector: a national strategy for international education, a market development roadmap, and an alumni engagement strategy
- Together, these strategies will guide the expansion of Australia's education exports through 2025
- The market development roadmap targets an international enrolment of 720,000 students by 2025
- The national strategy places a significant emphasis on in-market delivery (aka transnational education) as well as technology-enabled learning via online or blended delivery programmes

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'Equitable' university admissions quotas backfire (17 May)

By Yojana Sharma: University World News: 17 May

Changes to university admissions to allow in more students from poorer areas to universities in around a dozen richer provinces have backfired as thousands of parents demonstrated in the streets in several cities fearing the out-of-province quotas will be at the expense of local students.

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Thailand's proposed education reforms could leave the most vulnerable behind (13 May)

By Daniel Maxwell: Asian Correspondent: 13 May

AS schools across Thailand prepare to reopen next week for a new academic year, the question of how the country's proposed educational reforms might impact student learning is once again the focus of attention.

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UAE leads the world in English-medium international school enrolments (13 May)

By ICEF staff: 13 May 2016

- We are pleased to present the following guest post from Diane Glass, Director for Higher Education and Business at The International School Consultancy (ISC), a market intelligence and research firm focused on international English-speaking schools
- New ISC research highlights the United Arab Emirates as the global leader in English-medium school enrolment: 545,074 students are now enrolled in 548 international schools in the Emirates, a significant lead over the Saudi Arabia's second-largest enrolment of 260,989

- More broadly, ISC calculates that more than 4.3 million students are now being educated at over 8,200 international schools worldwide; by 2026, enrolment is projected to reach 8.7 million
- This has become an increasingly important recruitment channel for universities as nearly all students enrolled in English-medium K-12 schools intend to pursue undergraduate studies abroad

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Top 10 countries for university education (18 May)

By The Telegraph: 18 May 2016

Rankings which assess the quality and accessibility of higher education in countries across the world, have been published today by QS Quacquarelli Symonds. Fifty countries across six continents have been represented, with researchers looking at access, system strength and a country's top performing institution to compile the tables. Here are the top 10.

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