

Institute Lecture

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Are They Converging? Doctoral Education Worldwide: Trends and Future Challenges



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About the Talk

For 25 years globalization and an increasing size of a middle-class in a number of countries around the world, have moved governmental attention to postgraduate education, particularly doctoral education. Governments followed the neo-liberal economic model that views knowledge as a critical national resource for economic growth. The predominant models of doctoral education reforms used by governments are monetary incentives in form of direct funding to universities for desired outcomes and competitive funding schemes for doctoral programs with specified characteristics.

Postgraduate and particularly doctoral education worldwide are converging in their most elite forms. Elite national or regional flagship programs have now similar structures, and principles. As a result, a two-tier system of doctoral education emerged: The first tier are the national flagship programs that are well-funded, well-structured with international educational components. The second-tier are the less well-funded, less well-equipped programs, but which are carrying the mass of doctoral education. Key observations about new tensions that have emerged, resulting from recent changes in doctoral education are raised.

About the Speaker

Prof. Maresi Nerad is the founding director of the Center for Innovation and Research in Graduate Education (CIRGE) and Professor for Higher Education in the Leadership in Higher Education Program, College of Education, at the University of Washington, Seattle. Prof. Nerad received her doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley; served as Dean in Residence at the Council of Graduate Schools, D.C., and as Associate Dean of the UW central Graduate School. She was appointed as distinguished Mieguanah Fellow by the Graduate School of the University of Melbourne, Australia, as Professor Extraordinary by the University of the Free State, South Africa, and received the Fulbright Specialist award. She was a visiting professor at the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany, at Nagoya University, Japan and at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore. She has served on many national and international review committees and advisory boards, such as the International Advisory Committee for Science and Engineering of NSF (US), the National Academies Panel to evaluate the NSF/NCSES approach to measuring the US Science and Engineering Workforce, the U.S. National Research Council, the German Excellence Initiative, the Presidential Innovation Board of the University of Bremen, Germany, the Graduate Academy of the Goethe University of Frankfurt. She has undertaken formative and summative research for flagship interdisciplinary doctoral programs of NSF the German Excellence Graduate Schools (Materials MAINZ), or the European Commission (UNIKE). She has written and edited 5 books and published numerous articles on doctoral education. Her latest book is '*Globalization and its Impact on the Quality of the PhD*', Sense Publishers.

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