# A Taxonomy of Modes of University International Engagement

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- Trends and Notions of the Internationally Engaged University
- A Taxonomy Institutional International Engagement
- Observations on Key National/Regional Variables



Trends and Notions of the Internationally Engaged University



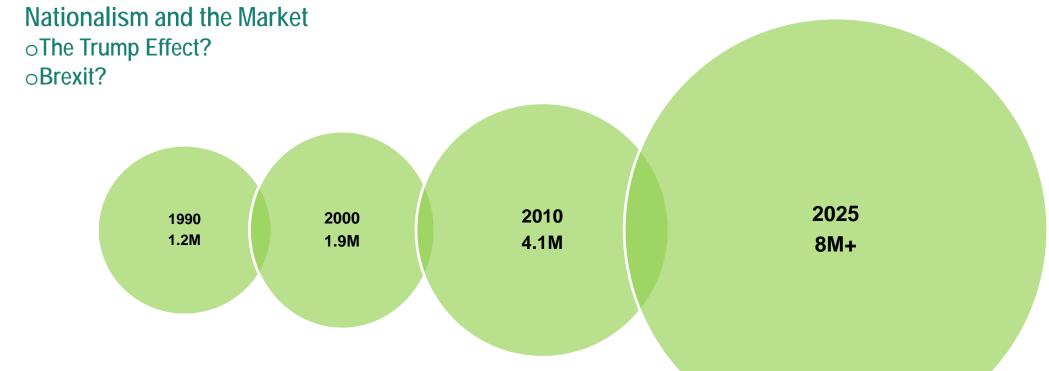
International Engagement – the Current Mantra - Seeking Markets





# Student Mobility and Markets

**Growing Competition** 





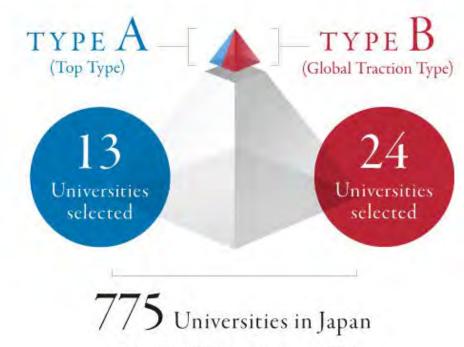
National Strategies - Brain Gain and Retention

Brain Korea 21 Project -

Super Global Japan

China – repatriation programs

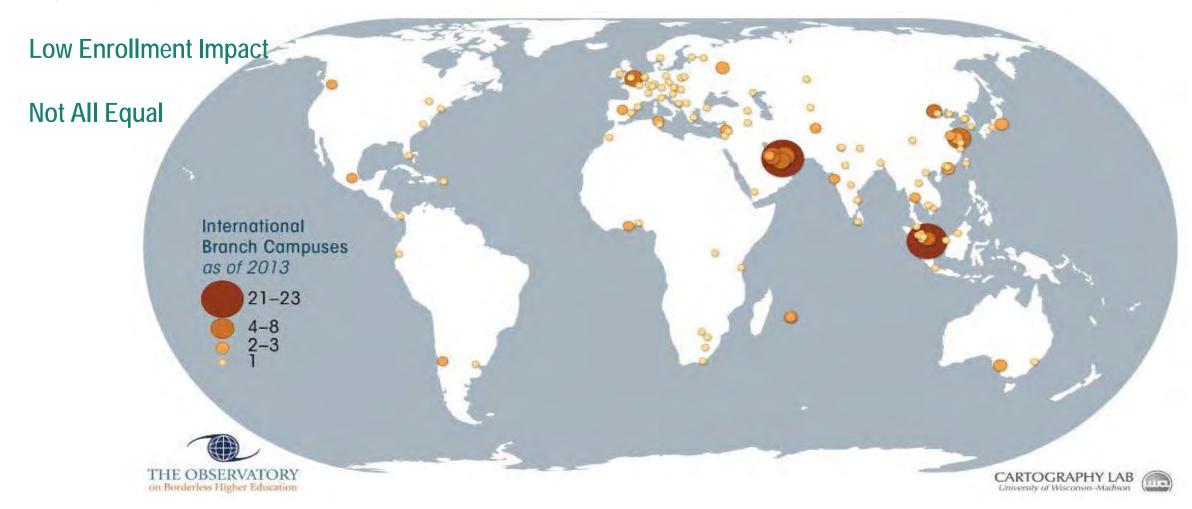
[ Outline of the Top Global University Project ]



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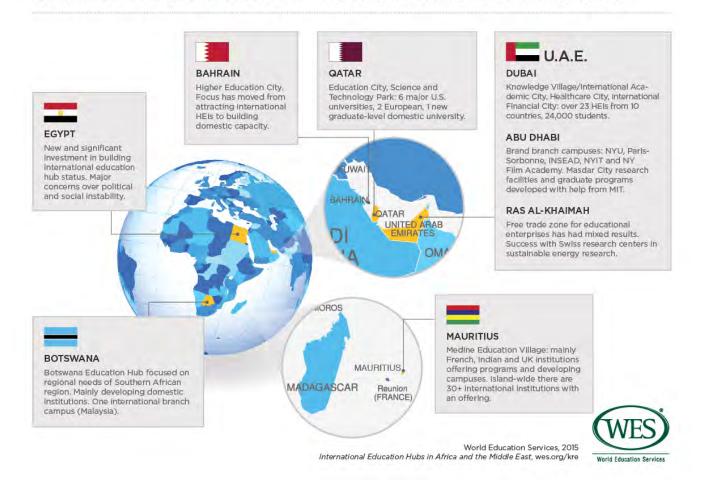
### Branch Campuses

High Profile yet most are Boutique



#### HE Hubs

# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION HUBS IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

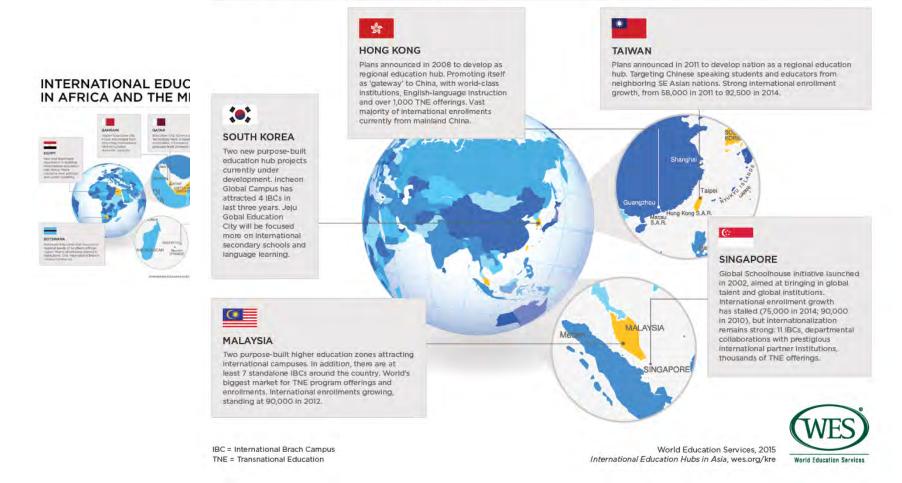




#### HE Hubs



# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION HUBS IN ASIA



### Domestic Branch Campuses and International/University Colleges



**Zhejiang University International Campus** 



Yale-NUS College

NYU Shanghai

University Colleges – Netherlands

International College - Osaka

### Pan-Regional Higher Education Reforms

European Higher Education Area – the world leader

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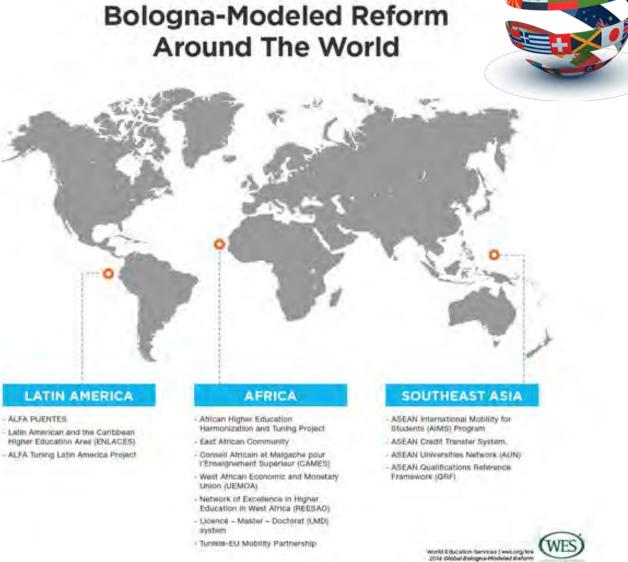




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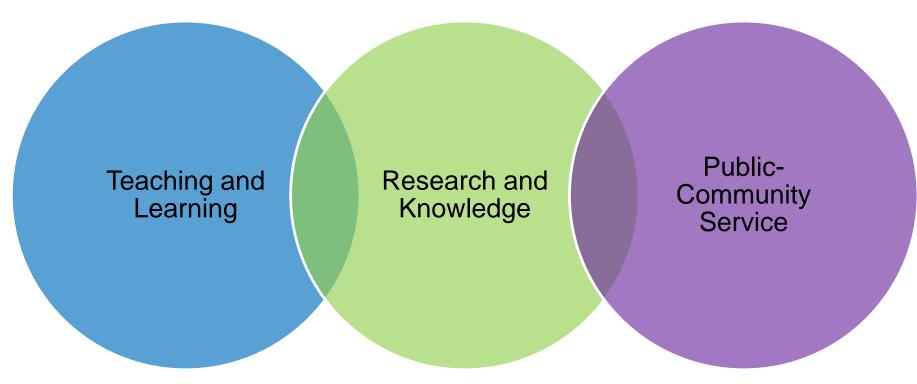
- Most universities lack a strategic approach
- Most are fixated on markets (students) or attempting to improve rankings
  - o International Students = \$
  - International research collaborations = prestige
- Quantity often seems to be more important than quality and impact
- Top down approach more the norm
- The need for faculty buy-in

A Taxonomy Institutional International Engagement



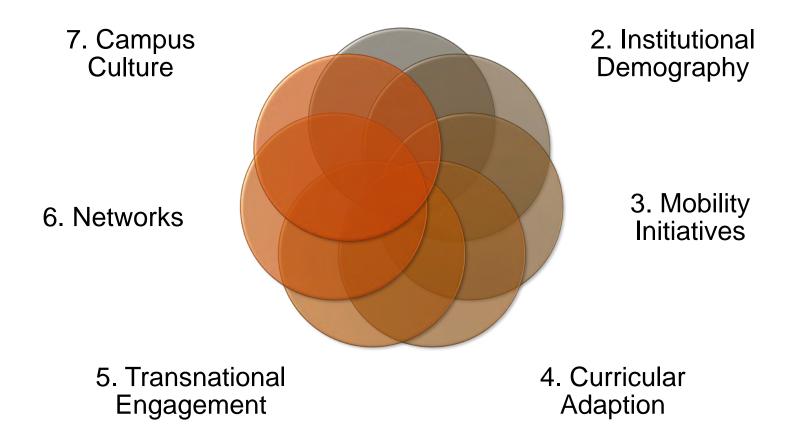
Grounding International Engagement in a University's Mission





1. Faculty Initiatives





#### **★Cluster 1 – Faculty Initiatives**

**Research Collaboration** 

**Teaching and Curriculum Development** 

**Academic Program Leadership** 

**Sanctioning Authority** 

#### Cluster 2 – Institutional Demography

International Student Recruitment

Recruitment of Foreign Academic and Administrative Staff

**Visiting Scholars and Lecturers** 

**Short Courses, Conferences and Visiting Delegations** 

Summer Sessions, Extension Programs and Language Acquisition Programs

#### **★Cluster 3 – Mobility Initiatives**

**Exchange and Mobility Programs** 

Study Abroad Programs, Internships, Service Learning, Research Projects and Practicum's

### ★Cluster 4 – Curricular Adaption and Pedagogical Change

**Incremental Curricular Change** 

Foreign Language and Culture – including teaching in English

**Cross-Cultural Communication and Inter- Cultural Competence** 

New Pedagogies and Possible Role of Learning Technologies – MOOCs+

Extra-Curricular and Student Initiated Activities

#### Cluster 5 – Transnational Engagements

Collaboration and Partnerships with Foreign Institutions

**Dual, Double and Joint Degrees** 

**Multi-site Joint Degrees** 

**Articulation Agreements, Twinning, Franchising** 

**Research Intensive Partnerships** 

**Strategic Alliances and Shared Facilities** 

**Branch Campuses, Satellite Offices and Gateways** 

### **★Cluster 6 – Network Building**

**Academic and Scholarly Networks** 

Consortia

**Alumni Networks** 

# **★**Cluster 7 – Campus Culture, Ethos, and Symbolic Action

An International Ethos: Changing Campus Culture

**Engaged Leadership** 

#### **Student and Faculty Exchanges**



**Joint Courses/Joint Research** 

**Curricular Reform - Global Knowledge** 

**Co-authored Publications** 

Mapping the Intensity of Effort – with flaws

**International Faculty and Staff** 

**Double and Joint Degrees** 

Shared Facilities/Strategic Alliances

Branch Campus?

Increased Intensity of Effort



Observations on Key National/Regional Variables



# The National Ecology of International Engagement

### •Environmental Variables: Also markers of Knowledge •Political/Cultural Variables:

#### Based Economic Regions

- Stable Societies
- Growing vs Declining or Steady State Population
- **Urban vs Rural Population Centers**
- Quality of Life Crime, housing, public transportation, Personal Freedom, Immigrant Networks
- Labor Needs Developed (private sector) or developing economies (public sector)
- Structure of HE System, Institutional Types and Location – e.g., technical versus comprehensive universities

- o Civil Liberties
- Acceptance of Immigrants/Demographic Diversity
- Ministries often see International Initiatives as a Pathway for institutional transformation
- Capacity of Public HEI's expanding or displacing native students?
- Clear Paths to Employment and Citizenship
- Financing a net gain or loss in national/regional HE funding schemes
- Foreign Policy objectives is there a larger political framework?



# **Concluding Remarks – A few Observations**

- •Nations need to have coherent strategies most are piecemeal and moderate to low political priority they need to carefully consider their economic, cultural and foreign policy objectives
- •Most Universities also lack coherent strategies related to internationalization the Taxonomy of International Engagement provides a tool for mapping current activities and for setting strategic objectives

