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## ACEI News

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## News Around the world



## AFGHANISTAN

### Schools Under Siege

Over a quarter of schools in Afghanistan's Kandahar province are occupied by armed forces or remain closed. To read more, click [here](#).



## AUSTRALIA

### Blaming Erosion of Higher Education on International Students

Earlier this year, the Victorian Government called for a review of entry requirements into Australian universities after growing evidence that foreign students with poor English language proficiency are badly eroding education standards as well as placing undue strain on university teaching staff. To read more, click [here](#).

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## BRAZIL

### Bolsonaro Fires His Controversial Education Minister

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro recently sacked his education minister, an ultraconservative who had drawn public ire over a range of controversial proposals including a revision of school textbooks to deny the 1964 military coup. To read more, click [here](#).

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## CHINA

### Eye on A.I.



In China, some [grade school](#) children are taught A.I.'s fundamentals. In the U.S., well, not so much. To read more, click [here](#).



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## CHINA

### School Children Learning Socialist History

Kids in the United States may be busy playing Fortnite and Apex Legends, but their Chinese counterparts are getting into socialist theory. To read more, click [here](#).



## FRANCE

### Will President Macron order the closure of *Ecole Nationale d'Administration*?

It is rumored that President Emmanuel Macron plans to close the famous, prestigious and largely misunderstood National Administration School (*Ecole Nationale d'Administration*), intellectual home of the vast majority of recent French presidents, prime ministers, ministers, senior civil servants, top government advisors.

To read more, click [here](#).

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## NIGERIA

### Imo State Polytechnic

## Upgraded to University

Imo State Polytechnic, Umuagwo has been upgraded to a full-fledged university by the governor of the state, Owelle Rochas Okorocho. To read more, click [here](#).



## PAKISTAN

## Jumping the Fence in Pursuit of Learning

In 2017, Islamabad constructed a fence along its more-than 1,615 mile border with Afghanistan in a bid to quell terrorism, leading to soaring school dropout rates in the area. Still, some continue to fight for their education. To read more, click [here](#).





## PERU

# Bringing Ballet to a Public School in Impoverished Communities

In a Peruvian neighborhood where families consider running water a luxury, young girls are learning the delicate art of ballet dancing. In the classroom at a public school near the South American nation's Pacific coast, girls line up at wooden ballet barres, point toes and curve arms. To read more, click [here](#).



## UNITED KINGDOM

### Spike in First-Class Degrees: Grade Inflation of Something Less Sinister?

University grades appear to be much higher than the past, with reports showing that more students are graduating with first-class degrees, fueling fears that grade inflation is a widespread problem. To read more, click [here](#).

ACEI-Global.Blog posted a blog on the topic of grade inflation in the UK last year. Click [here](#).

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## ACEI-Global.Blog April Highlights

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Do you know BTS?

Read more about the K-Pop phenomenal that has a devoted fanbase that spans across the world and whose lyrics have even been seen on banners and signs of students protesting in Algeria. Click [here](#).

Don't stagnate - elevate: the magic of change

We humans are creatures of habit and deeply distrust and avoid change. ACEI's guest blogger, Uwe Brandenburg shares his insights and personal experiences on how to embrace change in order to make new experiences. Uwe relates this to international education and the life changing benefits for students who step out of their comfort zones through studying abroad and travel. To read more, click [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events



- May 9, 2019 “Colombia – Education Update & Opportunities for Student Mobility”

Register now for a *FREE* webinar highlighting the Colombian Education structure and the increasing viability of Colombian educated students in the U.S. education system.

### REGISTER NOW

- May 27–30, 2019 NAFSA Annual Conference & Expo, Washington, DC. For more information, click [here](#).
- July 15–19, 2019 AACRAO Summer Institute for International Admissions. For information, click [here](#).

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