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**Best wishes from the ACEI team!**

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## **AFGHANISTAN**

### **Taliban closes university access to women**

The Taliban have announced the closure of universities for women in Afghanistan, according to a letter by the higher education minister. The minister says the move is until further notice. It is expected to take effect immediately. To read more, click [here](#).

### **Male students in Afghanistan standing in solidarity with their female classmates**

Following the Taliban's ban on university education for girls, the male students in the country have boycotted their classes condemning the suspension of higher education for women. To read more, click [here](#).

### **Afghan father moves his children to Pakistan for education**

Mohammad Asif Shakuri and his family moved to Balochistan Province in Pakistan from the city of Kandahar in Afghanistan after his eldest daughters were shut out of university. The Taliban in Afghanistan has banned women from attending university and suspended secondary education for girls since retaking power in 2021. To watch the video, click [here](#).

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## FINLAND

### Finland ponders tuition fees



Finland could introduce university tuition fees if a proposal by the Finance Ministry gains support. At present Finnish university courses are free of charge to students from Finland, the European Union and the European Economic Area, with tuition fees for some courses for students from elsewhere. To read more, click [here](#).

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## IRAN (Islamic Republic of)

### 2 CSULB professors, who are

## brothers, provide virtual health care to Iranian protesters

On social media platforms, Iranians in the diaspora have been tirelessly sharing updates on the protests taking place in Iran and the brutal treatment of the protesters at the hands of the government. Many injured avoid being taken to the hospital in fear of being apprehended by the authorities and taken to prison. The Alaei brothers, both professors at California State University Long beach, have created a coalition of medical professionals called the Medical Alliance for Health Services Abroad, or MAHSA – in honor of Mahsa (Jina) Amini. The coalition has more than 120 active members, offering free telemedicine services at least 16 hours a day to help manage the time differences between Iran and other parts of the world. To read more, click [here](#).

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### NORWAY

## Public hearing shows poor support for non-EU tuition fees



The majority of Norway's universities have rejected the proposal to introduce tuition fees for students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland (so-called third countries) in comments submitted during a public consultation process or hearing, which closed on 7 December. To read more, click [here](#).

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### PAKISTAN



## Appeal hearing in fake degrees case resumes after hiatus

After a delay of over four years, Islamabad High Court on 16 November resumed the hearing of an appeal by Shoaib Ahmed Shaikh, CEO of Axact, against a 2018 conviction for fraud and forgery involving the selling of fake degrees of non-existent universities to thousands of people worldwide. To read more, click [here](#).

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## RUSSIA

### Compulsory Russian statehood courses for all undergrads

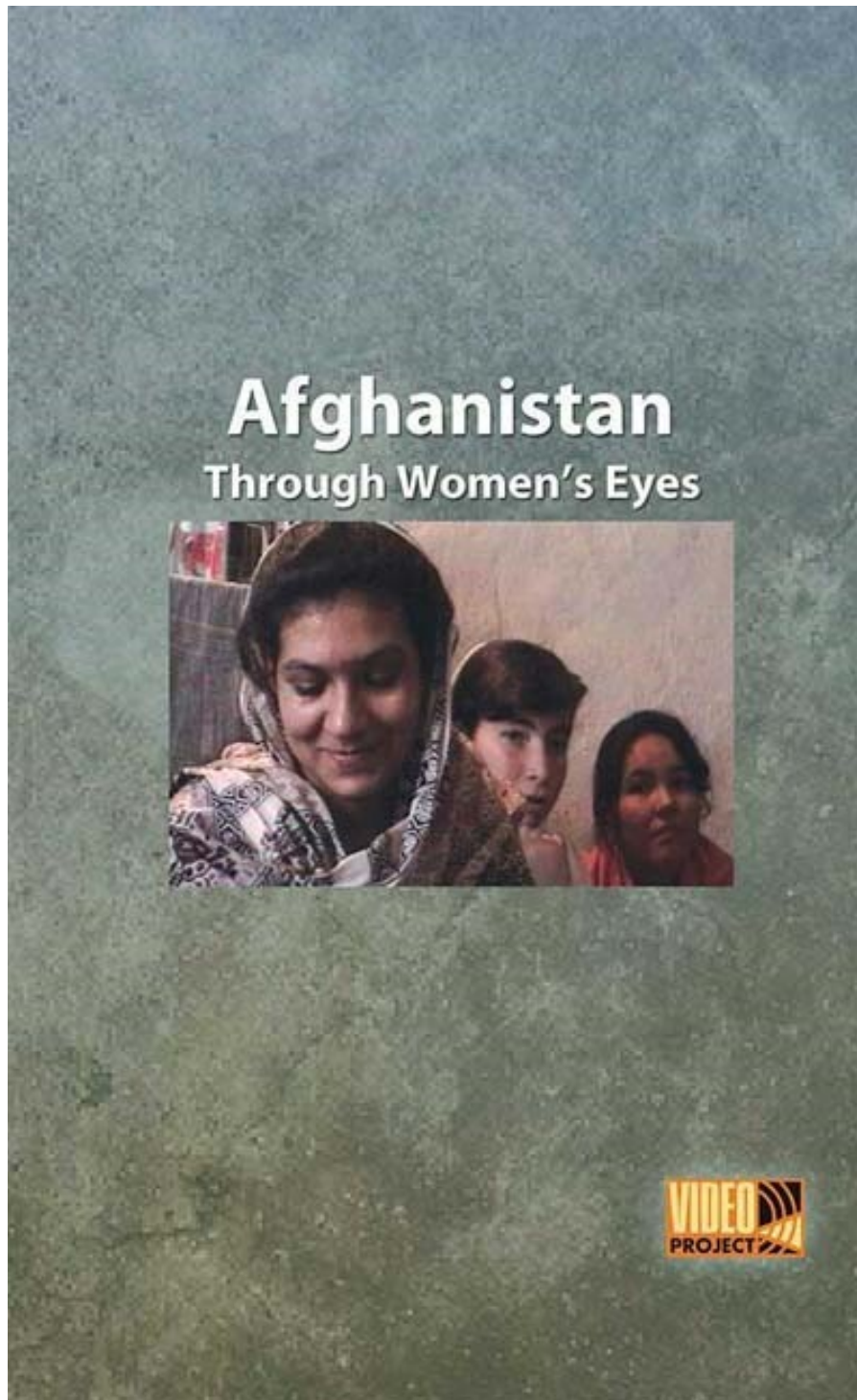


Russia is launching a compulsory patriotic course for all undergraduate students and is set to reform higher education humanities provision. The reforms are a response to the ever-growing isolation of the country in the international arena since the start of the ongoing military conflict in Ukraine. To read more, click [here](#).

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## FILMS & DOCUMENTARIES

We've selected the following documentaries for your viewing consideration, available through our partner [Video Project](#). The films are available for licensing to educational institutions and for event screening. Please contact [michael@videoproject.org](mailto:michael@videoproject.org) for information.



*Afghanistan through Women's Eyes* offers an intimate portrait of Afghanistan's silenced women as we see the conflict and history of Afghanistan through their eyes. For more information, click [here](#).

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*Be My Voice* focuses on Journalist and activist Masih Alinejad who is the voice of millions of Iranian women who are rebelling against the official state policy of compulsory hijab. Leading one of the largest acts of civil disobedience in Iran today from exile in the U.S., Masih uses her wide platform to prevent protest from being stifled in her home country. For more information on viewing options, click [here](#).

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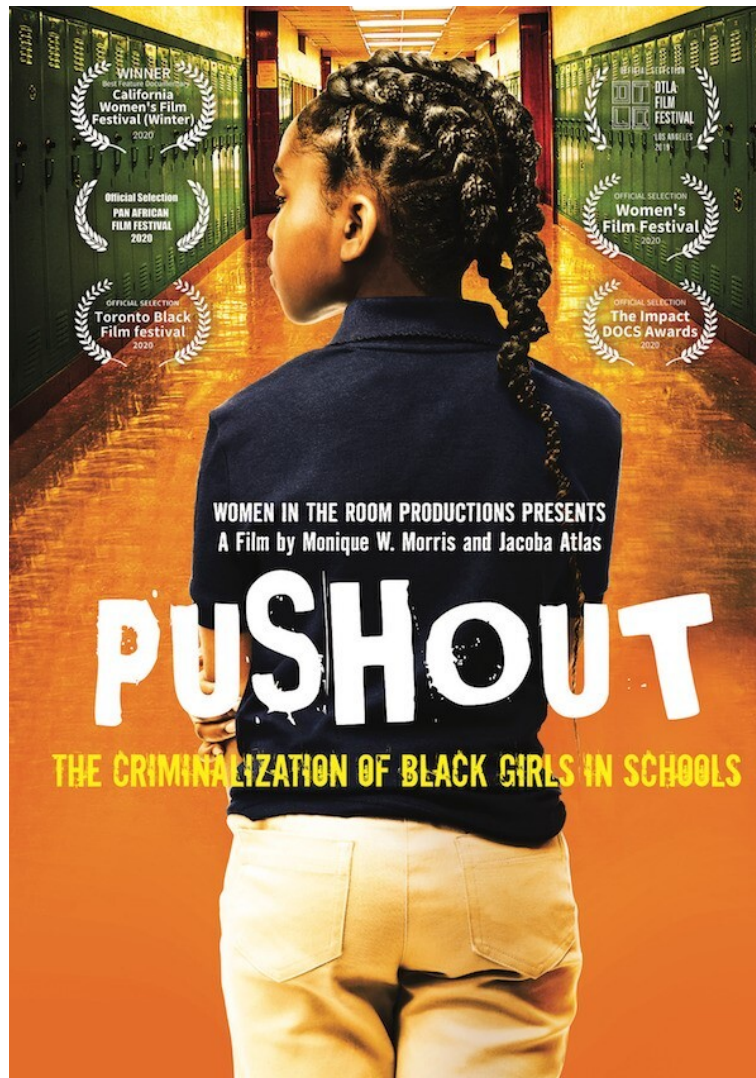


*How recruiters in India use false promises to lure students to Canada*

A TV documentary broadcast by The Fifth Estate in Canada has put the relationship between private and public colleges under scrutiny after over-recruitment of international students at one private college (recruiting for a community college) led to a temporary obstruction of access to the college for students.

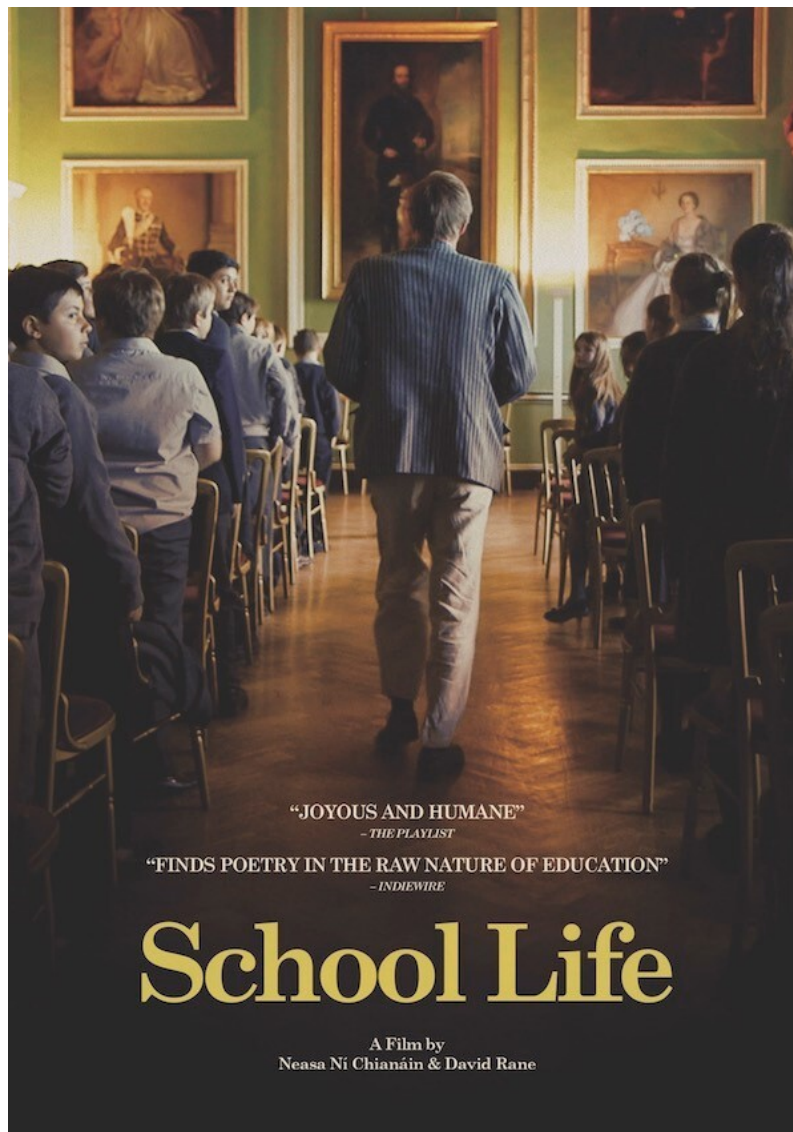
To read more, click [here](#) and to view the documentary on YouTube, click [here](#).

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Inspired by the groundbreaking book of the same name by Monique W. Morris, Ed.D, *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*, takes a deep dive into the lives of Black girls and the practices, cultural beliefs and policies that disrupts one of the most important factors in their lives – education. Alarming, African American girls are the fastest-growing population in the juvenile justice system and the only group of girls to disproportionately experience criminalization at every education level. For more information, click [here](#).

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*School Life* follows a year in the lives of two inspirational teachers in the only primary-age boarding school in Ireland. Headfort School — with its 18th century buildings, secret doors, and magical woodlands — is a revered institution that sees students attend from all over the world, staff made up of former students, and educators who have stayed there for decades, lending the school their characteristic idiosyncrasies. For more information, click [here](#).

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