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## News Around the world



*Brazil's new President Jair Bolsonaro. Photo credit: REUTERS/Sergio Moraes*

### **BRAZIL**

## **New Government, New Education System**

Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro is looking to make major changes to his country's education system. To read more, click [here](#).

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*Students in Mianyang, China, preparing for the gaokao. Photo credit: Credit Image china, via Associated Press*

## CHINA

# Plans to Modernize Education System by 2035

China has issued an early draft of how it plans to modernize its education system over the next 15 years. To read more, click [here](#)

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## EGYPT

# Plans to Construct 8 International Universities by 2020

By 2020, Egypt plans to begin construction of eight international universities in the New Administrative Capital. To read more, click [here](#)

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## GHANA

### Looks at Reducing Degree Programs from 4 to 3 Years



The government of Ghana is considering to reduce the duration of the university bachelor's degree from 4 to 3 years. To read more, click [here](#)

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## IRAN

### Creating Innovation Factories

In an effort to circumvent sanctions that have impeded production and availability of commodities, the country is encouraging start-ups of knowledge-based companies supported by universities and cities. To read more, click [here](#)

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## KENYA & MALAYSIA

### Why Kenyan Students are



## Studying in Malaysia?

By the end of 2018, close to 3,500 Kenyans had completed their PhD, Masters, Diplomas and education foundation program. To find out why Kenyan students are finding Malaysia an attractive study abroad destination, click [here](#).

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### SUDAN

## Government Shuts Down All Universities

Mounting protests against President Omar al-Bashir's government in Sudan have resulted in the government closing all of the country's universities.

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

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## NIGERIA

### Government Cracks Down on Illegal Institutions



The Nigerian government plans to shut down and demolish 68 institutions it considers to be operating illegally without accreditation. To read more, click [here](#).

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*Lodhran public school for transgender persons. Credit: The Express Tribune*

## PAKISTAN

### Pakistan Opens 1st Public School for Transgender Persons

In a bid to promote inclusiveness last year, the School Education Department (SED) in Punjab directed district education authorities to ensure transgender are treated as equals in both government and private schools across the province. To read more, click [here](#).



## RUSSIA & INDIA

### Mutual Recognition of Degrees

Russian and India are moving closer to reaching an agreement where they will mutually recognize degrees. To read more, click [here](#).



## UNITED KINGDOM

### GCSEs: Keep or Scrap



Are the GCSEs pointless? This one former PM thinks so. To read more, click [here](#).

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## Introducing the T-Levels



T-Levels are new technical courses students will soon be able to choose from upon completing their GCSEs. They sit alongside the traditional academic A-Level qualifications and apprenticeships, and will be rolled out next year. To read more, click [here](#).

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## ACEI BLOG

### Detecting Fake University Degrees in a Digital World

How do we maintain credential evaluation standards in a world that is rapidly digitizing? How do we ensure credential integrity? How do we detect fraudulent documents in an age where digital technology is used by hackers and forgers with tech expertise to falsify and issue counterfeit documents, tap into university databases, create degrees and diplomas that appear flawless and authentic? To read more, click [here](#).

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## Fighting Diploma Fraud With Technology



Diploma mills are here to stay as long as there is little or no regulation monitoring them and there is a demand for degrees which do not require classroom or online attendance, exams, research papers or thesis. To read more, click [here](#).

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## Institutional Accreditation: A Standard Under Attack?

Is institutional accreditation important? To read more, click [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events



## Webinars:

*March 21, 2019* “Diploma to Degree: A Global Progression Pathway Made in Scotland”

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