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News Around the world



Omer Azizi (USC Photo/Gus Ruelas)

AFGHANISTAN

A Former Refugee, now a Student Ambassador

As an Afghan refugee who grew up in Pakistan, Omer Azizi understands the refugee experience. That's why one of his first tasks as a USC graduate will be to launch an app for those in refugee camps. To read more, click [here](#).



COLOMBIA

Education Systems & Opportunities

In a recent blog and webinar, ACEI provided an update on the education system of Colombia and opportunities available for student mobility and partnerships. To read more, click [here](#).



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FRANCE

Education Reforms Spark Controversy

Compulsory education from the age of 3 years, teachers' duty to set an example, teacher training – the Blanquer bill covers many aspects of national education, but many are not happy and threatening to protest. To read more, click [here](#).

GREECE

Controversial Degree Shake-Up



Merger of technical institutes into universities could upgrade hundreds of thousands of graduates' degrees. Many educators see a political play. To read more, click [here](#).



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INDIA

UGC & AICTE Discourage Students from Studying in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir

India's higher education regulators asked students across India not to take admission in colleges and universities in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). To read more, click [here](#).

IRAN

University Students Protest the Mandatory Head Scarf Rule



Photo: PTI

Iran's semi-official ISNA news agency says university students have held a campus protest against authorities' increasing pressure on women to wear mandatory headscarves in public. Those who violate the mandatory headscarf rule in Iran are usually sentenced to two months in prison or less and fined around USD 25. To read more, click [here](#).



NIGERIA

English threatens Nigeria's Native Languages

Nigerian middle and upper classes increasingly speak English with their children. Linguists and writers worry about the survival of native languages, especially in the south. To read more, click [here](#).



PAKISTAN

Education Ministry begins Registering Seminaries

As part of the government's campaign to register seminaries across Pakistan, the Ministry for Federal Education and Professional Training has started taking necessary measures to link all seminaries with the ministry. To read more, click [here](#).



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S. KOREA

Virtual Reality Education

VR Education has taken its first steps into the Asian market through an agreement with D'Carrick, a South Korean immersive digital content company. To read more, click [here](#).



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S. KOREA

College-level Classes in Dating

From picking the right partner to coping with breakups, the "Gender and Culture" course at Seoul's Sejong University teaches students the various aspects of dating, love and sex. The class is particularly popular for its dating assignment, in which students are paired with random partners to go on four-hour-long dates. To read more, click [here](#).



U.S.A.

Number of Mexican-educated Students in US Doubles

The fourth-largest group of college-educated immigrants in the U.S. are Mexicans, after immigrants from India, China and the Philippines. To read more, click [here](#)



U.S.A

Jay-Z Partners with IIE and U.S. State Department

The musician and entrepreneur Jay Z, through his Shawn Carter Foundation, has partnered with the Institute of International Education (IIE) and the U.S. State Department's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to students from underserved communities who want to study abroad. The scholarship program is designed to "expand the global experiences and leadership opportunities for underserved students through establishment of full study-abroad scholarships." To read more, click [here](#)



U.S.A. & IRAN

Iranian Students in America: A Fraught Legacy of

Goodwill

In 1949, Diplomats of the two governments signed an agreement in Tehran, Iran, to establish the United States Commission for Cultural Exchange between Iran and the United States. Its purpose was to promote a "wider exchange of knowledge and professional talents through educational contacts," and within 30 years, Iranians outnumbered the second-largest group of international students in the United States by almost three-to-one. That once close relationship has since decayed. To read more, click [here](#)



U.S.A. & IRAN

An Artist's International Student Journey in America

ACEI President & CEO, Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert pays tribute to Iranian artist, Monir Farmanmaian, whose life journey at the height of WWII took her from Tehran University's Faculty of Fine Arts in Iran to Cornell University and Parson's School of Design in NY, where she befriended fellow artists like Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol, to name a few. To read more, click [here](#)

Upcoming Events



NAFSA: Association of International Educators, National Conference, May 26–31, 2019, Washington DC

GlobalMindEd, Denver, CO, June 5–7, 2019

AACRAO Summer Institute, June 15–19, 2019, Arlington, VA

NACAC, September 26–28, 2019, Louisville, KY

European Association of International Educators (EAIE), Annual Conference, September 24–27, 2019, Helsinki, Finland

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