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Upcoming Webinars

International Universities: Getting a clear perspective where boundaries are blurred

Presenter: Andrew Popelka

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Time: 10am – 11am PDT

Link to Register: <https://madmimi.com/s/e151981>



Micro-credentials – new concept or just a re-invention?

Presenter: Alistair Bell Wylie

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Time: 10am – 11am PDT

Link to Register: <https://madmimi.com/s/816ba81>



Global Education Journey: Navigating Your Path to Success

SESSION ONE: Finding the Right Fit University

SESSION TWO: Applying to Colleges and Universities in the US

SESSION THREE: Financial Aid for International Students

Presenter: Dmitry Satsuk

Date: Wednesday, April 10, April 17, April 24, 2024

Time: 10am – 11am PDT

Link to Register: <https://madmimi.com/s/0e81a81>



Higher education in the UAE – an evolving journey

Presenter: BWC Bell-Wylie Consulting

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Time: 10am – 11am PDT

Link to Register: <https://madmimi.com/s/ba6ba81>



The education system of Scotland

Presenter: Alistair Bell Wylie

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Time: 10am – 11am PDT

Link to Register: <https://madmimi.com/s/9c6ba81>



Conferences 2024

NAFSA Region XII Northern CA District Spring 2024 Conference

Santa Clara, CA

March 11, 2024

For more information, click [here](#).



21st Washington International Education Conference

Washington, D.C.

March 28th & 29th, 2024

For more information, click [here](#).



AACRAO Annual Meeting

Columbus, OH

April 7-10, 2024

For more information, click [here](#).



NAGAP Annual Conference

Louisville, KY

April 24-27, 2024

For more information, click [here](#).



NAFSA Annual Conference & Expo

**New Orleans , LA
May 28 - 31, 2024**

For more information, click [here](#).



GDN Annual Meeting

**San Diego, CA
October 7-9, 2024**

For more information, click [here](#).



NAFSA Region XII Conference

**Orange County, CA
October 17 - 20, 2024**

For more information, click [here](#).



TAICEP Annual Conference

**October 28-31, 2024
Quebec, Canada**

For more information, click [here](#).



TACRAO Annual Conference

San Marcos, TX
November 10-13, 2024

For more information, click [here](#).



Education News From Around the Globe



BANGLADESH

Minister urges public universities to monitor govt colleges

The Education Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury urged public universities to assume the responsibility of academic monitoring by affiliating with government colleges in their respective districts. To read more, click [here](#).



INDIA

UGC warns universities: MPhil no longer a recognized degree

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has warned universities against offering Master of Philosophy programs to new students. The degree is no longer recognized by the UGC. To read more, click [here](#).

Gujarat students grapple with deportation challenges

The January intake for US universities is underway, but many students from Gujarat face challenges in obtaining visas. For those who have encountered visa rejections in their initial attempt, an alternative trend is emerging – they are trying to secure visas from countries like Indonesia, Thailand, Doha, and Qatar as a workaround to reach the US in time for their academic. To read more, click [here](#).



IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

Surging costs of releasing academic degrees sparks outcry In Iran

To curb increasing Iranian emigration, the Islamic Republic now withholds university degrees until substantial payments are made. To read more, click [here](#).

Clerics taking over Iranian schools with hardliner support

Recruitment of clerics as teachers and new legislation allowing mosques to run private schools has fueled concerns about the future of Iran's educational system. In a statement published on its Telegram channel on January 18, the Coordination Council of Iranian Teachers' Unions strongly criticized the employment of clerics as teachers by the education ministry. To read more, click [here](#).

ISRAEL

8 Haifa University students suspended for incitement have punishment repealed

Eight Arab Israeli students at the University of Haifa who were suspended last week for post-October 7 social media comments that were seen as expressing support for Hamas have had their suspension repealed. To read more, click [here](#).





PALESTINE-ISRAEL

All universities, schools, and libraries in Gaza have been destroyed

Gaza's last standing university has been destroyed by the Israeli army as military continued to strike targets in areas of the besieged territory where it has told civilians to seek refuge. To read more, click [here](#).

KENYA

University entry requirements to change as Ministry adopts new KCSE grading system

Students waiting to join Universities, TVET institutions and colleges will now be subjected to a new procedures to pursue courses of their choices after the Ministry of Education introduced a new grading system. To read more, click [here](#).



NIGERIA

Nigeria launches crackdown on fake degrees

The Nigerian government has set up an interministerial committee to investigate fake academic degrees. The move comes after Nigeria banned degree certificates from 18 foreign universities. To read more, click [here](#).



USA

What should the university presidents have told Congress?

On 5 December, the presidents of three of the most prestigious institutions in the United States – Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Pennsylvania – testified before the United States Congress about their universities’ response to the conflict in Palestine and Israel, and about whether calls by students for the genocide of Jews would constitute harassment under their universities’ codes of conduct. Their responses were universally panned. In this article, William Tierney offers a possible response. To read more, click [here](#).

Public universities in US seek innovative ways to teach humanities as interest wanes

As state universities across the nation face budget troubles, declining enrollments and pressure to cut humanities courses and majors that have few students, some university systems are searching for innovative ways to restructure majors or entire universities. To read more, click [here](#).

Elon Musk plans to open a new university in Austin, TX

The Tesla CEO and Texas resident’s charitable foundation filed an application to create the new school “dedicated to education at the highest levels.” To read more, click [here](#).

The First 3-Year US Bachelor’s Degree Programs Win

BYU-Idaho and Ensign College will launch truncated bachelor’s degree programs next spring after getting the go-ahead from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. To learn more, click [here](#).

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 for information.

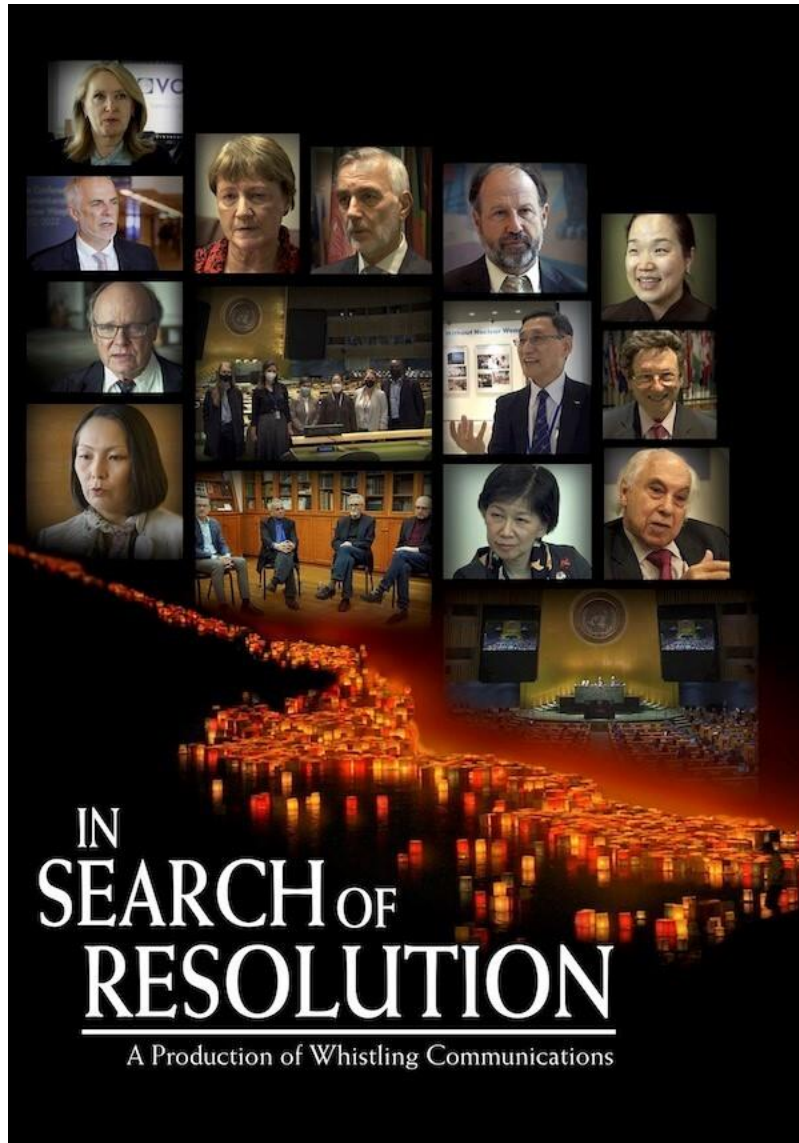


Manufacturing Chaos offers a survey on the recent rise of disinformation from a global perspective, looking at how changes in the way we receive information and connect with one another have influenced such events as Brexit, COVID-19, the 2016 election, Qanon, "deepfakes" and artificial intelligence, and more.

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The United States is experiencing a surge in hate crimes as a tide of white supremacy gathers momentum nationwide with Muslim and Jewish communities particularly at risk. *Stranger/Sister* is the story of two ordinary women, one Muslim and one Jewish, who dare to believe they can join hands to stop the wave of hate. To learn more, click [here](#).



In Search of Resolution also details the workings of the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference held at the UN in 2022, and the intense debate between nations against the backdrop of the conflict in Ukraine, offering a rare and unique insight into the diplomatic underpinnings of de-nuclearization. The thoughts and ideas presented in this documentary are meant to stir anyone watching so as to understand the immense challenges humanity faces in the 21st century. To learn more, click [here](#).

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