

## Higher education in Russia Part II: Since the war began, 23 June 2022



00:50:02 Vladislav Popov: Russian universities become more isolated from Europe and North America. The question is, how strong was the co-dependence between, for example, Oxford and Moscow State University? The second question is: What happens to Chinese and Indian universities? Do they want to cut any connections with Russian universities?

00:52:44 Dmytro Chumachenko: We only see the first slide.

00:56:17 Simon Marginson: time to consider your questions and statements for our speakers to consider  
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00:58:16 Svetlana Shenderova: I would like to put a question to Professor Marginson.

Putin's administration supervise and distribute funding within the Higher School of Economics Moscow for more than a decade. The Rector signed the letter endorsing the war. Your name disappeared from the website of Higher School of Economics, that seemed like you stopped your affiliation there. However, the other academics from abroad saved their affiliations with this university.

My question is, why do you continue cooperating with them during announced academic boycott?

00:58:37 Pola Lem: Thanks both! A question: Igor noted that we need to distinguish between institutional collaboration and individual ties - but as we know, in practice that can be quite difficult. He also mentioned that Russian students hoping to study abroad need to have the means to go abroad to even apply for a credit card. How can western universities support these students? What are some practical steps they can take?

00:58:53 Dmytro Chumachenko: It can be seen from the presentations that the majority of the academic community opposes the war. However, many open letters and statements support the war, not only from rectors but also from students, teachers, and scientists. What actions, in your opinion, can be taken to increase the critical thinking of the academic community in Russia?

00:59:09 Vladislav Popov: Russia's leading universities are public universities. Despite operating in a market environment, they are deeply dependent on state funding. The rector of any university can easily be dismissed if he or she does not support state actions. What are the ways of expressing an independent position in the current circumstances?

01:02:02 Georgiana Mihut: Acknowledging the incertanty of the war, I am thinking about the reconciliation and reconstruction work that will need to take place in Russia after the war. Is there anything the international community should be doing in preparation for the post-war phase?

01:04:31 Dmytro Chumachenko: In response to the war in Ukraine, many countries offer programs to support scientists affected by the war in Ukraine. Furthermore, some of these programs accept applications from Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus citizens. Is it fair to put victims from Ukraine, Russians, and Belarusians in the same row?

01:09:44 CGHE Webinars: Thank you for joining us today. A recording of this session will be on the CGHE site tomorrow morning: <https://www.researchcghe.org/events/cghe-seminar/higher-education-in-russia-part-ii-since-the-war-began/>

01:11:07 CGHE Webinars: Our next webinar, 'Microcredentials: New phase and face of higher education?', will be on Tuesday. You can register here: <https://www.researchcghe.org/events/cghe-seminar/microcredentials-new-phase-and-face-of-higher-education/>