

'Higher education and knowledge in Latin America past, present and future' series – webinar 1: Political economy of higher education reforms in Latin America, 30 June 2022



00:26:25 Jorge Enrique Delgado: Good morning. Jorge Delgado here joining from the University of Pittsburgh and the Comparative and International Education Society--CIES. It's great to see the CGHE hosting webinars on Latin America! :)

00:26:48 carmela chavez: Jorge! Un gusto saludarte. Carmela desde Perú.

00:27:02 Carolina Guzman Valenzuela: I agree Jorge. Hi carmela!!

00:27:19 Jorge Enrique Delgado: Hola Carmela, cuanto tiempo!

00:28:10 carmela chavez: Carolina, Jorge, un gusto reencontrarlos :)

00:30:22 Vickie Crockett: I have been engaging in partner research with several educators in Brasil and they have shared similar challenges in higher education there.

00:30:45 Adriana Marroquin: Hola Jorge! I share your feelings/thoughts about this seminar series. I think it can help as all better understand the world, and (hopefully) positively impact the ways in which we work together across cultures.

00:31:57 Carolina Guzman Valenzuela: Hi Vickie, yes, it has been an issue in Chile as well, unfortunately

00:32:57 Vickie Crockett: @Adriana Agreed! My research is based on the fundamentals of cultural responsiveness and decolonization of educational curricula and partnerships across borders is essential!

00:35:04 Vickie Crockett: @Carolina As quiet as it is kept here in the US where I live, there are increasing cases of for-profit "private" universities here that fail to deliver positive student outcomes. Or being properly accredited. Many of them have been sued.

00:39:11 Simon Marginson: Latin America is a huge and important region, very rich in scholarship, and different countries have dynamic university traditions. The region also has very strong student movements from time to time. If CGHE did not have a webinar series on higher education in the region, something would be wrong with CGHE. We have covered Europe, Russia, USA, East Asia, Australia and India in the past. Our next regional series is likely to be higher education in Africa, in late 2022. We are conscious that we need to have more webinar discussion also in relation to SE Asia, Central Asia, and the Arabic speaking world.

00:41:02 Carolina Guzman Valenzuela: Hi all, you are invited to put your questions/comments/reflections in the chat

00:42:59 Isabel Montes: Saludos desde Colombia! I am impressed with the low quality of for-profit universities, this kind of universities should be forbidden

00:44:30 Jorge Enrique Delgado: Multi-campus higher education institutions such as those for-profit ones existing in Peru are spread out throughout the country. They are similar to non-for-profit universities in Colombia (Antonio Narino, Cooperativa, San Martin, Minuto de Dios, etc.), though there are no for-profit HEIs by law. They have the important role of making higher education more accessible. However, they struggle with quality and the extent their "profit" focus can interfere with their mission. The only exemption is Minuto de Dios University in Colombia that belongs to a Catholic community and their mission is social inclusion. What do the presenters think about that contradiction access vs. quality?

00:49:13 Gabriella Hizume: Buen día. I was wondering if Sunedu is linked to the Arcu-Sur System (Sistema de Acreditación del Mercosur).

00:49:15 David Mills: This is fascinating - thanks. It seems to be about the future of a statutory HE commission, such as Sunedu, in accrediting and registering universities. How is the situation in other Latin American countries?

00:50:31 JB Meyer: Thx Martin and Carolina! Is sustainability and sustainability sciences an issue in Peru and more generally in LA higher edu policy ?

00:51:33 Isabel Montes: I am not sure if Rankings is the best point of comparison. They introduce some indicators that are reproducing those universities that have privilege conditions and this is not connected with Latin American aspects, what do you think?

00:54:05 William Machaca: Hi everyone, thank you Martin and Carolina. What is the role that students have had in the analysis of the regulatory impact that the reform has made?

00:54:11 Jorge Enrique Delgado: One of the challenges is the political clout the "owners" of this type of institutions have in the countries, often being members of the countries' congresses or having representatives."

00:58:25 Qiulin MAI, RUC China: Hi this is Mai, from Renmin University of China (RUC), and now serve for a cooperation between RUC and UCR Costa Rica. I am very interested in the Higher Education in Latin American and the Caribbean region. I would like to know the perspectives of the university faculty and students about the two models?

01:02:25 Ali Alrubian: Can we make the same standard in capital and other cities?

01:02:27 Adriana Marroquin: How do you think the recent (COVID related) influx of technology (digitalization) in Higher Education is impacting the quality (and perhaps EDI issues) of the private Universities in Peru?

01:05:50 Ali Alrubian: in some cases the aim is to promote the higher education rather the strict regulation, how does it come?

01:10:35 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-and-knowledge-in-latin-america-past-present-and-future-series-webinar-1-political-economy-of-higher-education-reforms-in-latin-america/>

01:12:00 CGHE Webinars: The second webinar in this special series, 'The World Class University, regional responses and academic careers in Latin America', will take place on Tuesday. You can register here: <https://www.researchcghe.org/events/cghe-seminar/higher-education-and-knowledge-in-latin-america-past-present-and-future-series-webinar-2-the-world-class-university-regional-responses-and-academic-careers-in-latin-america/>

01:15:40 Jorge Enrique Delgado: Excellent webinar. Thank you very much!

01:15:41 Victorița Trif: Thank you!

01:15:45 Adriana Marroquin: Thank you! I will be there :)

01:15:48 Ellisa Costigane: Thank you very much!

01:16:01 William Machaca: Thank you!

01:16:10 Ali Alrubian: Thank you a lot

01:16:10 Adriana Marroquin: I work with Prof Ruth Hayhoe at OISE and love this series!

01:16:15 JB Meyer: Thx again, hasta luego

01:16:16 carmela chavez: Thank you very much, very nice discussion

01:16:16 Qiulin MAI, RUC China: thank you very much