

## Course Description

### MEDD8918 Contemporary Issues in Higher Education

Course description			
<p>This course provides knowledge of contemporary issues in higher education. It will include massification, access and equity, privatisation and financing, higher vocational education, quality assurance, affirmative action, knowledge innovation, university ranking, internationalization, and automation and artificial intelligence (AI) in higher education. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical basis for critical issues facing higher education in a changing society and economy.</p> <p><b>Coursework / Examination ratio:</b> <u>100</u> % Coursework, <u>0</u> % Examination</p>			
Course objectives			
<p>This course aims to gain the theoretical perspectives to understand the current critical issues in higher education, analyze the current issues and different practices across higher education systems.</p>			
Course learning outcomes			Aligned programme learning outcomes (PLOs)
1. Identify current critical issues in higher education in macro-, meso-, and micro levels			PLOs 1, 2, 3
2. Understand theoretical lens in explaining the current issues in higher education			PLOs 1, 2, 3
3. Analyze the current issues and different practices across higher education systems			PLOs 1, 2, 3
Course assessment methods			
Assessment method	Type of assessment (e.g. description of assignment)	Weighting (%)	Aligned course learning outcome(s)
Individual analyses and collaborative discussions in class	Individual & Group	30	CLOs 1, 2, 3
Group presentation	Group	20	CLOs 1, 2, 3
Final essay	Individual	50	CLOs 1, 2, 3
Course content and topics			
<p>Massification, access and equity, affirmative action                      Employment and labour market for higher education graduates                      Privatisation and financing                      Higher education system and higher vocational education                      Quality assurance                      Knowledge innovation, university ranking                      Internationalization                      Automation and artificial intelligence (AI) in higher education</p>			
Required / recommended readings and online materials			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clark, B. R. (1986). <i>The higher education system: Academic organization in cross-national perspective</i>. University of California Press.</li> <li>• Teichler, U. (2007). <i>Higher Education Systems</i>. Brill.</li> <li>• Aarrevaara, T., Finkelstein, M., Jones, G., &amp; Jung, J. (2021) (eds.). <i>Universities in the knowledge society: The Nexus of National Systems of Innovation and Higher Education</i>. Springer.</li> </ul>			
Other additional course information			
<p><u>Impermissible</u>: MEDD6347 Comparative Higher Education Policy Studies</p>			