

GUNI

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# Origins



**GUNI** was created after the first World Conference on Higher Education in 1999 by **UNESCO**, the **United Nations University** and the **Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya**, where the Secretariat is based.

# Mission



**Strengthen higher education's role in society through the reform and innovation of higher education policies under a vision of public service, relevance and social responsibility.**

# Main objectives

- Help bridge the gap between developed and developing countries in the field of higher education.
- Foster networking among higher education institutions and cooperation between them and society.
- Promote the exchange of resources, innovative ideas and experiences to facilitate higher education's role for social transformation.

# GUNI Network



**179 members in 67 countries**, which include:

- UNESCO Chairs in HE
- HE institutions
- HE research centres
- HE Networks
- NGOs related to HE

## Institutional Membership of the GUNI Network



Circles proportionally sized according to the number of members by country.

# GUNI's activities



- Report **Higher Education in the World**
- **International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education**
- **Universities and Social Commitment Observatory**
- **Communication and Networking**
- **Research** activity

# Higher Education in the World Report

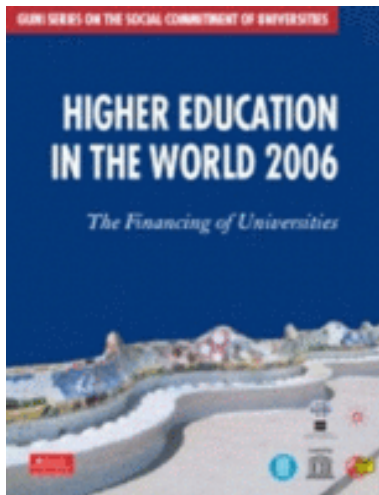


The Report is a **collective work** published as part of the GUNI *Series on the Social Commitment of Universities*.

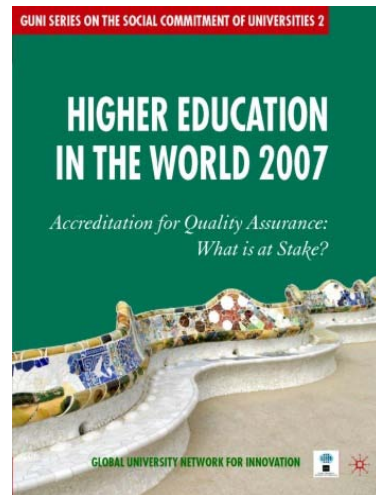
It is the result of a **global and regional analysis** of higher education in the world. The Report reflects on the **key issues and challenges** facing higher education and its institutions in the 21st century.



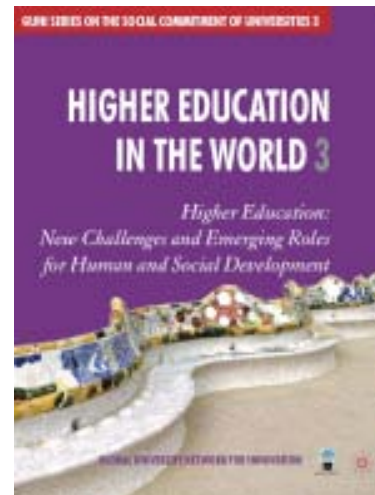
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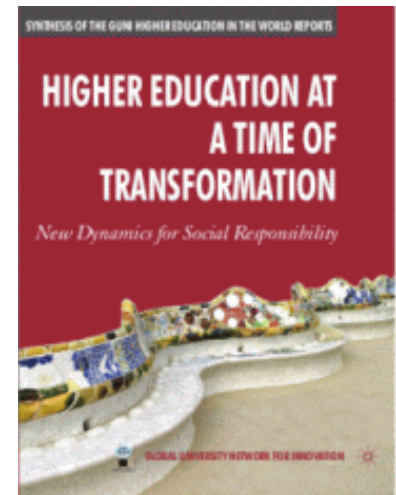
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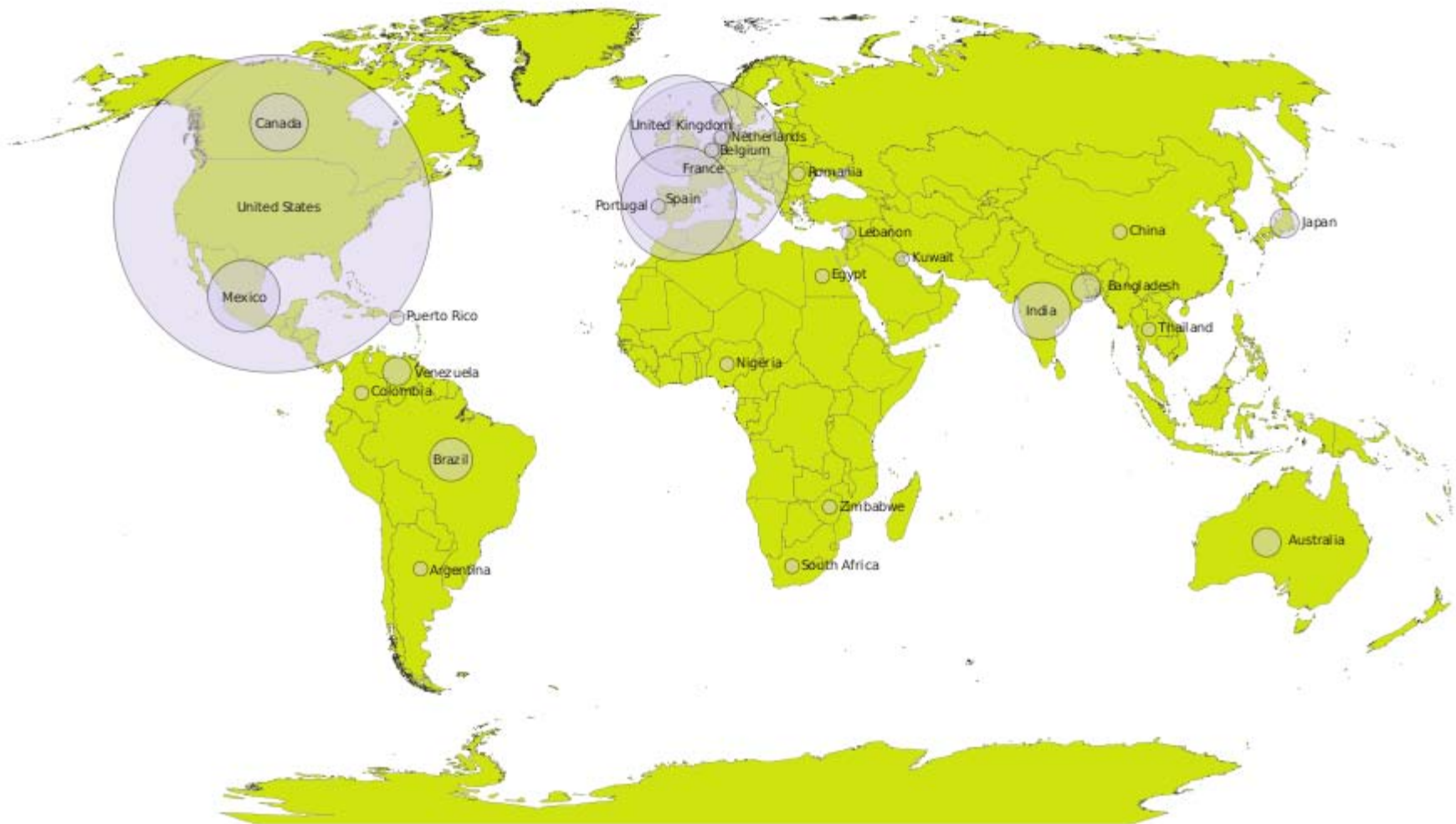


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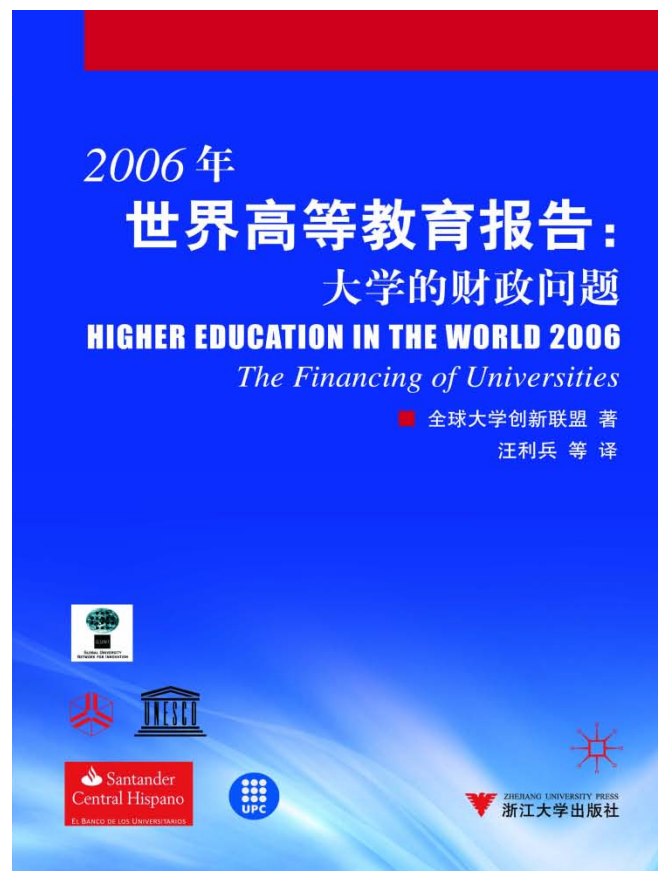
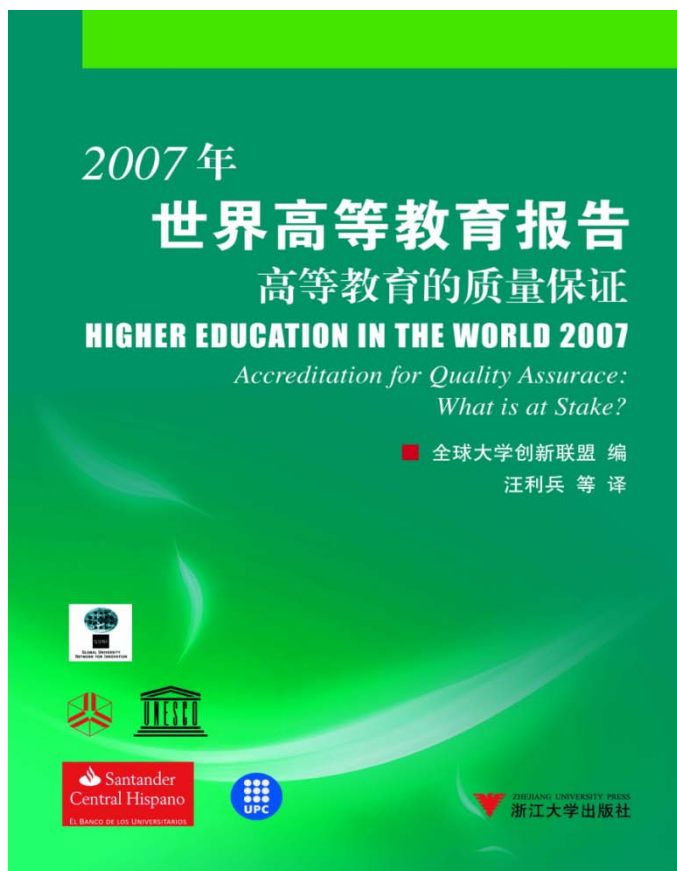
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# Higher Education in the World Report



# International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education



A **forum for international debate** dealing with key questions of HE policy and university innovation.

Brings together **experts, researchers, university leaders, administrators and policy-makers.**



31<sup>st</sup> International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education  
Technical University of Catalonia - 31 March - 2 April 2008

# Universities and Social Commitment Observatory



**Identify, disseminate and foster good practices in university social commitment** all over the world.

**100 good practices from 43 countries.**

Become a **resource centre** for higher education innovation.



## University and Social Commitment Observatory Good Practices



Circles proportionally sized according to the number of good practices by country.

# Research projects

- **3 Delphi studies**
- Study of **Tertiary Education in Spain**
  - Commissioned by the Ministry of Science and Education.
  - Presented to OECD.
- Study on the **Higher Education needs in Latin America**
  - Commissioned by the Carolina Foundation.
- **Higher Education Challenges and Trends**
  - Commissioned by UPC
  - Background paper for the project UPC Visió 2020.

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