

### **Multi-dimensional Mapping and Ranking**

New higher education transparency tools

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- The concept of diversity
  - Vertical and horizontal diversity
  - And how traditional rankings ignore it
- Mapping horizontal diversity: U-Map
- Further concepts: process and performance
- Multi-dimensional, user-defined ranking: U-Multirank

### **Diversity in Higher Education Systems**

- Institutional and programme diversity
- Horizontal and vertical diversity

### Why is diversity needed?

- Offers better access to a wider variety of students
- Provides more social mobility through multiple modes of entry and forms of transfer
- Better meets the diverse needs of the labor market
- Is a condition for regional specialisation
- Serves the political needs of larger number of interest groups (social stability)
- Increases the effectiveness of higher education institutions (institutional specialisation)
- Offers opportunities for experimentation

# **Diversity: vertical**



# **Diversity: horizontal**



# The rise of global rankings

- Academic Ranking of World Class Universities (ARWU)
   Shanghai Jiaotong University, since 2003
- *Times Higher Education Supplement World Rankings* (THE) Times Higher Education, since 2004
- Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan Ranking (HEEACT), since 2007
- The Leiden Ranking (LR) Leiden University, since 2008

# Critique of existing rankings

- Focus on 'whole institutions' (ignoring internal variance)
- Concentrate on 'traditional' research productivity and impact
- Focus on 'comprehensive research universities'
- Aggregate performance into composite overall indicators
- Use constructed 'league table'
- Imply cultural and language biases
- Imply bias against humanities and social sciences

### **Conceptual approach**

- One common ranking of all higher education and research institutions worldwide does not make sense for any group of stakeholders
- Identify institutions that are *comparable*
- Use the *U-Map classification* tool to find comparable *'institutional profiles'*
- Apply ranking instrument to sets of comparable institutions or fields

# **Functions of Classifications**

- Transparency tool (various stakeholders)
- Instrument for institutional strategies (mission, profile)
- Base for governmental policies
- Tool for research
- Instrument for better ranking

# **US** Carnegie Classification

- Initial objective (1973): improve higher education research
- Over time several adaptations: 1976, 1994, 2000, 2006
- Labels and categories
- Impacts on higher education system dynamics
- Multi-dimensional approach (2006)

# **European Classification: U-Map**

- Recently designed
- Interactive design process: stakeholders approach
- Basic design principles (see next slide)
- Tested on validity, reliability, feasibility
- Available online: database 336 universities; viewable 76 universities
- See: www.u-map.org

# **Design Principles**

U-Map is:

- based on empirical data
- based on a multi-actor and multi-dimensional perspective
- non-hierarchical
- relevant for all higher education institutions in Europe
- descriptive, not prescriptive
- based on reliable and verifiable data
- parsimonious regarding extra data collection

### **U-Map dimensions**

- 1. Teaching and learning profile
- 2. Student profile
- 3. Research involvement
- 4. Knowledge exchange
- 5. International orientation
- 6. Regional engagement

## **Institutional Profiles**

- Sets of 'scores' on the dimensions and indicators
- Actual institutional activities, not performance
- Full or partial institutional profiles
- Information for external stakeholders
- Instrument for strategic institutional management
- Base for benchmarking, for inter-institutional cooperation, for effective communication and profiling





- Scope: knowledge areas
- Orientation: professional to academic
- Mission: education, research, 3<sup>rd</sup> mission





### Three things on U-Multirank



One Distinguishing features of U-Multirank

### Two Overview of the U-Multirank web tool for comparing university performances

#### Three

Some first findings from U-Multirank 2014 and its future development



#### **Teaching and Learning**

		Institutional ranking	Field-based ranking
• Stu	dent-staff-ratio		•
• Gra	aduation rate (BA and - separately - MA)	•	•
• Per	centage of academic staff with PhD		•
	centage of students graduating within mative period (BA and –separately - MA)	•	•
• Rat	e of graduate employment	•	•
	lusion of work experience in degree ogramme		•

#### **Teaching and Learning – Student Satisfaction Indicators**

	Institutional ranking	Field-based ranking
Overall learning experience		•
Quality of courses & teaching		•
Organisation of the programme		•
Contact to teachers		•
Social climate		•
• Facilities (libraries, laboratories, rooms, IT)		•
Research orientation of teaching /programme		•
Inclusion of work experience /practical elements		•

#### Research

		Institutional ranking	Field-based ranking
•	External research income (per FTE academic staff)	•	•
•	Doctorate productivity		•
•	Total research publication output (per FTE academic staff)*	•	•
•	Art related output	•	
•	Field-normalised citation rate*	•	•
•	Highly cited research publications *	•	•
•	Interdisciplinary research publications*	•	•
•	Research orientation of teaching (student survey)		•
•	Number of post-doc positions	•	

#### **Knowledge Transfer**

		Institutional ranking	Field-based ranking
•	Income from private sources (service contracts, consultancies, licenses, royalties, trials, etc.)	•	•
•	Joint research publications with industry*	•	•
•	Patents (per fte academic staff)	•	•
•	Co-patents with industry (per fte academic staff)	•	•
•	Number of spin-offs (average over three year period)	•	
•	Patent citations to research publications*	•	•
•	Revenues from Continuous Professional Development	•	

#### **International Orientation**

		Institutional ranking	Field-based ranking
<ul> <li>Educational programmes (BA/MA language</li> </ul>	) in foreign	٠	
• International orientation of degree	e programmes		•
• Opportunities to study abroad (st	udent survey)		•
• Student mobility (composite of in	coming,		•
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• Percentage of PhDs awarded to fe	oreign students	•	•
• International joint research publi	cations*	•	•
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#### **Regional Engagement**

		Institutional ranking	Field-based ranking
•	Percentage of graduates working in the region	٠	٠
•	Student internships in regional enterprises	•	•
•	Degree theses in cooperation with regional industry		•
•	Regional joint research publications*	•	•
•	Income from regional sources	•	•





#### U-Multirank 2014 is the most comprehensive international data comparison in higher education







#### Welcome to U-Multirank



#### Overview of the web-tool

- An example of an interactive user-driven (student) field-based ranking in business studies
- Comparing 'like with like' universities
- The U-Multirank "readymade" rankings





is a new way for anyone to

compare universities from all around the world -

matching like with like,

allowing you to see what they're best at.

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For students	Compare	At a glance

#### **U-Multirank**

offers easy-to-use tools to

compare profiles of universities based on data

gathered through a huge international research project over several years

and involving teams of experts from around the globe.

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For students

Create your own ranking of

the universities that match what matters to you

including what you want to study,

where in the world and other key features.

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## For students: Fields and universities



#### Find universities that match what you want

U-Multirank can help you find universities that meet your needs and compare them. Use the following steps to filter out universities that don't match with what you want.

#### 1 What are you interested in?

Select a subject area or choose to compare universities by looking at the whole institution.





### For students: field = business



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# For students:

Ordered by an indicator: overall Multidimensional range student experience

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#### Or rank by across-theboard top scores tidimensional ranking

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## Ranking order: Top scores = 'Medal table'



## Compare like with like

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For students Compare At a glance Readymade



Compare similar universities or start with a university to compare

or

U-Multirank helps you compare universities with each other on a like-with-like basis. Use this page to say what universities or what kind of university you're interested in. We'll help you make useful comparisons.

#### What do you want to compare?

Create your own rankings. Start by choosing one of the options below.

Compare like with like

Compare a university

Compare similar universities by defining the kind of universities you're interested in.

Select a particular university and compare it with similar ones.

## Compare like with like: Type of university



## Compare like with like: Ranking by indicator or 'top scores'

Bachelor graduation rate	Masters graduation rate	Graduating on time (Bachelors)	Graduating on time (Masters)	Citation rate	Research publications (size normalised)	External research income	Co- publications with industrial partners	Income from private sources	Patents awarded (size- normalised)	Publications cited in patents
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## Focus on a single university: 'Sun-burst' graph



## Readymade rankings



For students Compare At a glance Readymade

#### Select one of the readymade rankings

For your convenience, we've created a selection of rankings by choosing the settings for you to allow you to see which universities are performing best in different areas.

#### 1 What readymade ranking do you want to see?

Select one of the readymade rankings.

Research and Research Linkages Ranking

Economic Involvement Ranking

**Business Studies Programmes Ranking** 

## Readymade 1: Research and research linkages

Personalise this ranking		Research				Knowledge Transfer	International Orientation	Regional Engagement
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## Readymade 2: Economic involvement

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Show values		Co- publications with industrial partners	Income from private sources	Patents awarded (absolute numbers)	Industry co- patents	Spin-offs	Publications cited in patents	Income from continuous professional development	Bachelor graduates working in the region	Master graduates working in the region	Student internships in the region	Regional join publications
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## Readymade 3: Business study programmes

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Show values		Graduating on time (masters)	Academic staff with doctorates	work	Overall learning experience		Contact with teachers	International orientation of master programmes	Opportunities to study abroad
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### Findings: U-Multirank shows a wide distribution of "A" scores



Very few univs.	"A" scores per univ.	% of univs.	
with no "A" scores	0	2.4%	Many univs. have
	1 to 5	46.5%	specific strengths
No univ. has	5 to 10	41.3%	Around 100 unive
"across the board"	11 to 15	10.3%	Around 100 univs. have a wide range
"A" scores	16 to 21	1.9%	(>10) of "A" scores

On individual indicators performance differences between univs. are clearly visible 300 univs. were not yet visible in global rankings. Of these, 30 have more than 10 "A" scores Different universities show top performances in different indicators



80 universities from the total sample of 879 achieved *a score in the top five* on at least one of the 30 indicators.

8 of these 80 universities achieved *a score in the top five* on three or more indicators (the highest is one university with six such scores)

4 of these 8 universities have not been visible before in global rankings An Austrian University of Applied Science A private US Christian University A private German Business School A French Management Grande École

#### Analyses by indicator reveal information about the state of higher education





- "Interdisciplinary publications" is a new bibliometric indicator introduced within U-Multirank
- Almost 90% of universities have scores in a fairly narrow band of around 7% to 11% of their total publication output being interdisciplinary
- Only 17 universities perform better than this general pattern. None of the top five scorers on this indicator appear in other global rankings.

#### Analyses by indicator reveal information about the state of higher education





- In U-Multirank students are able to assess the "Overall Learning Experience" of study programmes
- An analysis of this indicator shows that 27% of the programmes in Business Studies are assessed as offering a "top-level experience"
- These programmes are being offered by different types of universities (research universities, business schools, universities of technology and universities of applied science) from 28 different countries





- U-Multirank demonstrates for the first time the diversity of university profiles in the international context.
- The findings indicate that it is not possible to meaningfully identify "the world's top 100 or 200 universities overall".
- Instead, U-Multirank is a flexible learning tool where students, parents, academics, policy-makers, administrators, etc., can find information to support decision-making

### U-Multirank 2014 was only the first step



2015 registrations are no longer open More universities will participate in 2015 and beyond Psychology, computer science and medicine will be added as new subject fields in 2015

#### to be continued...

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