

Learning from comparative analysis: higher education in a global perspective

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Following a short introduction, this session will be divided into three parts.

Part I: An analytic introduction to comparative research.

Part II: Some illustrations from recent projects.

Part III: Overview of the major social and economic factors shaping universities and other institutions of higher education in Europe- illustrating general trends by reference to the case of doctoral studies.

Students are invited to think in advance about an example from their own experience where learning from another country (or another region of their own country) has led them to reflect and question something they may previously have taken as the norm ('taken for granted').