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## NEWS OF THE CENTER

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The Center's new Master's Program in International Higher Education has been officially approved by Boston College, and we are currently receiving applications for the first iteration of the program, to begin in September 2016. Full information on the program and application instructions can be accessed here: <http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/academics/departments/eahe/graduate/maihe>

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has recently approved a two-year extension of its grant support for coverage of African higher education in *IHE*, as well as for the work of the International Network for Higher Education in Africa (INHEA), which is based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, under the direction of Damtew Teferra. We are exceedingly grateful for the ongoing generosity of the Carnegie Corporation in this area.

*IHE* is now published in Vietnamese, thanks to a new collaboration with FPT University in Vietnam. The version in Portuguese is produced by SEMESP in Brazil.

In February, CIHE director, Hans de Wit, and associate director, Laura E. Rumbley, were active presenters at the AIEA 2016 annual conference in Montreal, Canada. CIHE also actively supported the March 4, 2016 conference in Barranquilla, Colombia on "Dialogues on Latin American Higher Education," organized by Reisberg & Associates and Universidad del Norte. Hans de Wit and CIHE Research Fellow Liz Reisberg played key roles in the organization and delivery of this event.

CIHE is currently involved in a World Bank-sponsored project comparing seven national higher education systems across four main dimensions. This work may serve as a framework for future analyses of higher education systems by the Bank. Hans de Wit has also been involved in recent World Bank discussions on key developments in Latin American higher education, which took place in Bogotá, Colombia in March.

Since the start of the new year, CIHE has hosted four new visiting scholars: Ignacio Irrarrazaval, of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile; Aisling Tiernan, of Kings College London; Corinne Bossé, of Maastricht University; and Douglas Proctor, of the University of Melbourne.

Philip G. Altbach, CIHE founding director, has just released a new book, *Global Perspectives on Higher Education* (John Hopkins University Press). Philip G. Altbach and Hans de Wit will speak at a conference at the University of Guadalajara, and then at CINVESTAV in Mexico City, in May CIHE associate director, Laura E. Rumbley (co-authoring with Fiona Hunter), has just had a chapter published in *International Higher Education's Scholar-Practitioners* (Symposium Books), edited by Bernhard Streitwieser and Anthony Ogden, for which Hans de Wit has written the foreword.

This spring, CIHE plans to launch a new report series, *CIHE Perspectives*. The first number in this series will be titled "Sage Advice: International Advisory Councils at Tertiary Education Institutions," and is based on a World Bank-sponsored project undertaken by CIHE.

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## NEW CENTER BOOKS PUBLISHED

The first part of 2016 sees the publication of several books written or edited by Center faculty members. These books reflect the research foci of our staff and of the Center for International Higher Education. They are an indication of the scope of our work.

- Philip G. Altbach. *Global Perspectives on Higher Education* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016), 330 pp. \$34.95 (pb). Featuring 18 essays on all aspects of international higher education, including mass higher education, internationalization, the role of the BRICs, rankings and globalization, research universities, the western impact on Asia, and others.

- Michael N. Bastedo, Philip G. Altbach, and Patricia J. Gumpert, eds. *American Higher Education in the Twenty-First Century: Social, Political, and Economic Challenges*. Fourth edition, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016), 546 pp. \$32.95 (pb). The standard textbook in most graduate courses on American higher education, the fourth and extensively revised edition features a comprehensive analysis of the complex role of American higher education in contemporary society.

- Maria Yudkevich, Philip G. Altbach, and Laura E. Rumbley, eds. *The Global Rankings Game: Changing Institutional Policy, Practice, and Academic Life*. New York: Routledge, 2016. 298 pp. \$52.95 (pb). A detailed examination and critique of global academic rankings, with a special focus on how the rankings influence specific countries and academic institutions. Among the countries analyzed are Russia, Netherlands, United States, Australia, China Malaysia, and several others. This combination of international, national, and institutional analysis provides a unique perspective on the controversial theme of university rankings.

- Elspeth Jones, Robert Coelen, Jos Beelen, and Hans de Wit, eds. *Global and Local Internationalization*. Rotterdam, Netherlands: Sense Publishers, 2016. 183 pp. \$54 (pb). Higher education internationalization is an increasingly complex phenomenon in the contemporary world. This volume provides a multifaceted perspective on internationalization. Of special concern is the impact of internationalization on universities. Among the themes discussed are employability and internationalization, curricular issues, changing patterns and developments, and others.