



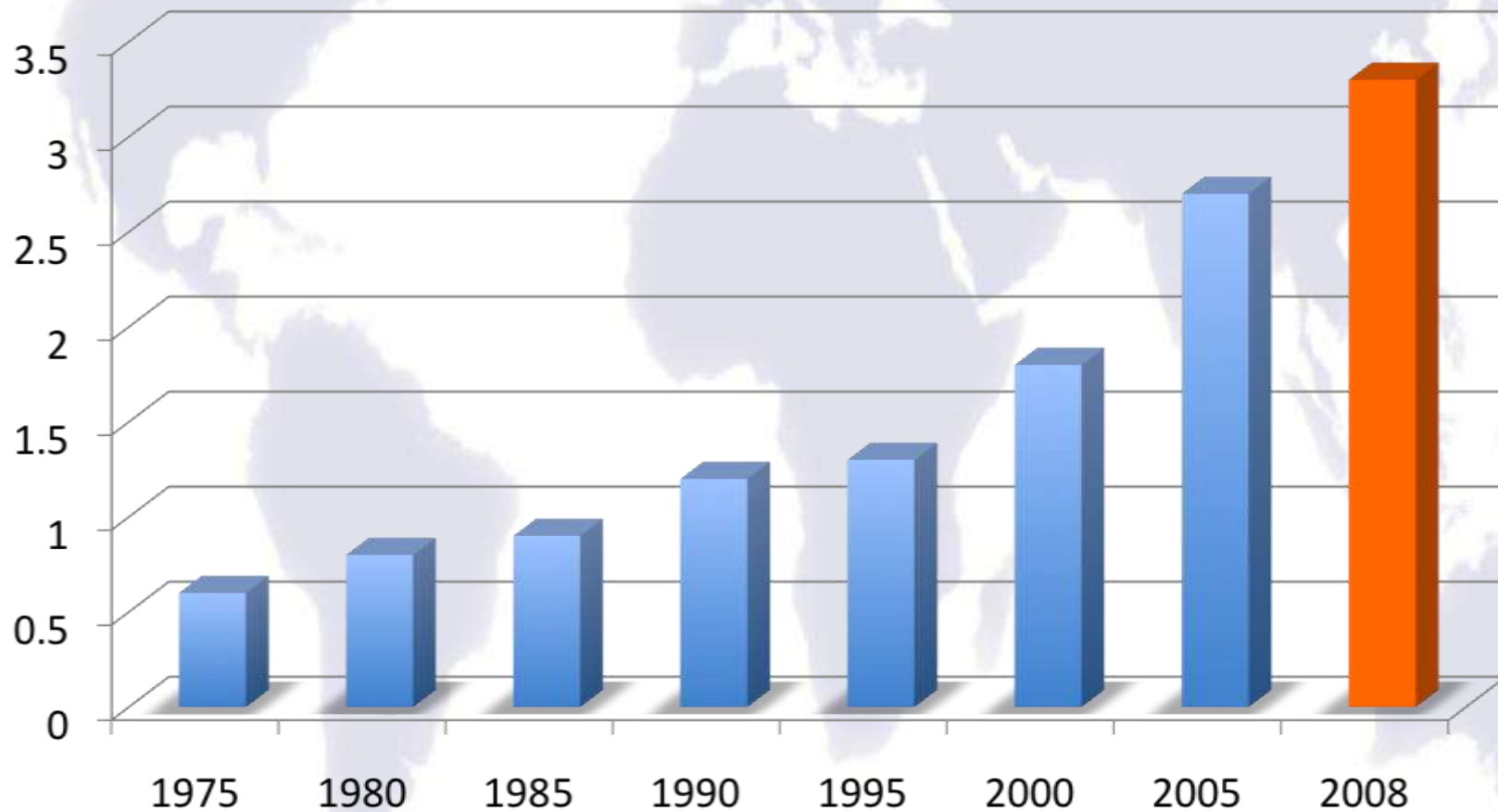
# **Lessons from the Australian experience of international education**

**Towards a global protocol for cross-border students**

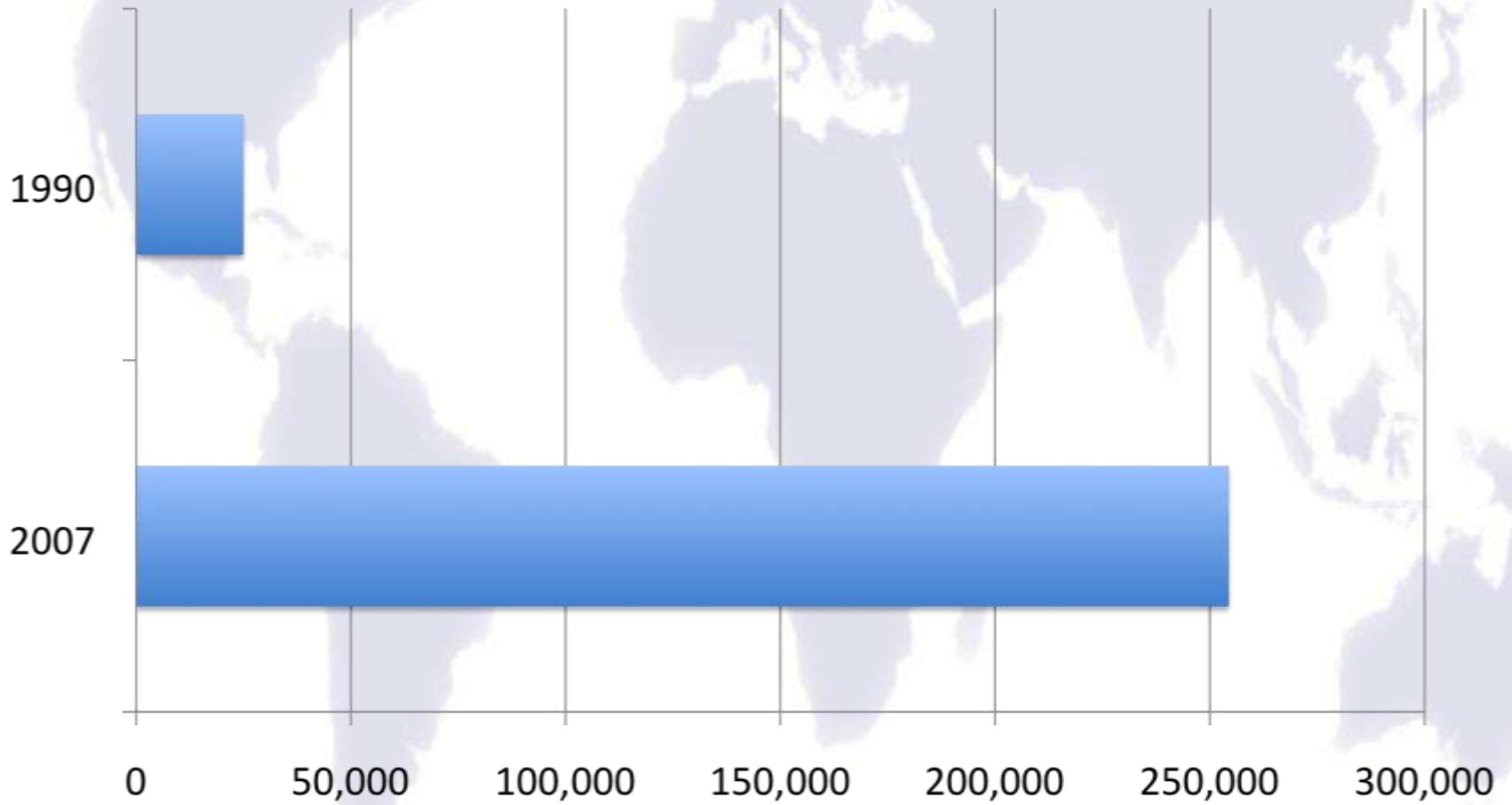
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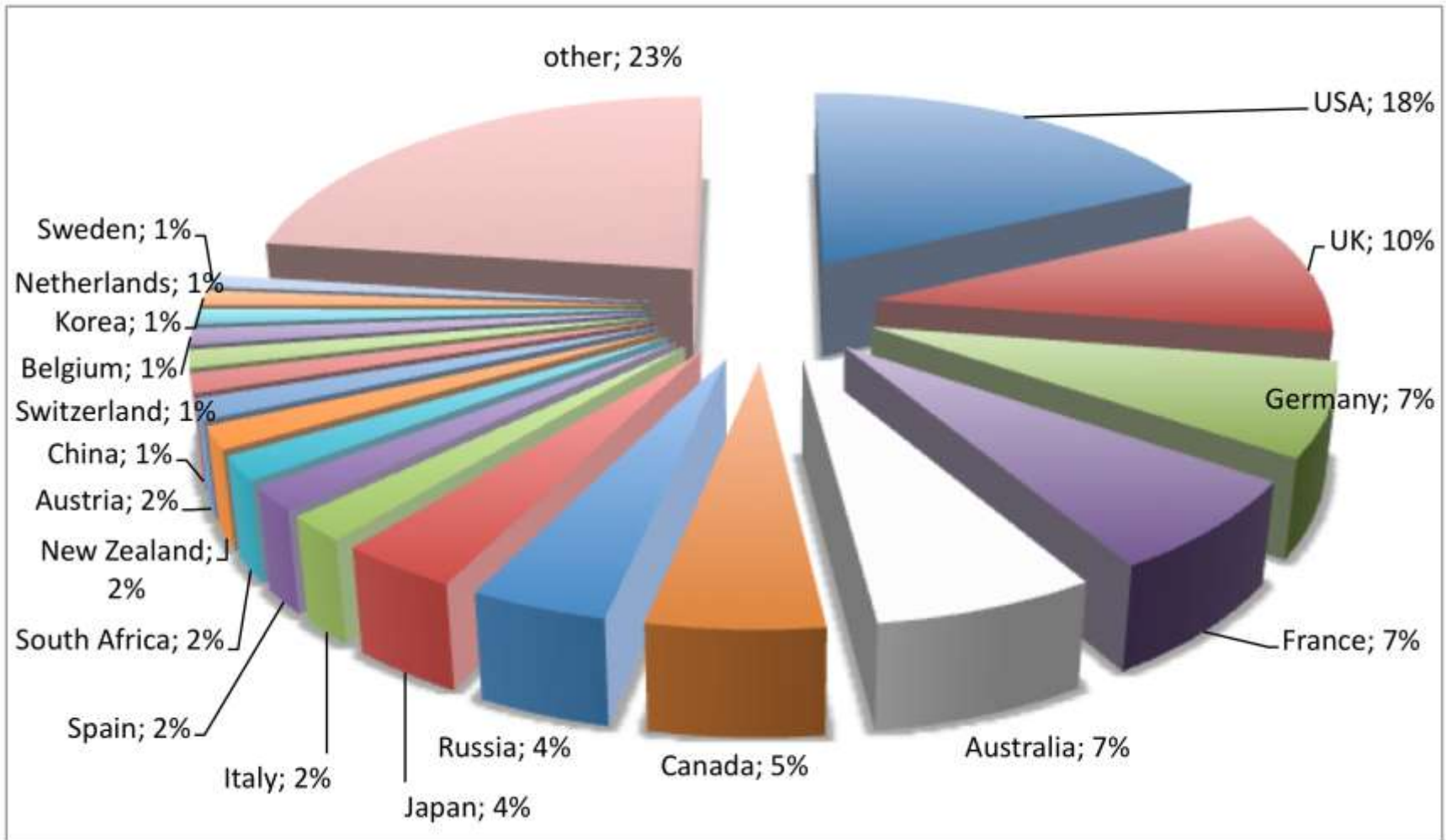
# Foreign students, world, 1975-2008(millions)



# International students in higher education, Australia, 1990 and 2007



# Foreign student destinations, 2008



Growth of international education in the non profit institutions has been facilitated by growing demand in Asia – but it has been *driven* by successive reductions in government funding of tertiary education. In universities the main reductions in funding per student occurred in 1988-1989 (under a Labor government) and 1996-2000 (a Coalition government)





## 'Please help me, I'm dying'

By PAUL MILLAR

NITIN Garg staggered into Hungry Jack's, his torso sliced open by a massive knife wound, knowing he was going to die.

As he pleaded with co-workers at the fast-food outlet to help him, his lips turned blue. He passed out and died later in hospital.

The 21-year-old Indian had studied accountancy in Australia and had plenty to look forward to before he was attacked

as he walked through Cluik-shank Park, in Melbourne's west, on his way to work on Saturday night.

His housemates, Sandeep Sandeep and Parminder Singh, raced to the Royal Melbourne Hospital but they did not see him alive again.

Mr Sandeep said the eight Indians living together in a house in Newport were like family and Mr Garg was like a brother to him. He made a heartbreaking call to his friend's

brother in India to tell him of the stabbing. "He just would not believe me when I told [him] Nitin was no more and asked to speak to the doctor."

Police are reluctant to draw a racial link to the murder, even though Mr Garg was not robbed and his belongings were left scattered across the park where he was murdered.

Mr Singh, who was close to the Punjab native, could accept, for the moment, that there was

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Immigration Minister  
Chris Evans



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# Tensions in Australia's international student program

- Immigration policy vs. education export policy
- Education export policy vs. the education and research missions of universities
- Commercial exploitation of Asia vs. richer offshore engagement
- International students as economic consumers vs. international student security and rights
- National political economy vs. the global public good

# The immigration authorities

*I hate the Immigration Department. It really freaks me out, seriously. What I feel is that the people in the Immigration Department, they just want to find some reason to send a student back to their place. That's what I feel. Other international students feel the same. Whenever I have been to Immigration and have had to get the visa extended, their faces are horrible, they've got this look on their faces...like as if they've got some plan in which they would take students directly to the airport and deport them*

*(male, 23, business studies, India).*

John Henry Newman

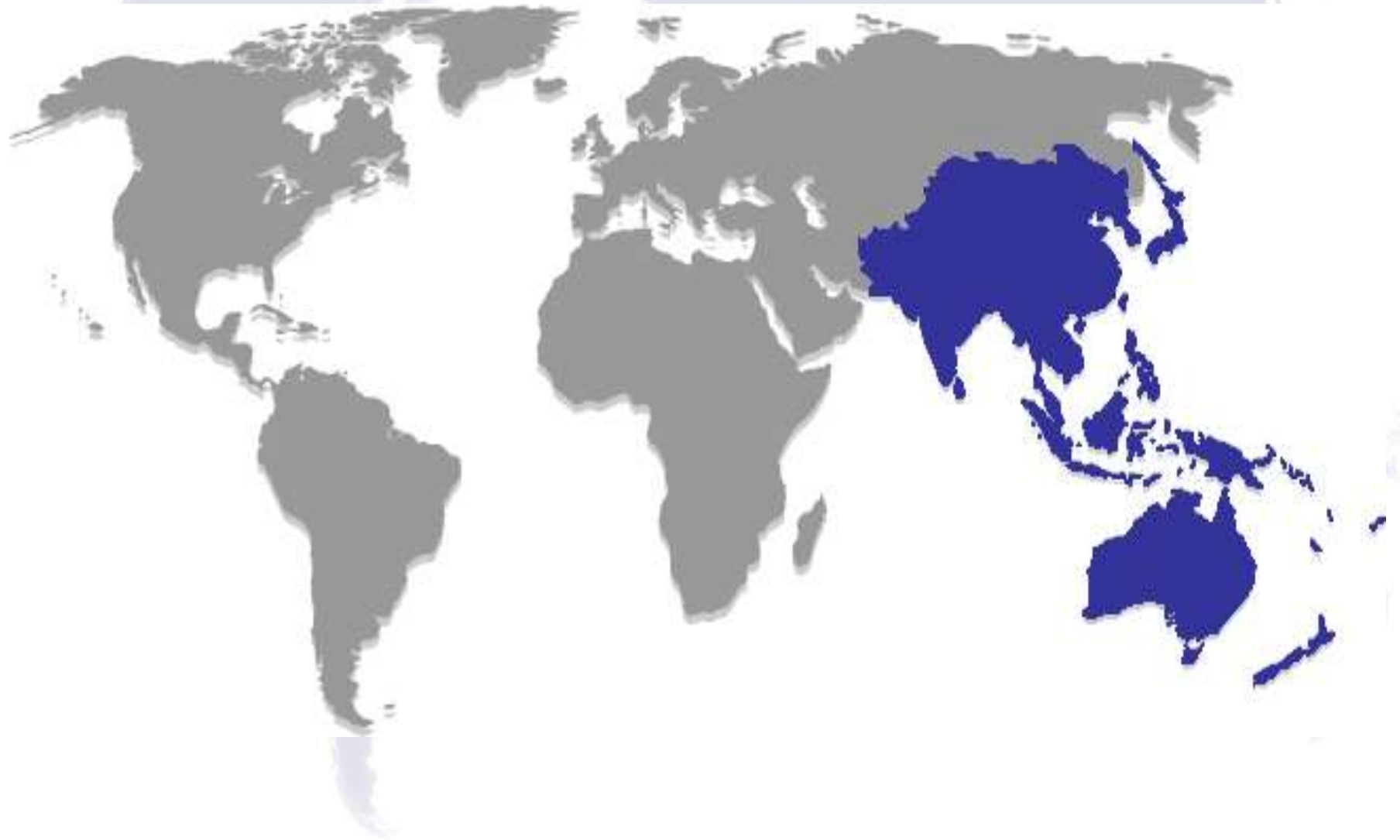
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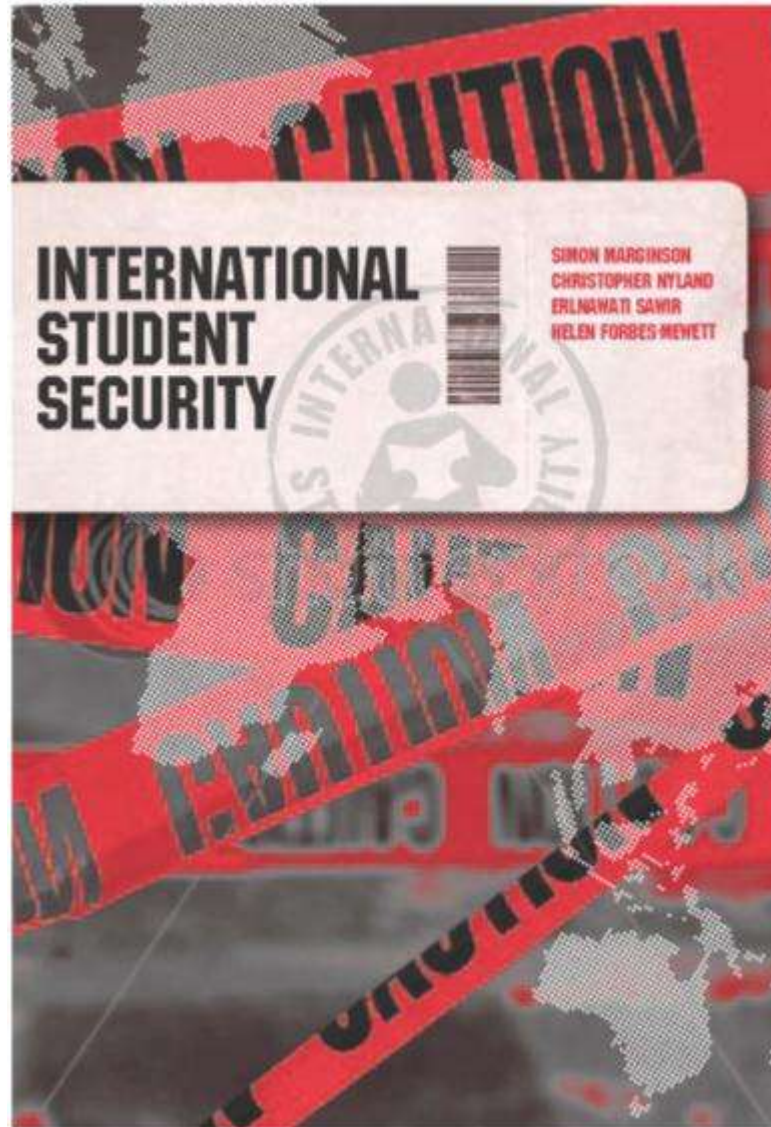


# What kind of global engagement?





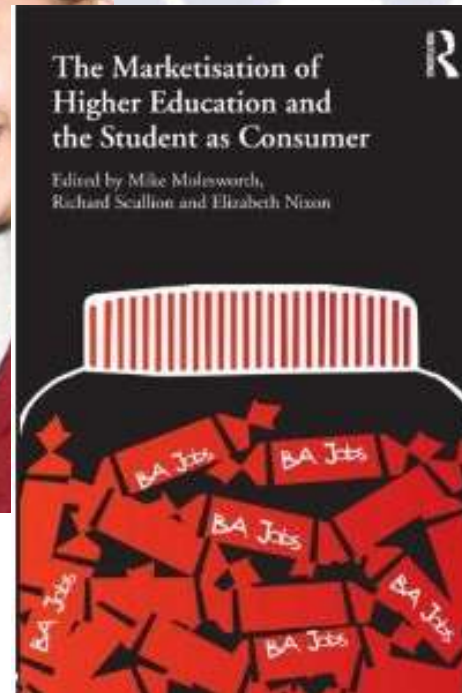
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# Cross-cultural relations 1

*It happened just two days after September 11... He just yelled at me with very rude words, and said 'fucking Muslims', and 'go back to your country'.*

*(female, 30, science, Indonesia)*

*A group of us were at Mt Buller and it was very obvious in the restaurant itself... although we were standing there, they let everyone behind us go ahead. They ignored us, and when we finally got their attention, they very grudgingly showed us a place and just threw the menu at us. It was not very nice and it was obviously not happening to every one else. They were very nice and very warm to everyone [else].*

*(female, 22, arts, Singapore)*

# Cross-cultural relations 2

*There was one incident that I'll never forget. It happened to me when I was up in Melbourne, in my first six months here. I was at the South Yarra train station. I was standing next to this woman, and she turned round to me and started abusing me. 'Why don't you just go back where you came from, we don't want you here!' It really took me aback. It was the last thing I expected... I felt blind... I was walking into town... I just carried on walking. It was so embarrassing. Ever since that, I've been more conscious about being different, about my colour, my nationality*

*(female, 22, business studies, Zimbabwe)*




**A** commons arises whenever a given community decides that it wishes to manage a resource in a collective manner, with a special regard for equitable access, use and sustainability. It is a social form that has long lived in the shadows of our market culture, but which is now on the rise.

David Bollier

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# **Main conclusion: Extend universal humanism to cross-border students**

**Temporary migrants should enjoy the same rights as citizens**

**Charles Taylor argues that—**

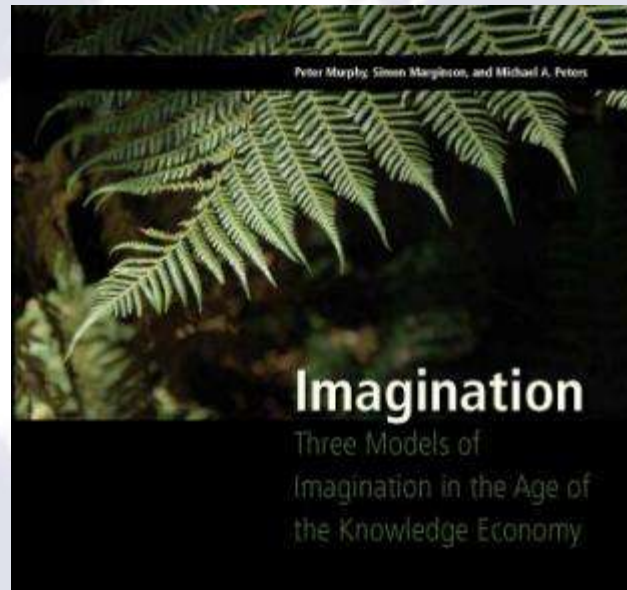
**It is ‘utterly wrong and unfounded to draw the boundaries’ of our respect and concern for people ‘any narrower than the whole human race’**

*~ (1988) Sources of the Self: The making of modern identity, pp. 6-7, Harvard UP, Cambridge MA*

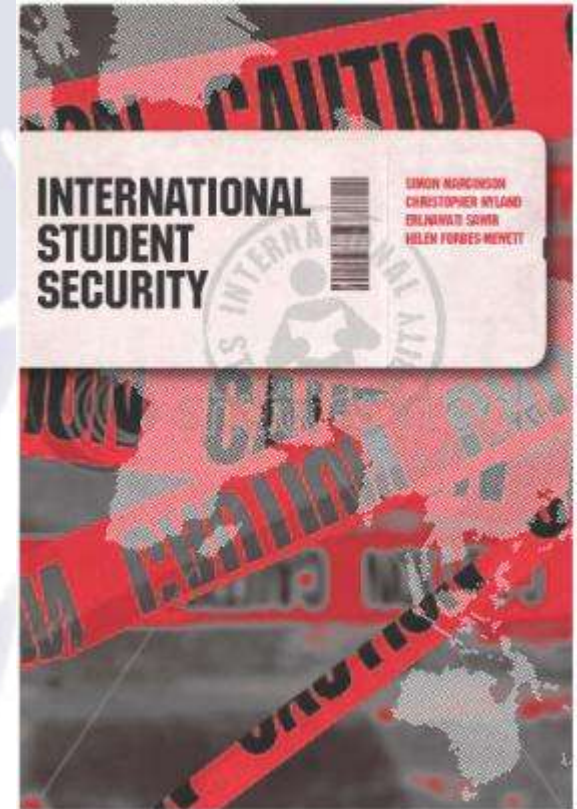
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