Engaged University: Global Citizenship & Democratic Governance in Uncertain Futures

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Uncertain Futures

• Dilemmas for humanity: Co-existence of prosperity & poverty; power & insecurity
• Inequality in face of growth
• Unsustainable consumption of natural resources; ecological degradation
• Violence, conflicts, cyber-wars, xenophobia
• Democracy losing appeal, in face of widespread exclusion
Universities @ Crossroads

- North-south divide in enrolments
- Pull/push for quality, innovation
- Global ranking pressure --- teaching undergraduates?
- Local or global relevance---GUNi Report 6
Global Citizenship & Democracy in Everyday Life

- **Citizenship**: belonging, identity, social practice, collective presence
- **Horizontal**: kinship, community, cohabitation, solidarity
- **Vertical**: authority, state, legitimacy
- **Local participation, global connectedness**
Engaged Universities

• Knowledge from life
• Teachers from real worlds

• Community anchors/leadership
• Reclaiming public spheres