

# 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

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Knowledge, Engagement & Higher Education:  
Contributing to Social Change



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# 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



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