Engaged University: Global Citizenship & Democratic Governance in Uncertain Futures

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Uncertain Futures

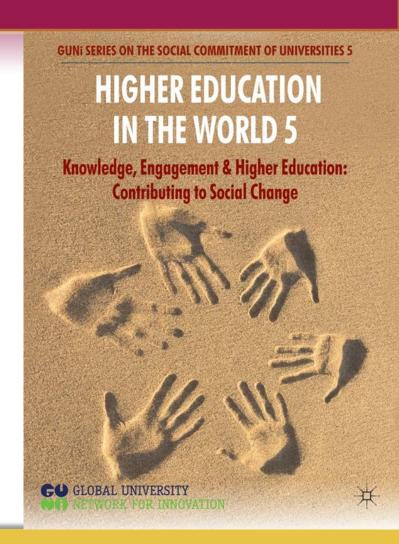
- Dilemmas for humanity: Coexistence of prosperity & poverty; power & insecurity
- Inequality in face of growth
- Unsustainable consumption of natural resources; ecological degradation
- Violence, conflicts, cyber-wars, xenophobia
- Democracy losing appeal, in face of widespread exclusion





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





