



World-Class Universities and Excellence Initiatives in “One-Belt-One-Road” Countries

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Abstract:

Seeking world-class university (WCU) status has become a global phenomenon. In spite of many social, cultural, political and economic differences, governments and top universities in both developed and developing countries have joined the battle for academic excellence, as indicated by a range of development strategies and excellence initiatives. In this presentation, the concept of WCU will be introduced, the performance of top universities in One-Belt-One-Road (OBOR) countries and their trends in global rankings will be explored, excellence initiatives in OBOR countries and their impact will be discussed, and excellence initiatives in Mainland China will be presented.

About the speaker:



Professor Liu Nian Cai is currently the Director of the Center for World-Class Universities and the Dean of Graduate School of Education at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. His current research interests include world-class universities and research universities, university evaluation and academic ranking, research evaluation and science policy, globalization and internationalization of higher education.

Professor Liu has published extensively in both Chinese and English. His latest books include “*Matching Visibility and Performance: A Standing Challenge for World-Class Universities*” and “*Building World-Class*

Universities: Different Approaches to a Shared Goal”. The Academic Ranking of World Universities, an online publication of his group since 2003 (<http://www.ShanghaiRanking.com>), has attracted worldwide attentions.

Professor Liu has been enthusiastic in professional services. He is one of the vice-chairmen of “IREG Observatory on Academic Ranking and Excellence”. He is on the editorial boards of several international and national journals.

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