



Academic Ranking of World Universities: History and Future

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Abstract:

In the age of higher education globalization, university rankings have been attracting attentions from all over the world. Since the publication of the first multi-indicator global university ranking, the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), there have appeared more than a dozen of global university rankings in the past 14 years. In this presentation, the history of ARWU and global university rankings will be introduced, the methodologies and limitations of ARWU will be discussed, the latest development on field and subject ranking including the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects will be presented, and the ongoing efforts to develop new ranking indicators will be explored.

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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