Liberal Education’s Global Trends & Critical Questions

Where do we go from here?

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the phenomenon
Global Liberal Education Inventory
(2013 GLEI)

183 Programs in 58 countries

Liberal Education Program Distribution by Region

Based on 2013 GLEI
Excludes the U.S.

$N = 183$ Programs

Liberal Education Programs by Founding Date

Number of Liberal Education Programs

- Founded in time period
- Total Number of Programs

sui generis
Outside the US…

- Specialized curricula
- Government function
- Public institutions & funding
- Liberal education is contentious
Public & Private Liberal Education Programs By Date

81% use English  (67% where not an official language)

29% have religious identity

9 women’s programs

3 gender segregated programs

57% operate independently

61% of partnerships are domestic

Of cross border affiliations, only 33% are with U.S. institutions

counter narratives

“make evident the multiplicity and complexity of history”

(Said, 2001)
learning & teaching
access & affordability
cultural hegemony
Liberal education values...

- the examined life (Confucius/Socrates)
- reflective citizenship (Buddhism/Aristotle)
- critical thinking (Nussbaum)

[Diagram showing Venn diagram with overlapping circles labeled Self-reflection, Freedom of thought, and Agency]
But...BUT

What does this mean for us?

What does it mean for globalizing liberal arts?

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