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Update on the Americas

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# Update on the Americas



Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-50525968>

# Argentina

- Elections in October removed Macri from power
- New President - Alberto Fernandez - change of government will take place on December 10
- Massive debts, uncertainty, and 50% inflation
- Lack of clarity on economic plan

## Education:

- CONICET cut 2100 research positions amid cuts
- Calls for private industry to come together with CONICET and drive research in applied sciences



Alberto Fernandez

Source:EFE

# Bolivia

- Socialist Evo Morales resigned on 10 November and fled to Mexico
- Right-wing senator Jeanine Áñez declared herself interim president – recognised by US.
- Presidential elections to be held within 90 days – as early as January
- Deeply divided country – fears for indigenous people



Clashes have been deadly

Source: Reuters

# Brazil

- Divisive right-wing government – Brazil's 'Trump'
- Economic difficulties – rapid depreciation of Real.

## Education:

- Future-se proposes to promote a higher financial autonomy to universities by stimulating links with industry, especially financing, it make the administration of universities more flexible. It includes proposals for changes recognition of degrees
- Cuts at federal level for science and HE not matched at State level – significant investment and opportunities.



Education Minister presents “Future – up”

Source: Politize

# Chile

- Violent protests due to rise in public transport
- Chile the most unequal country amongst OECD nations

## Education:

- Conicyt moving to the Ministry of Science and Technology – but no affect to funding or implementation of scholarships.
- No major changes to been implemented to Education policy
- UK remains number 1 destination for Conicyt scholarship recipients



Violent crackdown on protests

Source:EFE

# Colombia

- Violence and demonstrations against economic plans, corruption, and the murder of human rights activists.
- Protests surprising some due to economic growth – but peso fell to all time low against USD following the unrest.

## Education:

- New Ministry of Science – from 24 January 2020. Budget of \$393,000 million (86 million GBP) – Colsciencias part of the ministry
- New ‘registro calificado’ or quality assurance of university level education.



New Ministry of Science created

Source: Edwin

Bustamante Restrepo

# Ecuador

- Abolished fuel subsidy catalyst for mass protests. Price of oil soared 120% in two weeks of unrest with violent response from military forces.
- Low confidence in government – though incredibly high and increasing debt makes for a difficult political situation.
- Divisive: Pro Correa vs. Pro Moreno



Recent protests in Quito

Source:EFE



# Mexico

- Comparatively stable politically
- Negligible economic growth
- Risk from USA

## Education:

- Total budget for Science and technology almost 4 billion GBP for 2020. 60,000 scholarships (in and out of Mexico)
- Federal agencies are not the only agencies that matter in terms of funding.
- ANUIES - renewed leadership and role in transformation of HE in Mexico. Focus on increasing access to HE



Good news for CONACYT

Source: Animal Politico

# Peru

- Congress dissolved on 30 September – hopefully relieving a 3-year political stalemate.
- Comparatively stable, despite uncertainty

## Education:

- Pronabec scholarships confirmed for 2020, applications launched in April. Top 400 unis eligible (with bonus points awarded to students accepted to Top 50 or Top 100 unis)
- Government is designing a programme to support Peruvian Public universities for internationalization, over 5 years reaching 36 public institutions.



PRONABEC campaign

Source: PRONABEC

# USA

- 'Conscious decoupling' of economy and isolationist strategies - technological risks
- But, economy still defying recession – now in longest post-war expansion.

## Education:

- Ever-increasing tuition fees driving students abroad – 44% increase in costs at private colleges, 55% at public in last decade. Harvard report states that by 2050 ½ US institutions could be bankrupt.
- Growth of certificated programmes.
- Scrapping of OPT



# HESA data – trends 2014/15 to 17/18

	Total number of new students 2017/18	Growth/decline since 14/15	
<b>Argentina</b>	345	50%	Big growth in PG taught
		115	
<b>Brazil</b>	2195	-60%	Obvious drop since SWB, but slow steady growth in PG taught.
		-3345	
<b>Canada</b>	7865	1%	Flat overall - but masking a decrease in PG, and increase in UG.
		115	
<b>Chile</b>	1115	12%	12% growth in last 4 years, driven by Growth in PG research (conicyt)
		120	

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<b>Colombia</b>	1105	-9%	Drop is 100% in PG Taught
		-110	
<b>Ecuador</b>	605	57%	Huge growth in UG, with modest growth in PG research
		220	
<b>Mexico</b>	2510	4%	Overall, flat.
		85	
<b>Peru</b>	515	63%	Very strong growth in all levels, but particularly in PG Taught and UG.
		200	
<b>United States</b>	29645	7%	Steady year on year growth from USA - UG and PG taught
		1995	

# Women in Science



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