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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

# **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 incedibly high and increasing debt makes for a difficult polital sitation.
- Divisive: Pro Correo 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

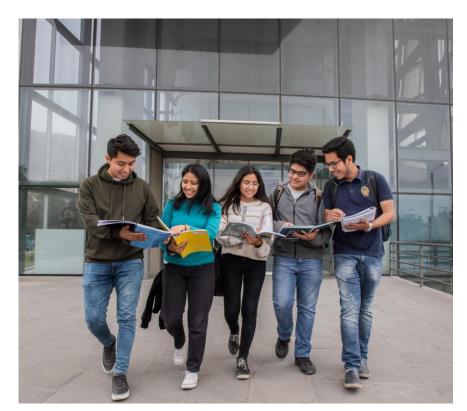
Source: Animal Politico

### Peru

- Congress disolved 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

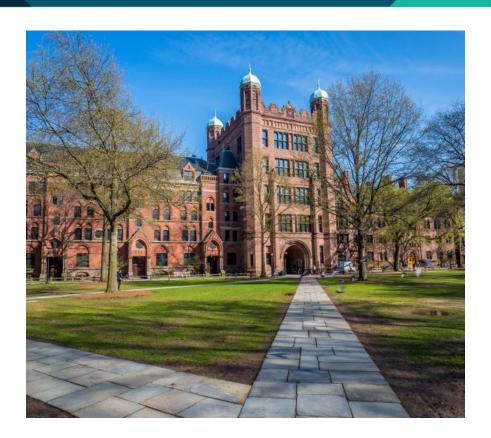
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### **USA**

- 'Conscious decoupling' of economy and isolationist strategies - technological risks
- But, economy still defying recession now in longest postwar 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

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

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

# **Women in Science**



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