

# Future World I

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## HUMAN-LED & CLOSED

Higher education expansion policies in emerging economies, intensification of global competition for international students and tighter immigration controls radically reduce the numbers of international and EU students coming to study in the UK, despite a global rise in demand for higher education. Universities are under pressure to expand provision to new parts of the domestic population, to develop lifelong programmes and to devise new ways to reach international students.

Tuition fees and costs of living in elite university cities remains high, while a backlash against austerity and insularity carries with it renewed interest in alternative models of public and participatory governance.

Datafication is accelerated as more of the world's cities become hyper-connected and 'smart'. As data-driven decision making becomes the norm across public and corporate spheres, demand for STEM programmes dramatically overtakes humanities and social science at undergraduate level in UK universities.