

Lecture: The Cost of Global University Rankings and Envisioning an Alternative: The New Flagship University Model

Date: Wednesday, December 4th, 12 noon

Place: Club Room at WU's Library and Learning Center

Speaker: Prof. John Aubrey Douglass, Senior Research Fellow and Research Professor - Public Policy and Higher Education Center for Studies in Higher Education, University of California – Berkeley, USA

About the speaker

John Aubrey Douglass is Senior Research Fellow and Research Professor - Public Policy and Higher Education at the Center for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE) at the University of California - Berkeley. His research focuses on globalization and higher education, the role of universities in economic development and socioeconomic mobility, and the history of higher education. He is the author of *Neo-Nationalism and Universities* (forthcoming Johns Hopkins University Press), *The New Flagship University: Changing the Paradigm from Global Ranking to National Relevancy* (Palgrave Macmillan 2016) and the follow-up book *Envisioning the Asian New Flagship University* (Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2017), *The Conditions for Admissions* (Stanford Press 2007), *The California Idea and American Higher Education* (Stanford University Press, 2000, and with Jud King and Irwin Feller (ed.) *Globalization's Muse: Universities and Higher Education Systems in a Changing World* (Public Policy Press, 2009). Recent reports include *Approaching a Tipping Point?: A History and Prospectus on Funding for the University of California* and *The Role of Universities in Economic Competitiveness in California*. Among the research projects he founded is the Student Experience in the Research University (SERU) Consortium – a group of major research universities in the US and internationally that conduct survey research on undergraduates and graduate students and with member universities in China, Japan, Brazil, South Africa, the Netherlands, Germany, the UK and Russia. He is also the editor of the Center's Research and Occasional Paper Series (ROPS), sits on the editorial board of international higher education journals in the UK, China, and Russia, and serves on the international advisory boards of a number of higher education institutes.

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