



Fulbright New Century Scholars Plenary Session

“Higher Education in the 21st Century: Issues of Access & Equity”

**The National Press Club
Holeman Lounge (13th Floor)
529 14th St. NW
Washington D.C.
Friday, March 14, 2008**

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Coffee
- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
- Sabine O’Hara, Executive Director, Council for International Exchange of Scholars and Vice President, Institute of International Education
- 9:05 a.m. **Welcome**
- C. Miller Crouch, Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State
- 9:30 a.m. **Strengthening Diversity - The Importance of Access and Equity**
- D. Bruce Johnstone, New Century Scholar Distinguished Scholar Leader and Distinguished Service Professor of Higher and Comparative Education at the State University of New York at Buffalo
- 9:45 a.m. **NCS Final Reports**
- Access and Equity in Higher Education – Key Insights and Tools in Regional Context*
- The NCS Working Groups focused on four key themes:
- The Cultural and Societal Norms that Affect Access and Equity in Education
 - Mechanisms Within and Beyond the Schools that Affect Access to Higher Education
 - Financial Resources and Policies that Enhance Access to Higher Education
 - Arguments, Actors and Policies for Postsecondary Educational Equity

One of the outcomes of the NCS discussions and work projects was that not all issues are of equal relevance in all world regions. This is reflected in the NCS reports.

I. Africa and the Middle East

The Access-Inhibiting Condition of Financial Austerity and the Need to Diversify Revenues in Order to Expand Both Capacity and Accessibility within Higher Education

Moderator: Pundy Pillay, South Africa

Presenters: Abdu Kasozi, Uganda
Iman El-Kaffass, Egypt

II. Latin America

The Special Problems and Challenges of Enhancing Higher Educational Accessibility for Ethnic and Linguistic Minorities and Other Underrepresented Groups

Moderator: Claudio Rama, Uruguay

Presenters: Michele Moses, United States
Carlos de la Torre, Ecuador

III. Asia

The Role of Private Higher Education and the Privatization of Public Higher Education in Expanding Higher Educational Capacity and Accessibility.

Moderator: Kavita Sharma, India

Presenters: Anthony Welch, Australia
Barbara Schneider, United States

IV. Europe

The Need to Address the Imperative of More Equitable Access to Higher Education through Interventions Both Prior To and Outside of Institutions of Higher Education

Moderator: Marek Kwiek, Poland

Presenters: Irina Fishman, Russia
Petr Mateju, Czech Republic

11:00 a.m.

Open Discussion

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:45 a.m.

Response Panel and Discussion

Moderator: Marianne Craven, Managing Director for Academic Programs, United States Department of State

Jamil Salmi, Tertiary Education Coordinator, Human Development Network, The World Bank

Stephan Vincent-Lancrin, Analyst, Directorate for Education, Centre for Educational Research and Innovation, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

David Ward, President, American Council on Education

12:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

D. Bruce Johnstone, New Century Scholar Distinguished Scholar Leader and Distinguished Service Professor of Higher and Comparative Education at the State University of New York at Buffalo

1:00 p.m.

Plenary Ends