

Bogus university rankings

The very idea of ranking universities is questionable, particularly when it comes to Pakistan, India, China or other countries where academic corruption is rarely punished, rankings lose all meaning. Individuals and institutions often turn reality on its head by manipulating numbers. Research evaluations, through multiple pathways, count for 50-70 per cent of a university's ranking (if not more) but are easily doctored, writes Pervez Hoodbhoy

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