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A Changing World:
Expectations of Higher Education

Sir John Daniel
The Canada experiment: is this the world's first 'postnational' country?
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CRAAACK!
A Changing World: *FEWER* Expectations of Higher Education?
Sir Ivan Rogers

“I hope you will continue to challenge ill-founded arguments and muddled thinking and that you will never be afraid to speak the truth to those in power.”
‘the economic, social and cultural success of nations relates directly the trust that their people have in each other and in their institutions’
‘strangers learned to trust one another when signing contracts, allowing them to do deals outside the circles of family, tribal or in-group kinship’
Definition
"circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief."
Example

“In this era of post-truth politics, it is easy to cherry-pick data and come to whatever conclusion you desire"
"the lack of confidence in academia is a great challenge. What role can a truth-seeking university play in an era characterised as 'post-truth?'"
Faced with the prospect of a post-factual society, universities have to re-establish a respect for objective truth and powerful arguments – through our educational programmes and through our public outreach.

Ole Petter Ottersen
Rector, University of Oslo
We have to create many more arenas for debate – arenas that are open and inclusive so as to give a voice to those who feel left behind too.

Universities should be trust-building as well as truth-seeking.
In our age of turbulence these two words – trust and truth – are inextricably intertwined.

University World News
higher education is grounded in a belief in progress
Wish we could turn back time
to the good old days
"Across the developed world people and movements are reaching back to an often illusory past trying to chart the future through a form of retreat.

Nostalgia is a depressive state linked to a pining for a past time or place.
“we've collectively entered a funhouse time machine trudging backward”
Franklin Pierce Adams (1861-1960)

“Nothing is more responsible for the good old days than a bad memory”
Ten Reasons to Look Forward to the Future

- Food
- Sanitation
- Life expectancy
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Introduction

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John Judis

The Populist Explosion: How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics

John B. Judis
'a language whose speakers conceive of ordinary people as a noble assemblage not bounded narrowly by class; view their elite opponents as self-serving and undemocratic and seek to mobilize the former against the latter.'
Leftwing Populism assumes an antagonism between the people and an elite at the heart of its politics.

It is NOT:
- Socialist
- Social democratic
- Liberal, or
- Progressive

Politics
Rightwing Populism
the people against an elite accused of coddling a third group (immigrants, etc.)

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Populist campaigns often function as warning signs of a political crisis
Ends & Means
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Education sustains Progress
Open as to:

- People
- Places
- Methods
- Ideas
Our graduates

Inclusive

Exclusive

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'How can there be peace without people understanding each other; and how can this be if they don't know each other?'

Lester B. Pearson
Prime Minister of Canada (1963-68)
Nobel Peace Prize 1957
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‘systematic skepticism’

“After doing a degree at The Open University I can’t see fewer than six sides to any question”
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Thank you!

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