

Universities, diasporic academics, and global knowledge networks

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Many universities have recently discovered they have diasporic academics on their staff. These academics are now being asked to do new kinds of work in the context of a growing emphasis on the internationalisation of teaching and research. This includes active engagement in international university networks and bi-lateral 'deep partnerships', sponsored collaborations between international researchers and researchers in their home countries, and growing participation in 'grand challenge' research programmes. This paper suggests the growing institutional visibility of diasporic academics is transforming both universities and the career paths of the individuals involved.