## The concept of security and its relevance to the international education market

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Though the social and economic security of international students is an important factor influencing student and parent decisions regarding where to access international education, researchers have paid little attention to defining the notion of 'security'. Drawing on literature from a range of fields, the current paper is used to advance the concept of security as a broadly applicable term and to relate the concept to cultural difference and relocation. These issues are contextualised within the rising international educational market and how pastoral care is managed in Australia and New Zealand.