



The relationship between migration to Australia and international education – history and future directions

Free online AVETRA webinar presented by Dr Abul Rizvi
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For the last twenty years commercial international education initiatives have financed significant proportions of the Australian post compulsory education and training sectors – universities, VET and English Language Colleges, both public and private. The Covid 19 Pandemic has severely disrupted this critical income stream. Recent focus has been on how to re-boot this activity.

There are however other implications both economic and ethical. Many foreign students use international education as a pathway for permanent migration hoping their qualifications will lead to a professional job in Australia. Several hundred thousand students whilst studying also work part time in lower skilled, “difficult to fill” service jobs particularly in retail and hospitality.

So what is the history of international education in Australia and what impact does it have on the permanent professional labor force as well as meeting the critical need for less permanent jobs in the service industries? Should this migratory route be privileged more than others?

Nobody in Australia is better qualified to lead discussion on these important topics than Dr Abul Rizvi. His experience as a senior government official includes having been Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth Immigration Department where he was awarded the Public Service Medal. His academic and research background includes a Doctorate from the University of Melbourne where he researched the history of migration policy in Australia.

Dr Rizvi appears regularly as an expert commentator on , “The Drum”, other ABC News and current affairs programs. He is currently a Special Adviser at the strategy firm Michelson Alexander.

He publishes in the academic and national press. His latest ‘In the National Interest’ series titled ‘Population Shock’ will be out in October. It includes much of the history of student visa policy from around 2001.

Dr Rizvi will be joined at this presentation by well known tertiary education commentator Claire Field.

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