

# Liberalizing Higher Education: Competition and Control in the United States and Germany




**GUEST PRESENTATION by**

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Higher education has taken center stage in countries' attempts to sustain economic growth and social mobility in the 21st century. Across the world, policymakers have expanded the sector and launched far-reaching structural changes to meet the challenges of the knowledge economy. Yet scholars have struggled to define patterns of convergence and diversity in reforms across countries. Grounded in a conceptual framework that synthesizes and unifies diverse research trajectories, Schulze-Cleven demonstrates a common adjustment pattern of institutional liberalization in the United States and Germany, countries with most different higher education systems. Systematic process analysis of measures geared to increase competition among universities reveals how states' respective regulatory capacities have shaped public control over the sector's evolution.

## About the Presenter

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