

The Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS) at the University of Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands, is a specialized higher education policy centre that combines basic and applied research with education, training, capacity building and consultancy activities. CHEPS was established in 1984 as an interdepartmental research group and has developed into an internationally renowned knowledge centre in the area of higher education policy.

CHEPS works with a variety of contracting agencies including the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, the European Commission, Ford Foundation, OECD, the German Research Council and the World Bank. Each year we work in around 20 countries.

Annually, the Centre presents some 40 key notes/papers at conferences of scholarly and policy-related organisations. CHEPS' international visibility is evidenced by its leadership and involvement in European research consortia and a European Network of Excellence; by serving as members of more than a dozen international editorial boards; and by being represented on a number of international advisory committees.

Our major activities are the following:

Research

CHEPS has a staff complement of around 18 researchers. In an average year CHEPS produces some 6 edited books, 35 chapters in books, 3 PhD theses, 30 journal articles and 70 research reports and other publications.

Masters and Doctoral programmes

CHEPS offers a specialised higher education track within a masters programme in public administration. This programme is a one-year residential programme at the University of Twente. CHEPS provides supervision and research facilities for an international group of around 16 PhD candidates.

Workshops and seminars

We regularly organise workshops, seminars, tailor-made training programmes, study tours and short courses on higher education policy.

Policy related activities

CHEPS advises ministries and institutions in a wide range of higher education policy fields from specific issues such as quality assurance, funding mechanisms, governance reform and organisational restructuring to such far ranging challenges as the reform of entire higher education systems.

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