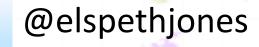
# The Context of Internationalisation at Home

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# Outline of talk

- 1. What do we mean by internationalisation?
- 2. How can internationalisation enhance the quality of the student experience?
- 3. Can we replicate this 'at home'?



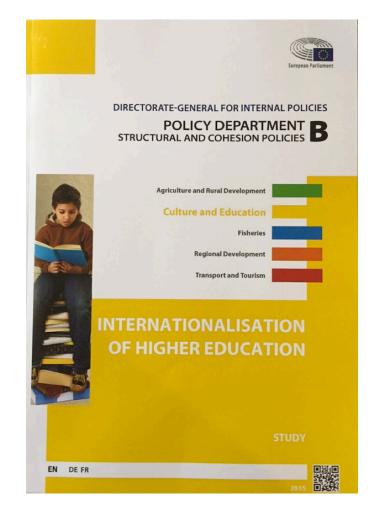
# 1. What do we mean by internationalisation?



# Definition of Internationalisation

The **intentional** process of integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the **purpose**, **functions and delivery** of postsecondary education, in order to **enhance the quality of education and research** <u>for all students and</u> <u>staff</u>, and to make a meaningful contribution to society.

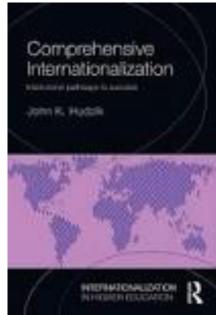
De Wit & Hunter (2015)



Source: European Parliament Study - Internationalisation of Higher Education www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/540370/IPOL\_STU(2015)540370\_EN.pdf

# **Comprehensive Internationalisation**

"is a commitment, confirmed through action, to infuse international and comparative perspectives throughout the teaching, research, and service missions of higher education. It shapes institutional ethos and values and touches the entire higher education enterprise.



It is essential that it be embraced by institutional leadership, governance, faculty, students, and all academic service and support units. It is an institutional imperative, not just a desirable possibility."

Hudzik (2011 p6) Comprehensive Internationalization From Concept to Action. Nafsa publications

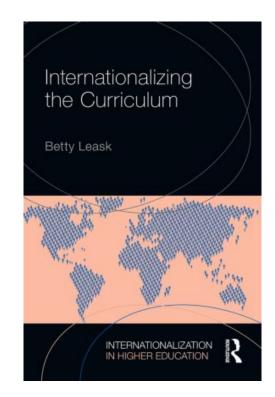
### Implications for the whole university



- Curriculum developers
- Library
- IT services
- Accommodation
- Human Resources and staff development
- Restaurants and food outlets
- Quality enhancement
- Student support– disability services, visas, counselling and advising
- Governance and management
- Finance

# Most important element is Internationalisation of the curriculum

- Global perspectives on the curriculum
- Development of intercultural competence
- Different in different disciplines
- Also different in different universities

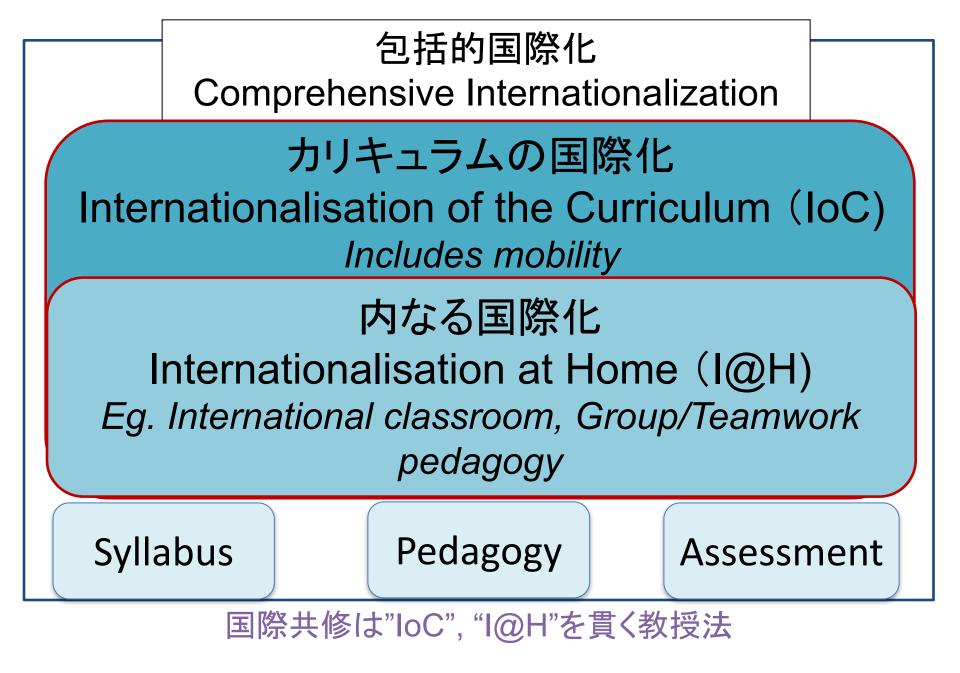


# BUT...

Important to remember that teaching in English will not, in itself, internationalise the curriculum.

Simply bringing people together from different countries will not necessarily help develop intercultural competence.





## 2. How can internationalisation enhance the quality of the student experience?



Numerous international studies show that international experience offers significant benefits to students, **especially** but not only with regard to transferable/employability/transversal skills



(See Jones, E. (2013) Internationalization and employability: the role of intercultural experiences in the development of transferable skills <u>Public Money and Management</u> Vol. 33, No. 2 pp 95-104 for further reading)

# Skills developed through international work/study/volunteering abroad

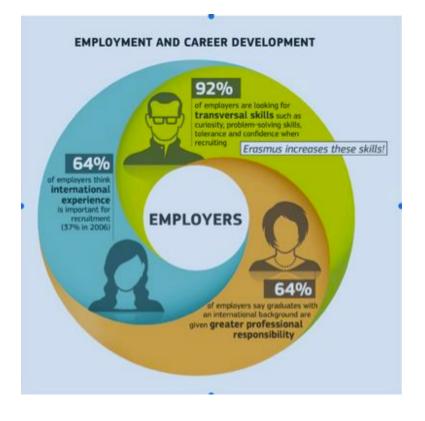
### **Employability skills**

- Team work and team leadership
- Organisational skills and project management
- Problem solving
- Networking
- Mediation skills and conflict resolution
- Decision making
- Interpersonal skills

#### Intercultural competence

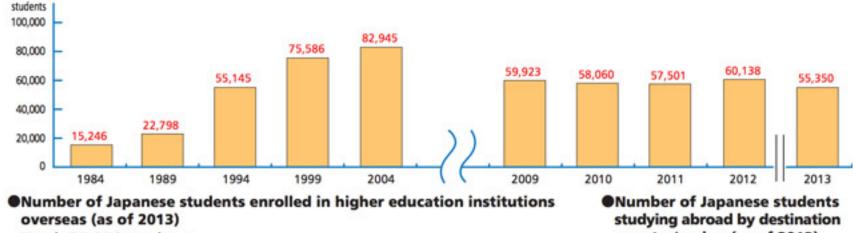
- Confidence
- Willingness to take risks
- Patience
- Sensitivity
- Flexibility
- Open-mindedness
- Humility and respect
- Creativity

### Across Europe

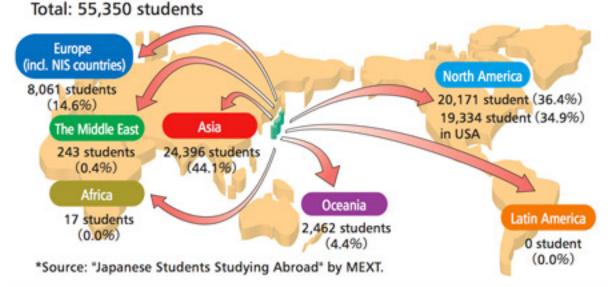


92% of employers looking for 'transversal skills'

Unemployment rate of mobile students 23% lower than non-mobile students five years after graduation



#### Trend in number of Japanese students studying abroad



country/region (as of 2013)

Country/Region	Number of Japanese Students
USA	19,334
China	17,226
Taiwan	5,798
UK	3,071
Australia	1,732
Germany	1,658
France	1,362
Republic of Korea	1,154
Canada	837
New Zealand	729
Others	2,449
Total	55,350

# What does this mean for the nonmobile majority?

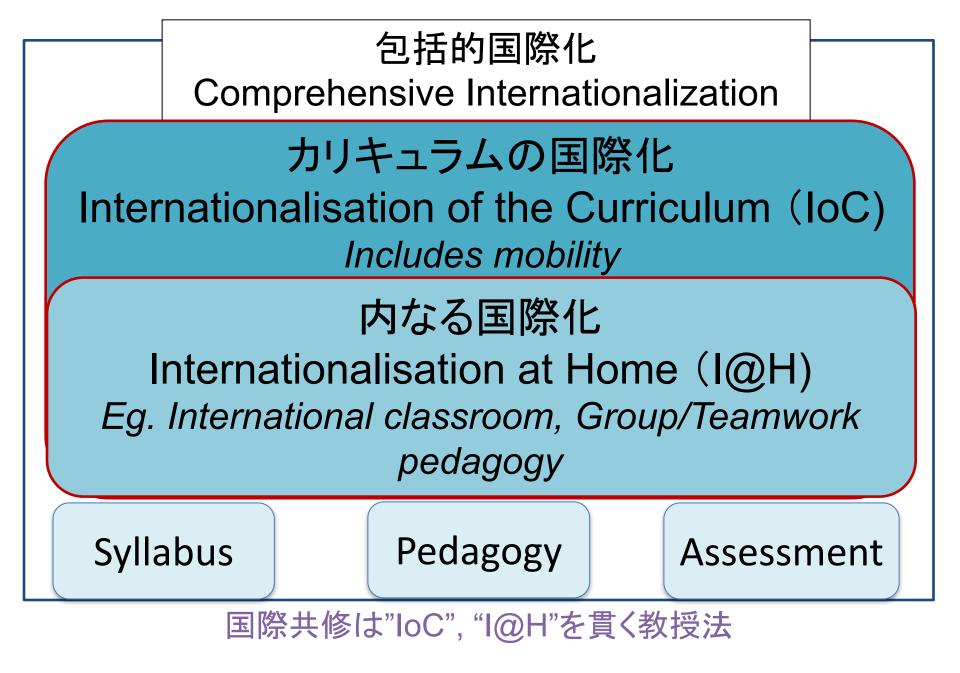


 Plans to increase outbound Japanese students to 120,000 by 2020 = 3.4% of total number of domestic students in Japan (3,500,000 Source IIE/JASSO)

• So 96.6% of students will not receive the benefits of mobility

# 3. Can we replicate these benefits 'at home'?





# Definition of Internationalisation at Home

The purposeful integration of international and intercultural dimensions into the formal and informal curriculum for all students within domestic learning environments.

Beelen and Jones (2015)

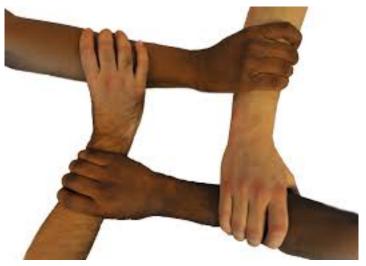
## Internationalisation at Home

- Not enough simply to bring people together
- Must be intentional
- Driven by learning outcomes, pedagogy and assessment (formal curriculum)
- Supported by informal (co-) curriculum
- Student associations



Transformative 'internationalisation' can come not only through international engagement but through encounters with cultural "otherness" of any kind.

'Interculturalisation'



But we have to work to make it happen

# Intercultural engagement - formal curriculum

- Internationalised learning outcomes and assessment
- Effective group work practice
- Incentives for collaboration eg shared knowledge and experience
- Project work which requires alternative (global) perspectives
- Links with international employers
- Speakers from other countries/cultures



# Informal Curriculum (not assessed)

Celebrations and events academic / cultural Seminars/Exhibitions Festivals:

- Language
- Culture
- Food
- Film
- Music

**Student Societies** 

Flags and signs in other languages









# Summary

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  internationalisation
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### Some further reading/resources

Tools for Teaching in an Educationally Mobile World Jude Carroll IN HIGHER EDUCAT Annette Bradford & Howard Brown (October 2017) *English-Medium Instruction in Japanese Higher Education: Policy, Challenges and Outcomes.* 

#### Intercultural Competence in Higher Education

International Approaches, Assessment and Application

Edited by Darla K. Deardorff and Lily A. Arasaratnam-Smith

Internationalisation of the Curriculum in Action <u>http://ioc.global/</u>

# Thank you

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