Funding changes in UK HE

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Themes

• Overview
• Insecurities
• Implications for Humanities and Social Sciences
Overview

- Spending review of 2010: £80B cuts
- Access/Widening Participation goals: 40-50%
- Lord Browne (Oct 2010): undergraduate UK/EU loan system
- Student Loan Company: variable financial support for students (tuition, maintenance)
- Postgraduate education?
- Strategically Important and Vulnerable Subjects
- Purpose of research: impact, concentration
- Border Agency: immigration targets and inclusion of students as migrants; penalties
London: A very multi-ethnic student population

Centre for London (2011) London’s Calling: Young Londoners, Social Mobility and Higher Education  http://www.demos.co.uk/publications/londonscalling
Insecurities

• Domestic/EU student: guarantee of loan conditions?
• International student: protection against college/university failure or deregistration?
• Institution: competition, intervention and continuity?
• Professional accreditation: national and international recognition? ELQ
• Unpaid internships, post-graduation?
• Brand UK?
Implications for the Humanities and Social Sciences

• Effect of fees: fixed versus variable fee institutions – incentives, penalties for H&SS
• Issues of cost, demand, employability, affordability – cross-subsidy, critical mass
• Student loans – H&SS (earnings, repayments)
• Resource Allocation Models – degree of devolution (institution, faculty, department)
• Research funding concentration – institutional versus disciplinary rankings
• Excellence versus impact measures
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