



THE WORLD
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2016 TOP 100
BRICS & EMERGING ECONOMIES

In 2015 the [FTSE Annual Country Classification Review](#) reclassified Greece from a Developed to an 'Advanced Emerging' country "due to the recent extended market closure, imposition of capital controls and continued economic instability..."

One result is that **Greek Universities** now feature in the Times Higher Education '[BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings 2016](#)', released on **2 December 2015**. This ranks the top research-led institutions in countries classified as emerging ("Advanced Emerging", "Secondary Emerging" or "Frontier") by FTSE, including the "BRICS" nations of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.'

China dominates the list, with 39 out of the 200 institutions ranked in 2016, including 5 in the top 10. For Greece, 7 HEIs are included, with the **University of Crete** leading in position **#33**. This is a significant achievement, particularly in view of the disparity between the enormous public investments being made in selected institutions in China, as in some other 'emerging' economies, and the impact of the prolonged crises in Greece on education and research.

As Phil Baty, Editor, [THE World University Rankings](#) said: "The 2016 BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings use the same 13 rigorous and demanding performance indicators as the overall World University Rankings, so institutions have to demonstrate high standards of performance across teaching, research, international outlook and industry links. We also only rank the very best universities from a highly competitive field of 48 emerging economy countries – so to make the top 100 list is a great achievement in itself and University of Crete should be heartily congratulated."