

The logo for THE World University Rankings 2017 Top 50 BRICS & Emerging Economies. It features the letters 'THE' in large, stylized font. 'T' is red with 'TIMES' written vertically inside. 'H' is purple with 'HIGHER' written vertically inside. 'E' is blue with 'EDUCATION' written vertically inside. To the right of 'THE' are three horizontal bars: a red bar with 'WORLD', a purple bar with 'UNIVERSITY', and a blue bar with 'RANKINGS'. Below these is a green bar with '2017 TOP 50' in white. At the bottom is a green bar with 'BRICS & EMERGING ECONOMIES' in white.

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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 (THE) '[BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings](#)'. The latest edition, released on 30 November 2016, ranks 300 universities from 41 countries, up from 200 institutions in 35 countries last year. China dominates the list with 52 institutions, including 6 in the top 10. For Greece, 6 HEIs are included, with **University of Crete** maintaining its leading position at #34 overall.

The BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings uses the same 13 performance indicators as the THE World University Rankings to assess a university's strength against all its core missions – teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. While it is an achievement in itself to be ranked in the top 50 overall, it is evident that in terms of **research influence**, as measured by citations, Greek HEIs are punching above their weight. Ranked specifically by this indicator, 4 Greek HEIs are in the top 50, with the University of Crete leading at #2 in terms of research influence among the 300 ranked universities.

This is welcome acknowledgement of the achievements, under challenging circumstances, of the scholars, scientists, students and support staff associated with the University of Crete.