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Abstract

The paper explores four interrelated issues: access and equity, the role and the legitimacy of
the emergent market-driven private sector in higher education, the relationships between
reforming public services in general and changing public and private higher education, and
entrepreneurialism of the emergent private sector in higher education. The four issues are
especially closely related in those transition countries in which the market orientation of
public institutions is strong, and in which new private institutions have considerable share in
student enrolments.