For several decades, higher education systems have undergone continuous waves of reform, driven by a combination of concerns about the changing labour needs of the economy, competition within the global-knowledge economy, and nationally competitive positioning strategies to enhance the performance of higher education systems. Yet, despite far-ranging international pressures – including the emergence of an international higher education market, enormous growth in cross-border student mobility, and pressures to achieve universities of world-class standing, boost research productivity and impact, and compete in global league tables – the suites of policy, policy designs, and sector outcomes continue to be marked as much by hybridity as they are by similarity or convergence. This volume explores these complex governance outcomes from a theoretical and empirical comparative perspective, addressing those vectors precipitating change in the modalities and instruments of governance, and how they interface at the systemic and institutional levels and across geographic regions.

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