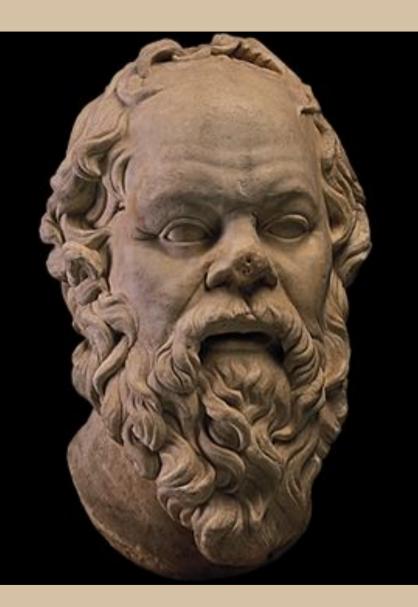


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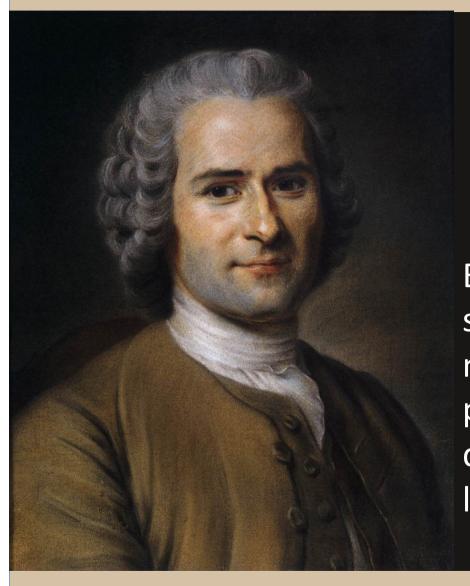
Jacques LANARES





Mais ceux qui s'attachent à moi, bien que certains d'entre eux paraissent au début complètement ignorants, font tous, au cours de leur commerce avec moi, ..., des progrès merveilleux non seulement à leur jugement, mais à celui des autres

Socrate



En sortant de mes mains, il ne sera, j'en conviens, ni magistrat, ni soldat, ni prêtre ; il sera premièrement homme : tout ce qu'un homme doit être, il saura l'être

J.J. Rousseau

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## **Political**

- New Public Management
- Governance of institutions:
  more autonomy => more accountability
- Bologna process



« The intrinsic quality of an institution of higher education is not enough: it must be proven and guaranteed in order to be able to be visible and credible with the eyes of the students, the institutional partners and the Society in general »

(Salamanque's Declaration « To build the European Higher Education Area», march 2001)

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we urge higher education institutions to continue their efforts to enhance the quality of their activities through the systematic introduction of internal mechanisms and their direct correlation to external quality assurance.



London 2007 Since the main responsibility for quality lies with HEIs, they should continue to develop their systems of quality assurance.



Recommendations CE (2006/143/CE)

« Stimulate all HEI's of the country to develop rigourous Internal Quality »

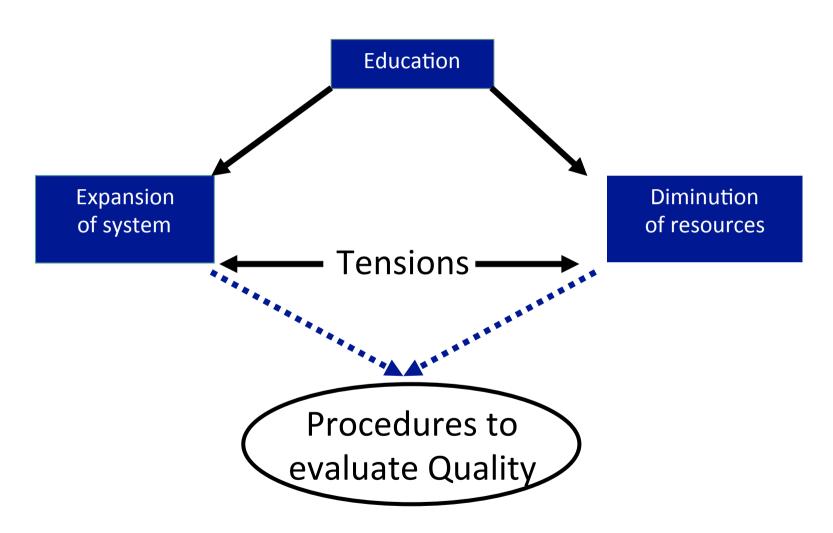
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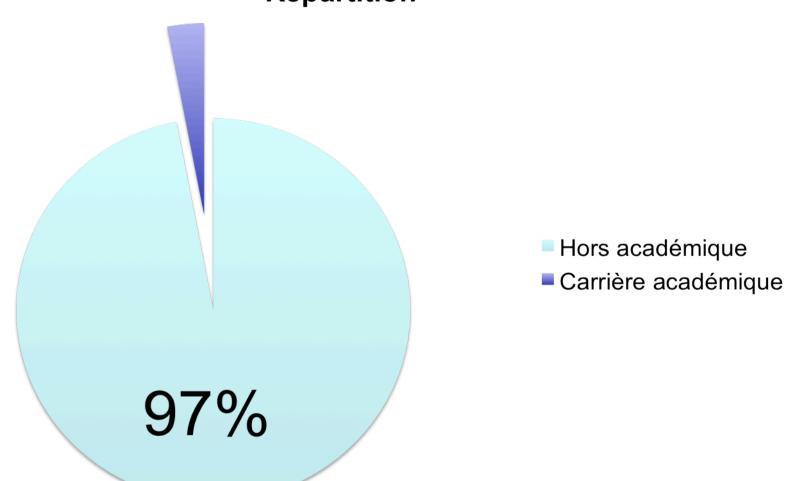


#### **Economical**

- Relation with funding
- Competition between institutions
- Mass higher education
  - Success rate
  - Employability

# < 3 % of students will go on an academic career





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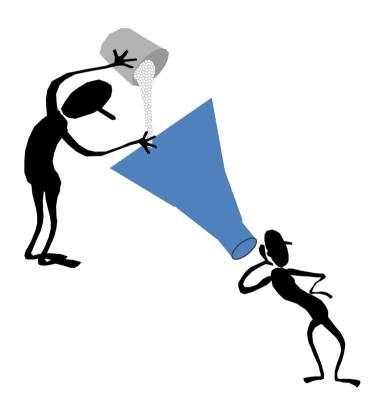
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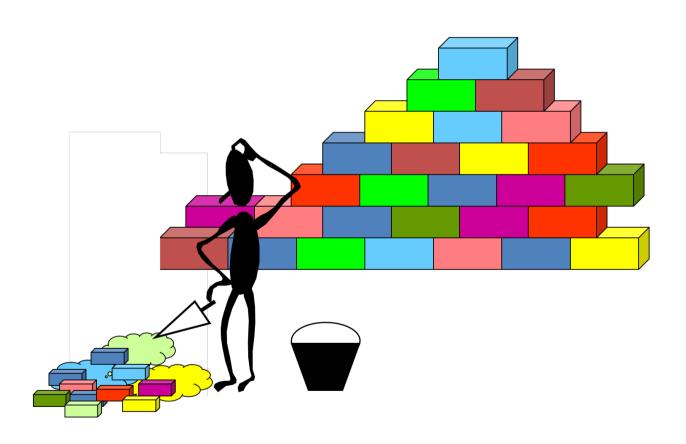




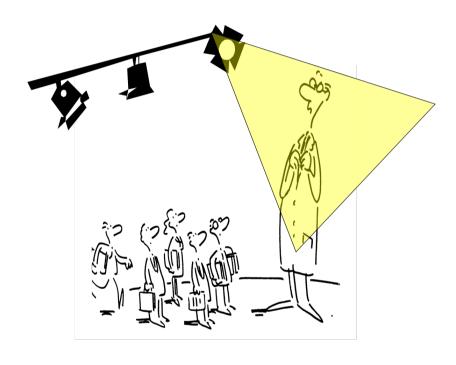
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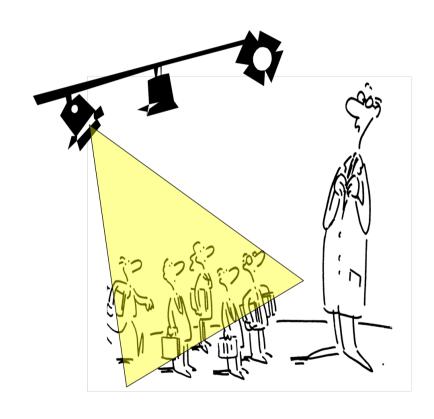
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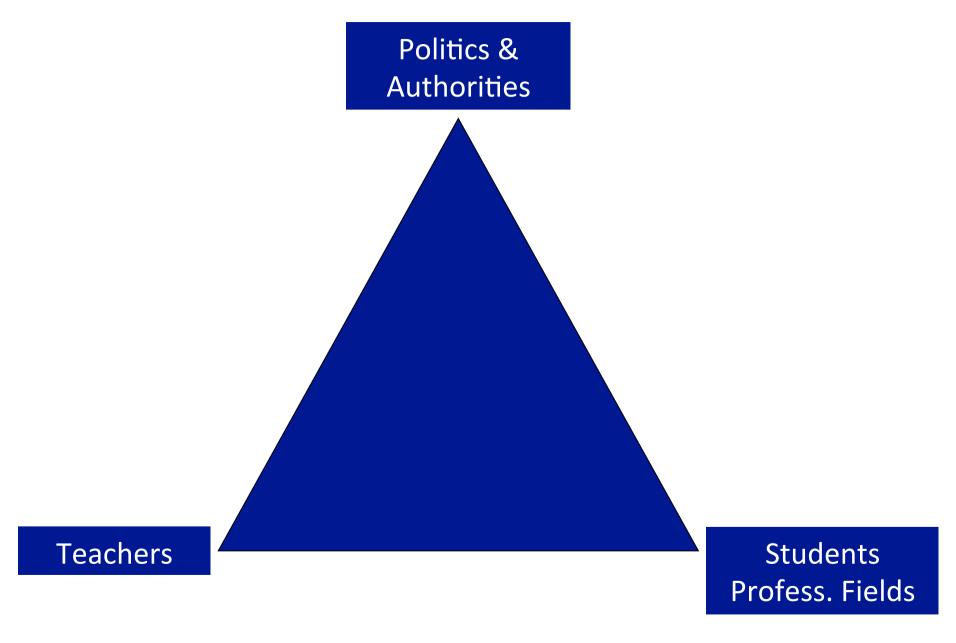
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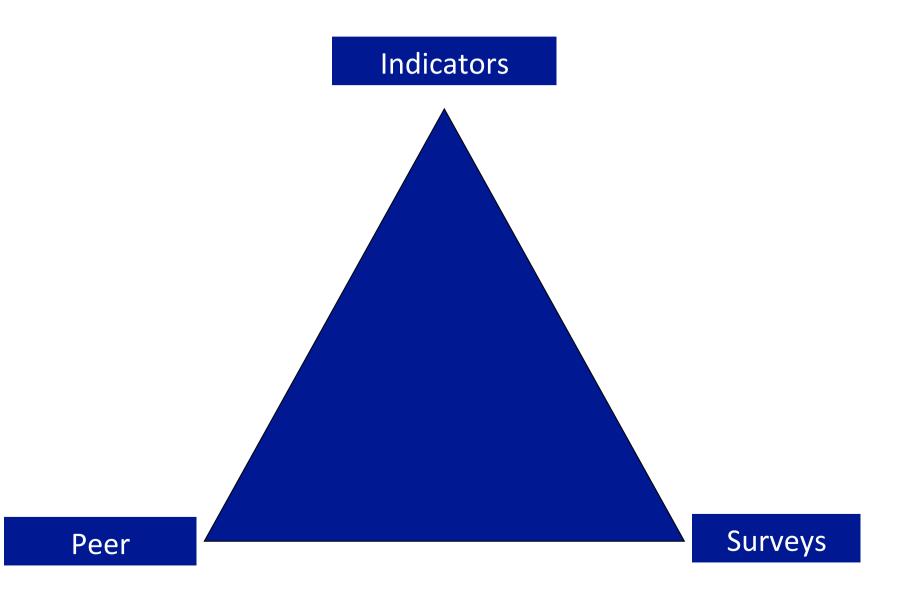
# ... to Focus on students and learning



#### Different « forces » with different needs and expectations



#### Internal Quality systems are always in « tensions »



Paradox of Quality

# Supposed to be looked for but not really desired

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#### **Quality a Famous Unknown**

- A word known by everyone
- Though quite different understandings Exceptional
  - Fitness for purpose
  - Client satisfaction
  - Value for money
- No universal definition of quality

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