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TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION REVEALS RANKING OF THE WORLD'S TOP 200 YOUNG UNIVERSITIES

Italy claims ten places in list of world's top young universities
The ranking published for the sixth year, includes 200 institutions for the first time, expanded from 150 (formally known as Times higher Education 150 Under 50)
Italy has 10 institutions in this year's ranking with Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in the top 10 in joint 9th place Universities under 50 years old are exciting, dynamic institutions located outside the traditional strongholds of the US and UK.
THE Young University Rankings is designed to highlight the future global university star performers Switzerland's École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne tops the list for the 3rd year in a row. Asia performs well with institutions from Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea taking 5 places in the top 10.

London, 5 April 2017: *Times Higher Education* (THE) has today published the Young University Rankings (https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2017/young-university-rankings) which lists the world's 200 best universities that are 50 years old or younger, across 48 countries.
   The ranking, which includes 200 institutions for the first time (up from 150 last year), is topped by Switzerland's École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, for the third year in a row. Universities in Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, the Netherlands, Germany and Italy also feature in the top 10 while there is strong representation from Australia, France

and Spain across the ranking.

These younger universities offer a very different perspective on global higher education excellence from the THE World University Rankings, which are dominated by institutions from the US and UK.

The remainder of the top six in this ranking features the same institutions as last year, albeit in a slightly different order: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Nanyang Technological University swap places from last year to claim second and third place respectively, while Pohang University of Science and Technology comes fourth, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology is placed fifth, and Maastricht University sixth.

The UK is the most represented nation in the ranking with 27 universities, closely followed by Australia with 23. France, Spain, Germany and Italy come next with 16, 15, 11 and 10 institutions respectively.

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Times Higher Education and link to the Top 200 full results and analysis at:
https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2017/young-university-rankings

Phil Baty the editor of the *Times Higher Education* rankings, said: "It is no easy task to appear in the 2017 Young University Rankings, which use the same 13 rigorous and demanding performance indicators as the overall World University Rankings. Institutions must demonstrate high standards of performance across teaching, research, international outlook and knowledge transfer."

"The sixth annual edition of this celebration of the world's best young universities shows that rising higher education stars are found worldwide. Switzerland is home to the world's top young university for the third year in a row while institutions in Hong Kong and South Korea are rapidly rising up the table".

"While the US dominates the World University Rankings, it claims less than 3 per cent of places in this young top 200. Even the most-represented nation in the table, the UK, only takes 13.5 per cent of positions. The result is that universities from 48 countries across Europe, Australasia, Asia, North America and Latin America make the table. This means the list represents a wider range of countries than any other THE ranking, except the flagship world rankings."

On Italy's performance, Phil Baty the editor of the *Times Higher Education* rankings, said:

"It is great news that 10 Italian universities feature in this list of the world's best young universities and that its top performer - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna – makes the top 10 (joint ninth). Italy also has four newcomers in this list. But while its established representatives in this table all make the top 100, five of them have dropped places. The University of Milan-Bicocca (55th, down from 51st), University of Rome III (joint 81st, down from 72nd) and University of Brescia (95th, down from joint 86th) all have higher overall

scores than last year, suggesting that increased competition in the table has led to their decline, while Verona University (joint 81st, down from joint 66th) has slightly lower scores for teaching and citations.

  "Seven of Italy's representatives are 35 years old or younger, suggesting that the country has a promising future in the Under 50 list in the years to come".

"But there has been a 20 per cent drop in public funding for higher education in Italy over the past five years which has pushed the proportion of Italy's gross domestic product spent on higher education below that of almost every other developed country and accelerated a 19 per cent decline in the number of tenured positions since 2008. Academic salaries have also been frozen since 2010.

"The summit of the ranking features several young Asian universities that are rapidly improving. Italy will face tough competition from Hong Kong and South Korea in the list in future years."   For the first time, the THE has looked at the world's best universities established between 1945 and 1966 in the aftermath of the Second World War – what THE describes as the "Golden Age" in global higher education, characterised by rapid university expansion and increasing investment in research. In a new top 100 list, the UK is the most-represented country with 19 universities, led by the University of Warwick in eighth place. The UK's success is due to the birth of "plate glass" universities following the 1963 Robbins report.

Meanwhile, Australia and Canada each have six representatives. The Antipodean nation is also the most-represented in the top 10, claiming three places: Australian National University (second), Monash University (fourth), and University of New South Wales (seventh).   For those institutions in the THE Young University Ranking, "Generation X" universities – those established between 1967 and 1985 – generally have the most success. The slightly younger "Generation Y" universities founded between 1986 and 1999 feature three Asian universities at the top of the table: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Nanyang Technological University and Pohang University of Science and Technology. Overall 20 Asian universities make the 50-strong "Gen Y" list, including universities in India, Taiwan, Pakistan, Thailand and Turkey. Finally, the youngest universities appearing in the ranking are also listed as "Millennials" – founded since 2000. Only one of the universities ranked in the top 10 of the Young University Rankings was founded this millennium – Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, founded in 2009, which appears in joint 9th place.

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