

The crisis of academic casualisation at LSE: macro and comparative analyses

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All of the analyses run here are based on publicly-available data published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). This data can be directly downloaded on the HESA website: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis>.

1 Casualisation of academic staff at LSE

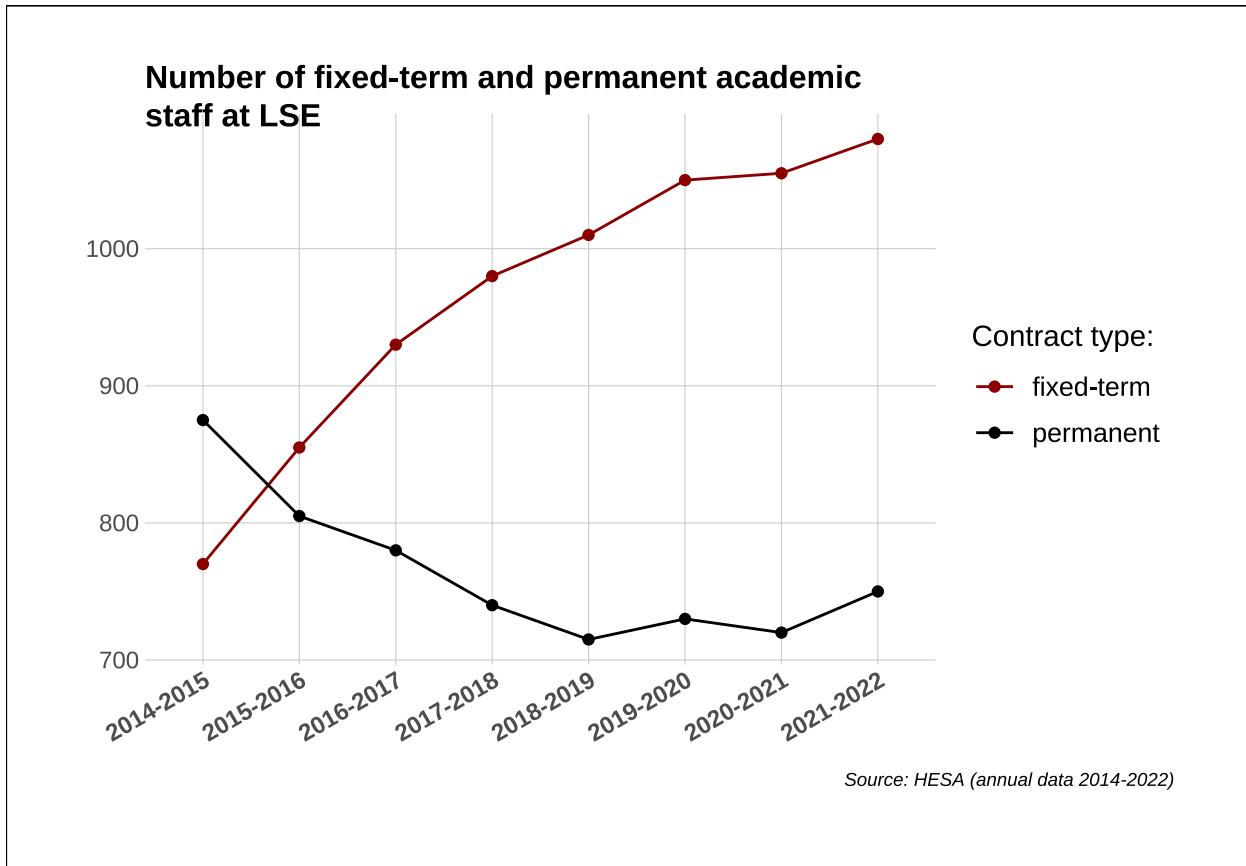


Figure 1: Number of permanent and fixed-term academic staff at LSE (HESA 2023)

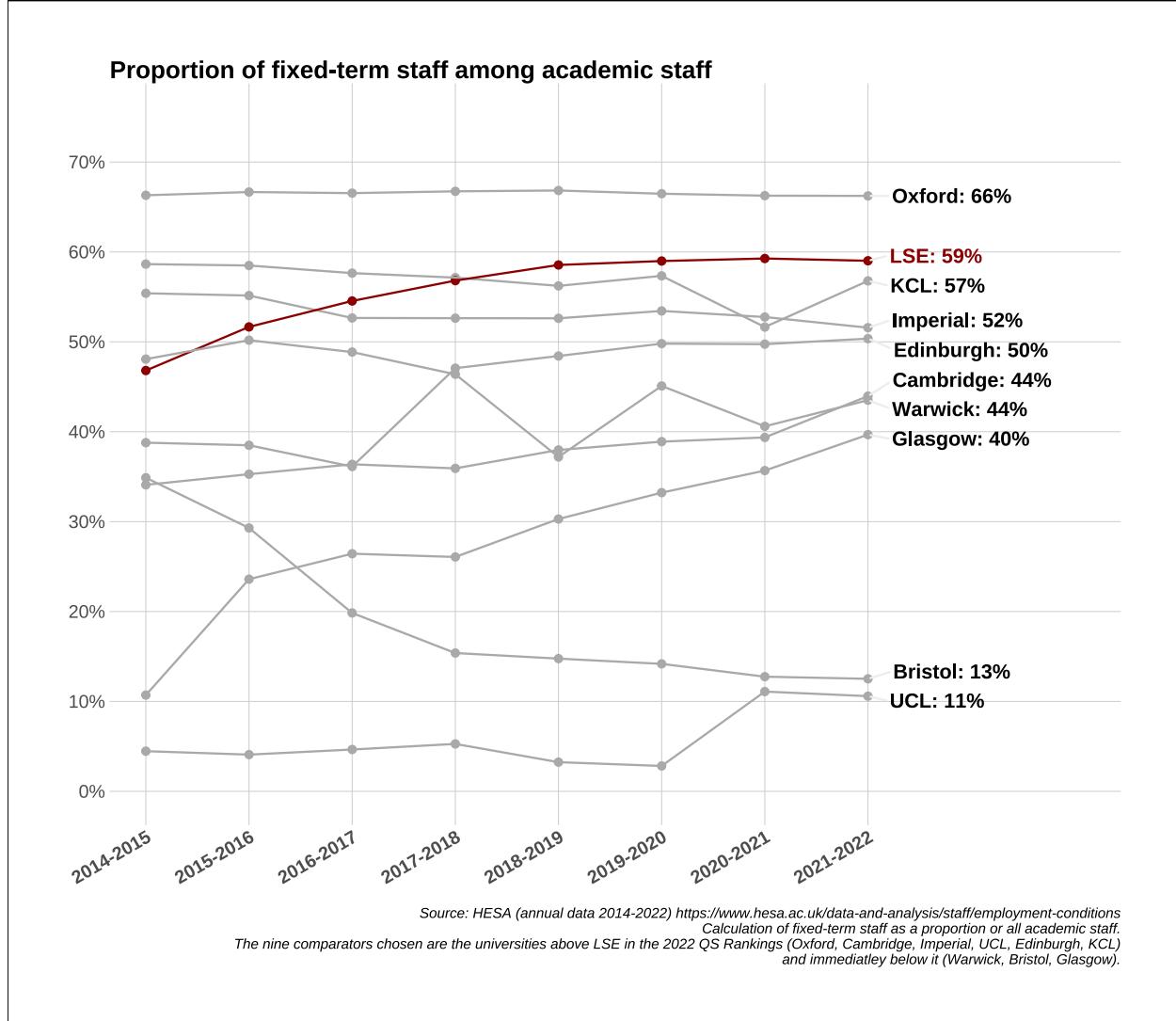


Figure 2: Proportion of casual (fixed-term) staff amongst academic staff (HESA 2023)

2 Changes in permanent staff numbers and student-staff ratio

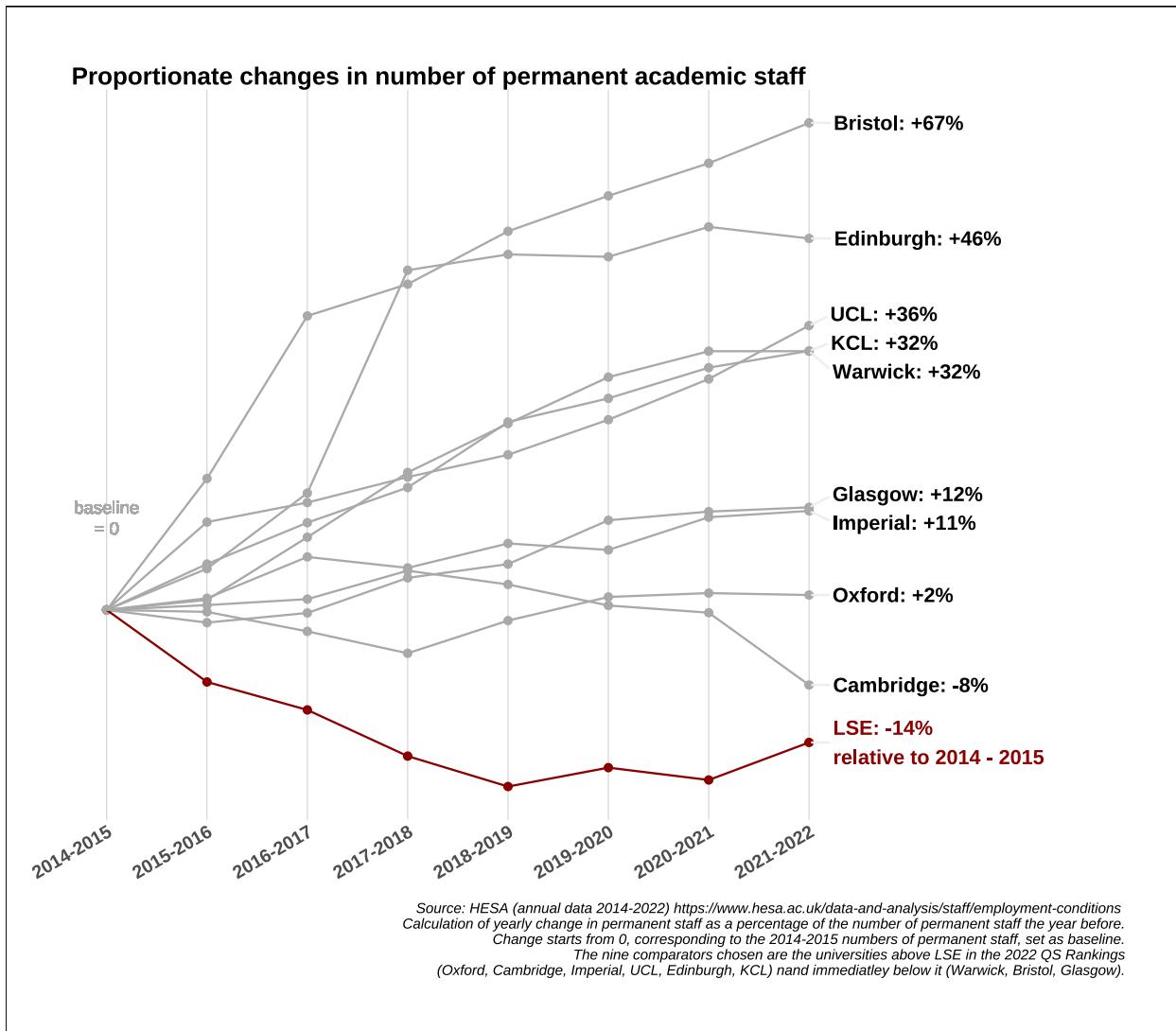


Figure 3: Relative changes in permanent academic staff numbers since 2014-2015 (HESA 2023)

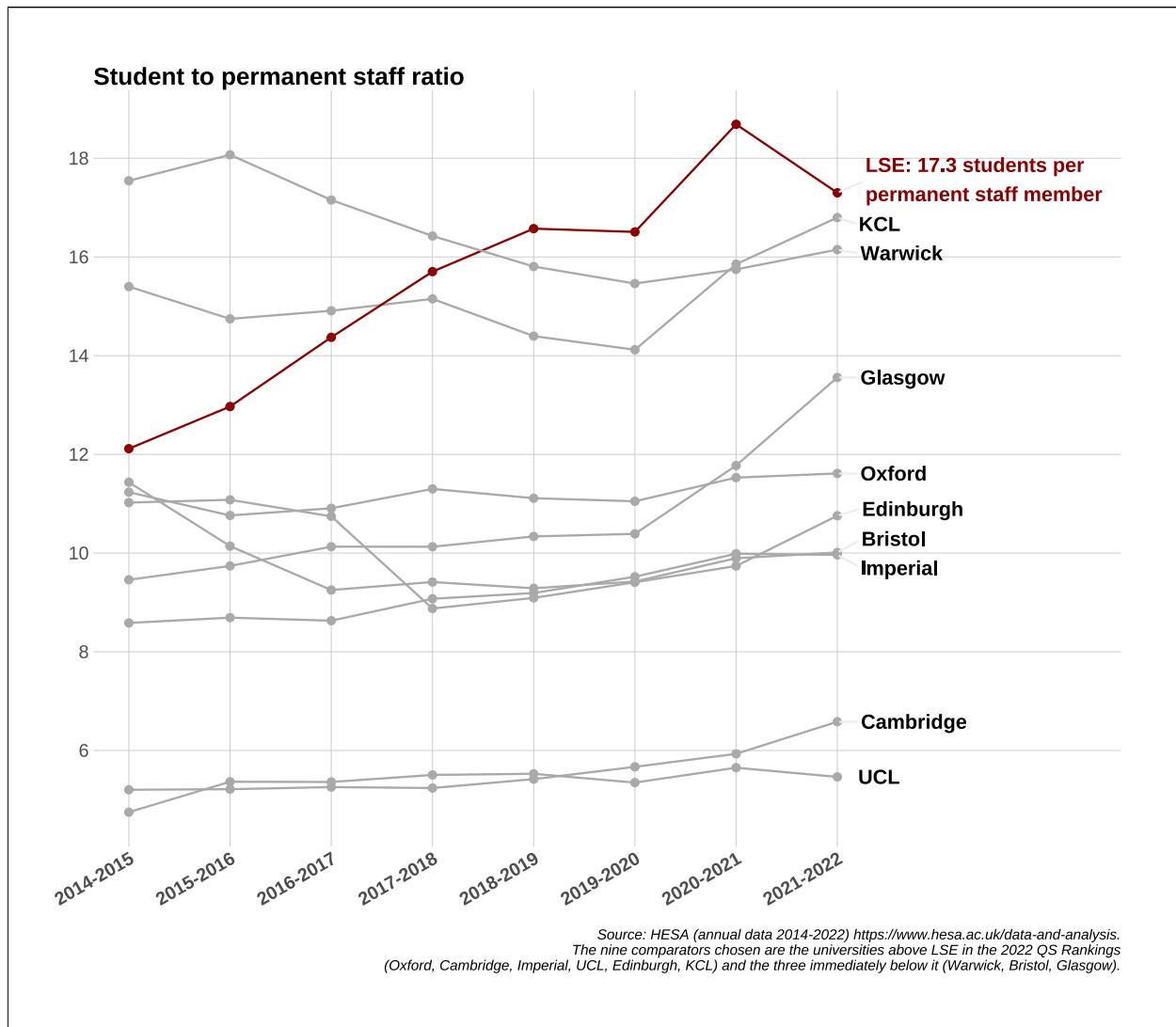


Figure 4: Student-to-staff ratio (permanent academic staff only) since 2014-2015, (HESA 2023)

3 Changes in student numbers and international students

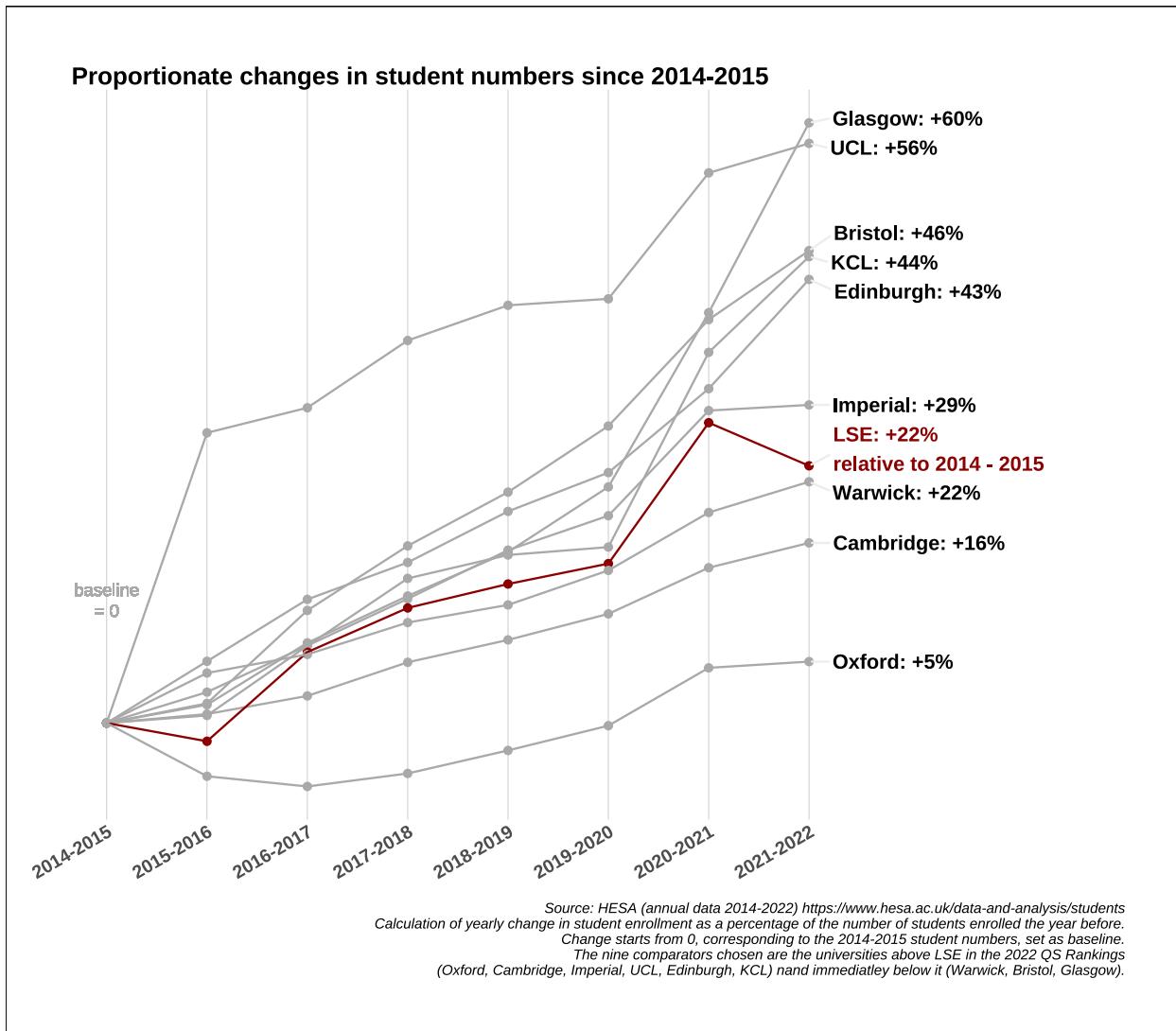


Figure 5: Relative changes in student numbers since 2014-2015 (HESA 2023)

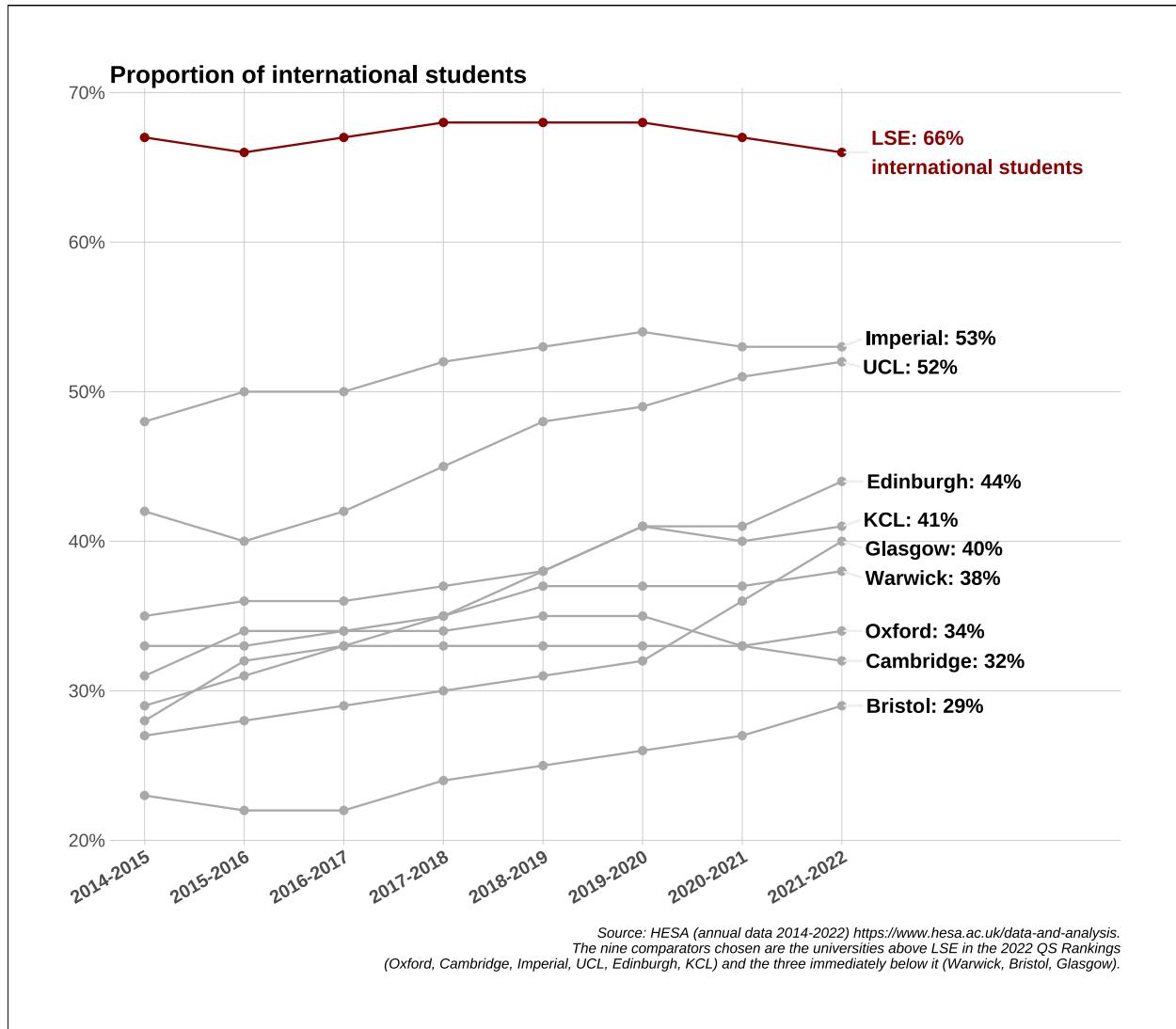


Figure 6: Proportion of international students among all enrolled students, over time since 2014-2015 (HESA 2023)

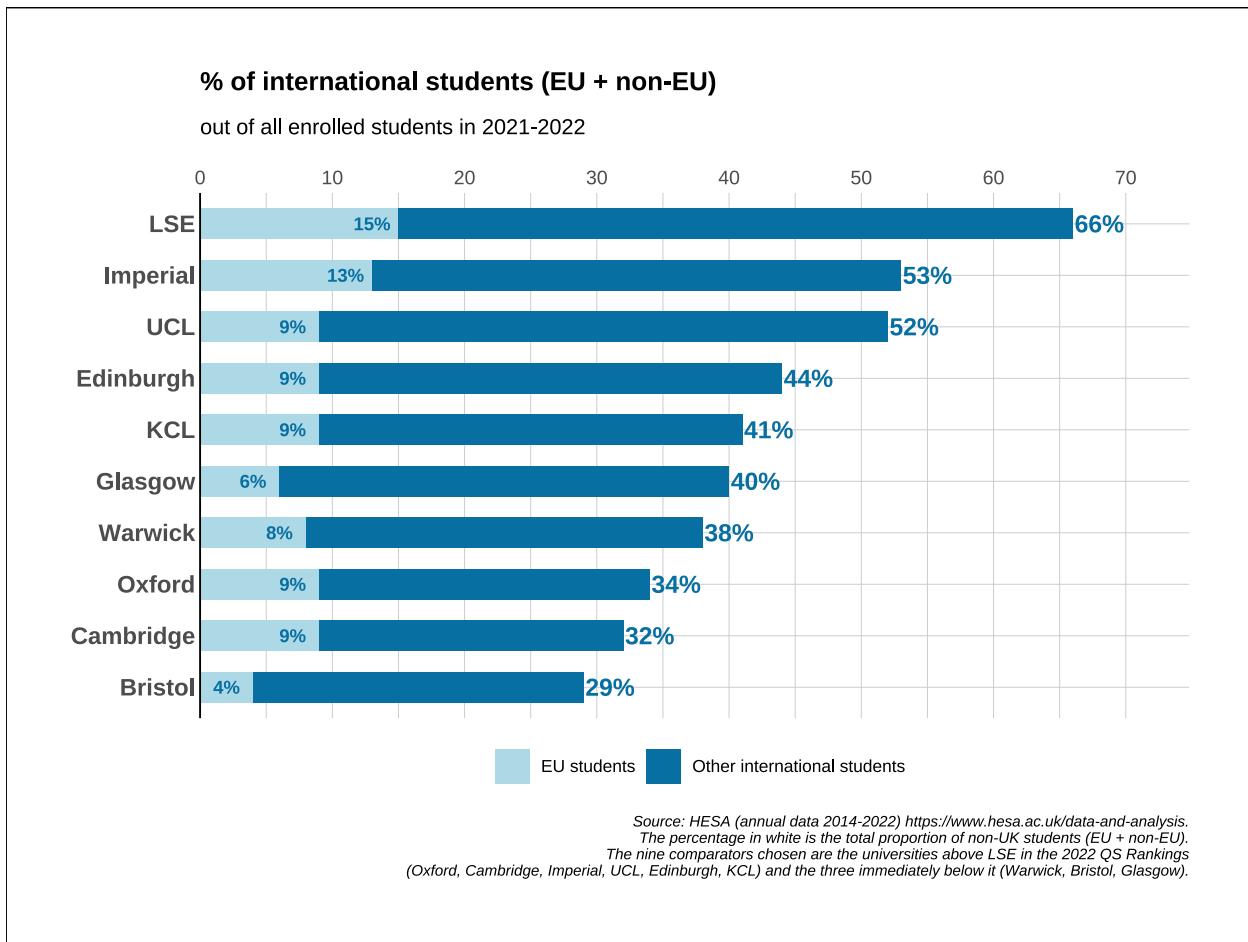
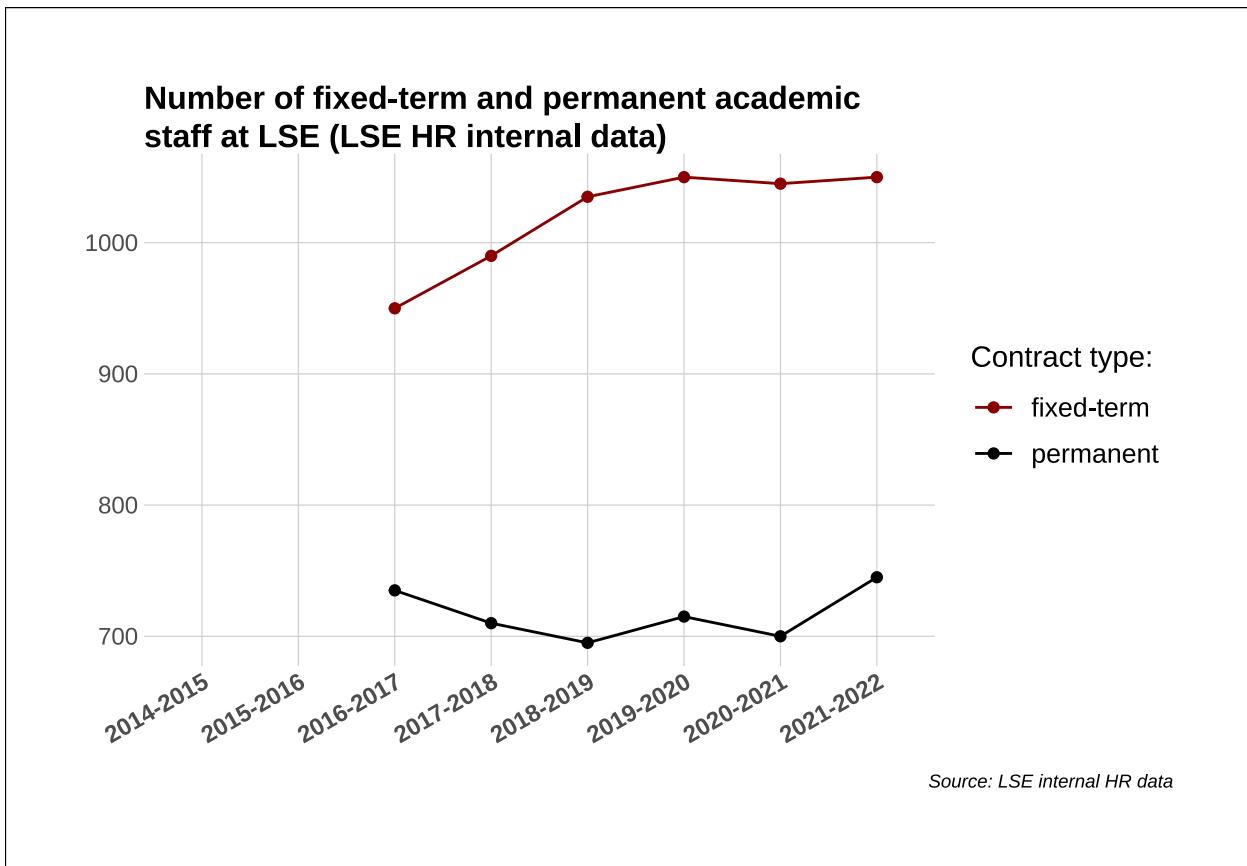
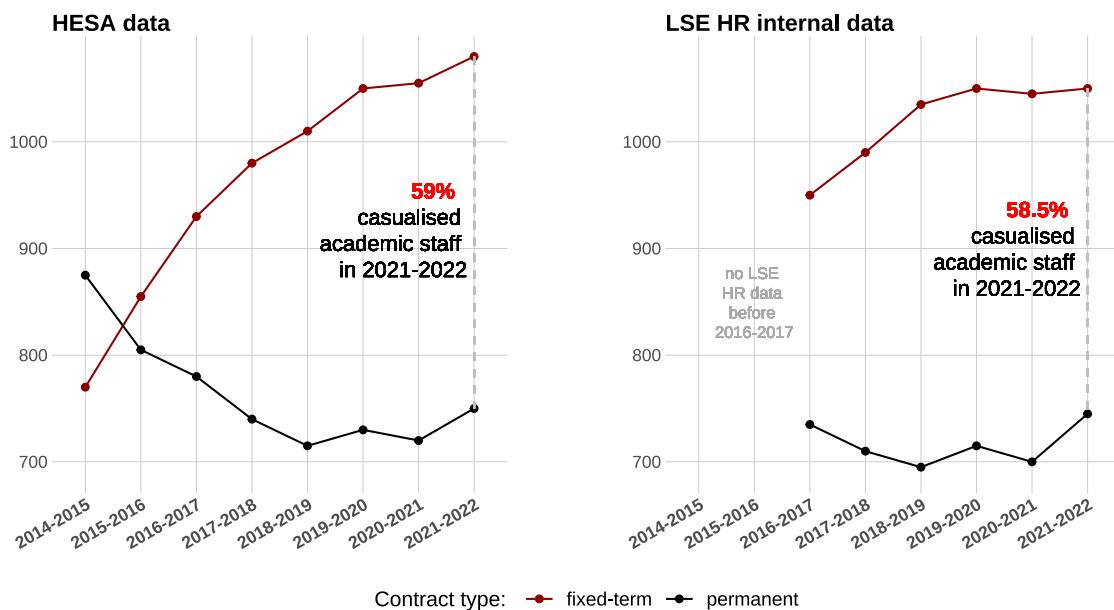


Figure 7: Proportion of EU students and non-EU international students among all students, in 2021-2022 (HESA 2023)

4 LSE HR internal data



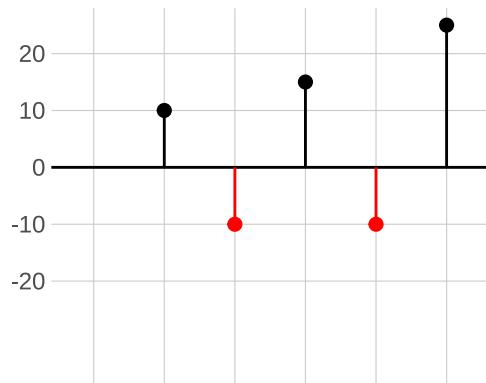
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according to HESA data and LSE HR internal data**



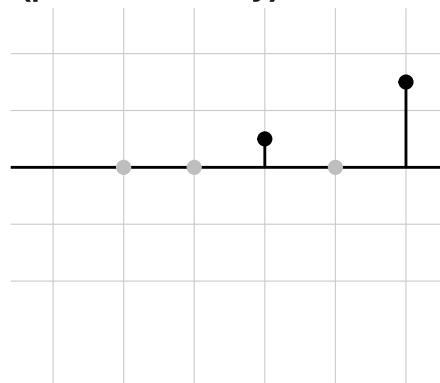
Sources: HESA 2023 (left plot); LSE HR internal data 2023 (right plot)

Yearly change (absolute terms) in permanent academic staff numbers by staff category (LSE HR internal data)

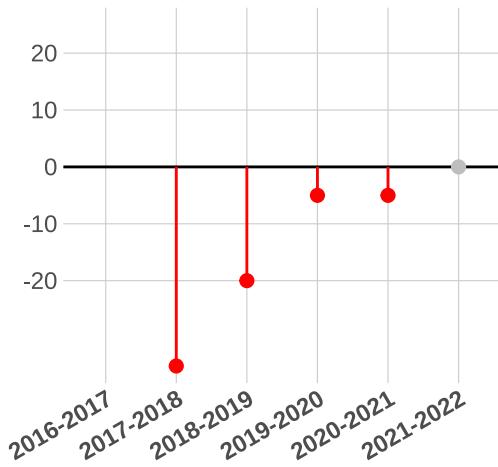
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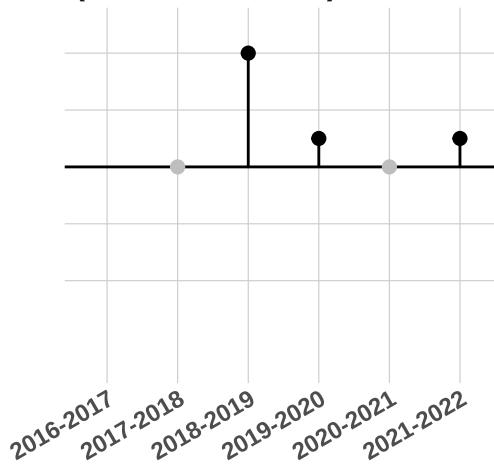
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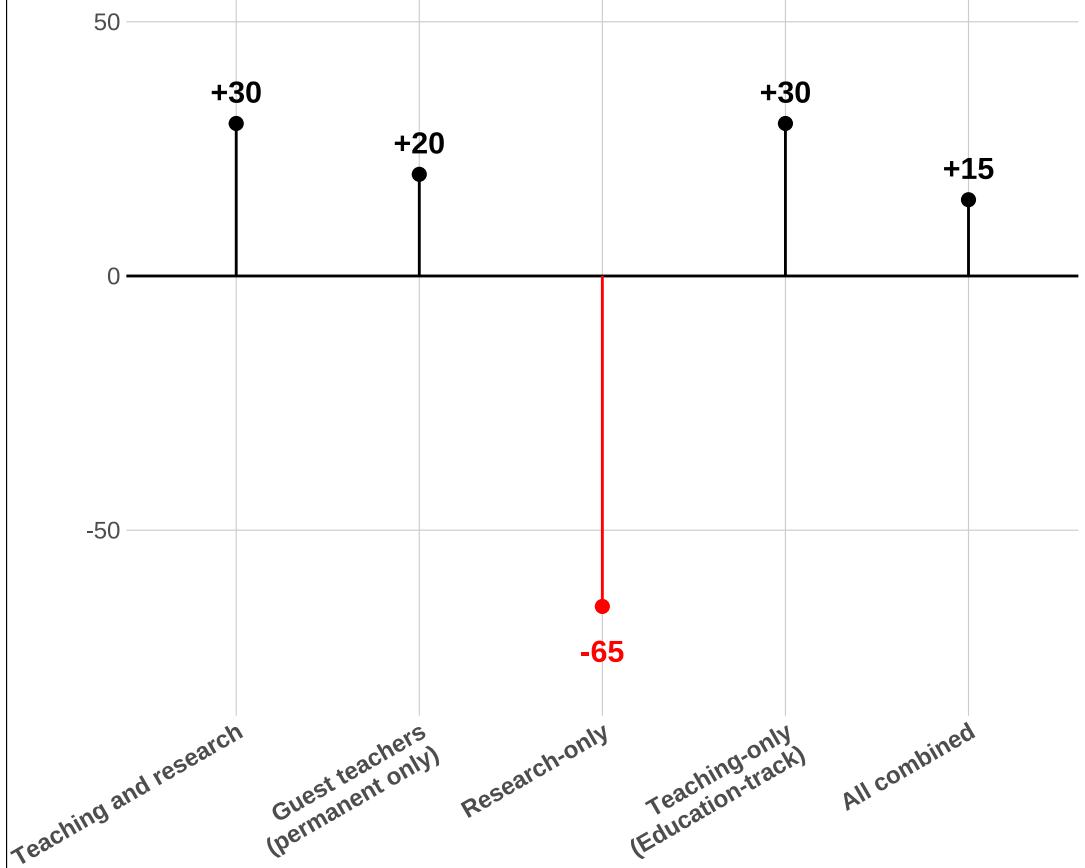


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(Education-track)**



Source: LSE internal HR data (2023)

Overall change (absolute terms) in permanent academic staff numbers by staff category between 2016-2017 and 2021-2022



Source: LSE internal HR data (2023)

5 LSE fellow and postdoc survey : survey description, results not yet disclosed

The 2022-2023 Postdoc and Fellow survey, conducted jointly by the LSE Fellows network and the UCU anti-casualisation officers, targeted all categories of post-doctoral fellows (LSE Fellows, Teaching Fellows, Research Fellows, Research Officers).

In order to protect the respect the pledge of anonymity that was made to participants in the Postdoc and Fellow Survey, we are not sharing data or code for analysis here, and only include some of the most telling figures.

