Why it makes good business sense to attract more employees from working-class backgrounds  
  
   
 Marianna Fotaki, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick

Accountancy firm KPMG’s plans for greater social balance should be applauded.

South Africa’s labour market trends from 2009 to 2019: a lost decade?  
  
   
 Derek Yu, University of the Western Cape and Charles Adams, University of the Western Cape

Can the structural barriers to low-skilled employment growth be overcome?

Student loan debt is crushing Americans – 4 essential reads  
  
   
 Jamaal Abdul-Alim, The Conversation and Alvin Buyinza, The Conversation

As federal student loan debt continues to rise, a number of scholars discuss how debt affects the nation’s college students, graduates and the economy as a whole.

Education debates are rife with references to war – but have they gone too far?  
  
   
 Mark Hlavacik, University of North Texas

Are comparisons to war a good way to make a point in debates about education? A scholar of communication says it depends on the analogies and how they are used.

Back to school: what works to keep children safe from COVID-19 – podcast  
  
   
 Gemma Ware, The Conversation and Daniel Merino, The Conversation

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Le conflit tue l’éducation : l’expérience rwandaise montre comment le temps perdu peut être rattrapé  
  
   
 Miho Taka, Coventry University

Les gouvernements et les organismes devraient se préparer à saisir les opportunités de seconde chance dans l’éducation formelle pour éviter les retards créés par des situations d’urgence très longues

Lessons about 9/11 often provoke harassment of Muslim students  
  
   
 Amaarah DeCuir, American University

Comments made during class discussions about 9/11 often put Muslim students on edge, according to a researcher who interviewed 55 Muslim students in and around the nation’s capital.

Mission education left an uneven legacy: an analysis of 26 African countries  
  
   
 Bastian Becker, Universität Bremen

As missionaries expanded into Africa, they held a special grudge against polygamy. Here’s how that affected education.

Schools can reopen safely – an epidemiologist describes what works and what’s not worth the effort  
  
   
 Brandon Guthrie, University of Washington

Vaccinations, masks and some distancing – along with low community transmission – can help protect students in classrooms and cafeterias.

The great pandemic GCSE and A-level experiment: what if we never went back to the old system?  
  
   
 Jan McArthur, Lancaster University

The idea that exams exist to help universities and employers pick candidates is deeply entrenched – and misguided.

4 ways extreme heat hurts the economy  
  
   
 Derek Lemoine, University of Arizona

Much of the US has been experiencing heat waves in recent weeks. An economist explains how the often record-high temperatures can affect the economy.

Bob Moses played critical role in civil rights organizing and math literacy for Black students  
  
   
 Hasan Kwame Jeffries, The Ohio State University

The Algebra Project – a long-standing initiative to teach algebra to Black students who might not otherwise take it – sprang from Bob Moses’ work as a civil rights activist, a historian recounts.

Indonesia’s ‘Freedom to Learn’ movement at risk as students lose attention amid digital learning: how do we reclaim their drive to learn?  
  
   
 Muhammad Zuhdi, Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta and Stephen Dobson, Te Herenga Waka — Victoria University of Wellington

As the saying goes, you can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it drink. Just because students are given the freedom to learn, it does not mean they will.

Young Muslim women in Ghana feel stereotyped and judged: why it matters  
  
   
 Barbara Crossouard, University of Sussex; Christine Adu-Yeboah, University of Cape Coast; Eric Ananga; Máiréad Dunne, University of Sussex, and Vincent Adzahlie-Mensah

Although Ghana has not been affected by religious conflict, the ways youth from the Muslim minority relate to their nation is an important question.

Bans on critical race theory could have a chilling effect on how educators teach about racism  
  
   
 Nicholas Ensley Mitchell, University of Kansas

New laws that take aim at critical race theory could pose serious dilemmas for teachers when it comes to describing America’s past, a curriculum specialist says.

Zaila Avant-garde – 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee champ – stands where Black children were once kept out  
  
   
 Shalini Shankar, Northwestern University

A scholar of spelling bees explains why Zaila Avant-garde’s victory at the National Scripps Spelling Bee is significant from a historical perspective.

Why Nigeria’s weak health system affects women and girls the most  
  
   
 Akanni Ibukun Akinyemi, Obafemi Awolowo University

The average Nigerian woman or child faces a host of hindrances in accessing health services.

Why payroll fraud in the DRC’s education sector will be hard to fix  
  
   
 Cyril Owen Brandt, University of Antwerp; Gauthier Marchais, Institute of Development Studies; Jacques Taty Mwakupemba, Université catholique de Bukavu; Stylianos Moshonas, University of Antwerp, and Tom De Herdt, University of Antwerp

Public statements against payroll fraud seem to materialise at strategic moments.

Learning about white privilege isn’t harmful to white working class children – viewpoint  
  
   
 Wendy Sims-Schouten, University of Portsmouth; Naheem Jabbar, University of Portsmouth, and Patricia Gilbert, University of Portsmouth

After a report from the education select committee suggested the term does more harm than good, it’s worth unpacking what it actually means