

The nature of the relationship between higher education institutions and the government and the governance models of higher education institutions have been undergoing significant changes in the last decades. In general, we observe a diminishing level of trust in institutions and the emergence of a new rhetoric based on management and efficiency. There has been an invasion of traditional university governance by management concepts and attitudes imported from the private sector. These changes are taking place in many countries in association with a new neo-liberal credo and the emergence of New Public Management (NPM). This paper examines these changes.