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**Abstract**

This chapter takes a long historical perspective on the global emergence of private higher education. It first provides an overview of the history of private higher education worldwide by examining it within the context of the evolution of the modern State. The chapter then focuses on the driving forces behind the recent expansion of private provision in several regions of the world and explores the related challenges. It concludes by discussing the different roles private higher education could play in the future. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)

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