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Preface

Processes of knowledge production and dissemination are increasingly set in an international context. In research and higher education, the links between local actors and the international environments are both proliferating and intensifying. Moreover, individual level self-organised international collaboration is increasingly supplemented by national and supranational organised activities, and by market-oriented activity with a global scope. Starting from these observations, this book analyses patterns of internationalisation comprising the national and supranational level, the level of higher education institutions and private companies, as well as the level of individual researchers and graduates.

The book – with the exception of Chapters 3 and 7 – results from a NIFU STEP Strategic Institute Programme sponsored by the Research Council of Norway, fully dedicated to studying the internationalisation of research and higher education. Whereas the Norwegian knowledge system is the empirical case in focus, this case is set in a broader context by using comparative data from a wide range of countries and accounting for the general trends and its broader relevance.

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