Which categories of students are in expansion in Geneva? Do they cause more problems?
Did you tell me «Expansion of higher education»? What does it really mean in Geneva?

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Expansion of higher education

More students are registered and follow their studies in higher education institutions...

In Switzerland
1. Expansion of higher education as a gender matter
Expansion of higher education as catching up the gap between sex (in Switzerland)

- Same raising for men and women
- Reducing of gap between sex
- And new equal raising for men and women
Expansion of higher education

In Geneva

+ 54%
Expansion of higher education as extending the differences between sex (in Geneva)
1. Expansion of higher education as a gender matter

• Thus, a part of the expansion of higher education is
  
  – due to the fact that the women catch up the gap between sex in accessing to university (in Switzerland in general)...
  
  – or even due to the deepening of this gap in favour of women (in Geneva in particular).
Expansion of higher in Geneva, our data (OVE-UNIGE)
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+ 38%
2. Expansion of higher education as a result of geographical areas' attractiveness
Attractiveness according to regions of origin

a) Moderate increasing

Geneva

b) Strong increasing

Vaud

Neighbour France
Attractiveness according to regions

c) Increasing before falling

Valais

German speaking Switzerland

Ticino
Attractiveness according to regions

d) Random progression (with a little trend to increase)
2. Expansion of higher education as a result of geographical areas attractiveness

• Thus, the attractiveness by geographical nearness is more and more important...
• ... and becomes more important than the attractiveness by curriculum prestige
• The higher studies as a market of the training: competition between universities provokes a lack of differentiation between universities...
3. Expansion of higher education as a consequence of the students «captiveness»
Students newly registered in UNIGE + 27%
Students newly registered in UNIGE

New bachelors in UNIGE

+ 27%

+ 7%
3. Expansion of higher education as a consequence of the students «captiveness»

• Thus, «Expansion of higher education» doesn’t mean «More people committed in higher education»

• The raising number of students in Geneva is mainly due to the growing duration of the studies.

• But not only...
4. Expansion of higher education as the result of raising number of PhD students
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• Thus, the PhD are more and more attracted...
• ...but the main opening of the PhD is not only the academic path
• ...the PhD studies became a way to attract more students in the universities
For a conclusion

- University as a market
- Students as customer
- Problems are more and more market problems: university as service provider and students as service user.

- But, for this moment, both have some interests to keep this process unrecognized.