

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROCESS: ALBANIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CASE

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Abstract

Nowadays, it seems essential to explain the concept of culture diversity and to show clearly that educating in the 21st century is not the same as educating in the recent past. Education, forms the most important investment a society can make in its future in terms of its social order, intercultural dialogue and promoting the reorientation on the global identity etc. Education determines personal well-being, innovation, income and social mobility. Education is both personal and social good. Consequently we can say that education demonstrates more than any area of our lives how depended we are on each other to fulfil our needs and contribute to the wider community benefit. Education policies on the cultural diversity are quite modern and so useful for the reorientation of the society toward tolerance of diversity, non-discrimination and model of differences. Shortly we can say that cultural diversity brings out the increase of heterogeneity even in the education institutions. Cultural diversity includes different social actors with different language, cultural values, perceptions, race, ethnic background, country or region etc. Students confronted with differences and diversity in their everyday school life. Most of the time this confrontation is the main issue that effect the modern individuality formation. For this reason we can say that cultural diversity is very important in the process of education. In this study it is going to be focus on the effects of cultural diversity in the process of higher education. Also, it is going to be analyzing the importance of cultural diversity in the higher education. As we know, post communist Albanian society is quite new in forming the cultural diversities. Consequently to this, the education policies about cultural diversity also are quite new. For this reason it is important to analyze cultural diversity in the Albanian higher education process nowadays. The study will focus on literature review and the application of surveys to the students of the most important universities in Albania.

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