

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD

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Abstract

Throughout history, changes or developments occurring in social, economic, cultural, technologic and political areas have their impact on almost every society. Especially economic developments are influencing the whole world in a domino effect; sometimes they show their influence as a crisis, while sometimes they emerge as the most important factor of a war. When we look at the historical trend of the world, parallel to the fundamental transformations in the world economy at the end of the 20th century, we remark the construction of a new economic system. This transformation process of rebuilding the world has been called “globalism”. The basic transformation has been carried out in production and its subtitles. Demands for a faster and mass production have led to the formation of a society able of an effective use of technology. Technology necessitates surely “information” and this process has prepared the environment for the emerging of a society focused on information. The most special feature of this society that is characterized with the term “information-oriented society”, are the structuring of production as information-focused and patented manufacturing and the use of the respective technological information in all areas of life (economy, health, politics, education etc.). In spite of serious critics and doubts, I’m of the opinion that this process has provided to the society the information as a key word and has made indispensable the search for it. This article describes the ways of access to information and aims especially at the spreading of knowledge through the globalization beyond the national boundaries.

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