

## **MASSIVIZATION OF ALBANIAN HIGHER EDUCATION: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND LABOR MARKET DEMANDS IN ALBANIA**

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### **Abstract**

Massivization of public Universities in Albania appears to be a trend of the last decade. The large number of University students, particularly the public ones, has made the quality or education on the market demands an impossible challenge. Through this study we aim to analyze the relationship between the large number of students at our Universities and the market demands for professionals of different fields. The main purpose of this study is intended to highlight the difficulties for integration of young people in the labor market due to mass attendance of higher studies, and lack of estimates of market demands for specialists of different fields. The study has clearly some limitations, as we are focused only on comparison of employment opportunities for students who are about to finish Master studies at some Faculties of Tirana University, failing to find adequate time for surveying students from all over the country. In view of the above, the research questions in which the present study is focused are: what are the real chances of the Albanian students to get employed after they finish University? Which higher education profile offers more employment opportunities for the students of Public University? The qualitative research method will be employed, aiming to provide an assessment of the current state of affairs of higher education in Albania. About 550 students of Tirana University are surveyed, where based on the data obtained, an analysis are conducted regarding the relationship between the number of students, educational branch selected and their employment opportunities in the Albanian market. Data analysis will be realized through SPSS.20 statistical program, where hypothesis testing and relationship between key study variables will be estimated via statistical analysis such as frequencies, standard deviation, mean, hi-square test, etc. The study will be concluded with some specific conclusions of higher education system in Albania.

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