

# Review of: "An experience of global higher education and university autonomy in Viet Nam: A case study of Ton Duc Thang University in Ho Chi Minh City"

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I have read your article with interest and can offer a number of observations for your consideration. I hope they assist as you continue to refine your effort. First, I think it may helpful to offer a clear a overview of your research design and methods. Your interview quotations are very helpful, but I was not clear who you interviewed, when or why precisely and how you coded your response. Second, and in light of this last point, It would be helpful to connect your study to a specific analytic framework and indicate how your analysis relates to the same. You allude helpfully to Knight, for example, but do not tie your analysis to that framework explicitly. What specific questions prompted you to pursue this work, how do they relate to existing understanding of internationalization and what do we learn from this case in those terms? Third, and in this same spirit, your interviewee comments suggest that a least a share of what they experienced at TDTU was related to cultural claims concerning how information was and should be shared. I found that fascinating but you say little concerning the origins of the phenomenon to which those comments point. Could you do so, perhaps? Fourth, a number of your interviewees point to very high teaching loads coupled with high expectations for research. What is causing this mismatch and are officials working to address it? Similarly, at least one interviewee highlighted student orientation/learning styles and expectations as a key challenge. What do you make of those concerns in analytic terms? Fifth, I printed your article to read it and found it was not paginated and that several pages did not flow from one to the next, i.e., text was missing. I urge you to check on that lacunae. Finally, I could not follow your abstract and for that reason. As you continue to develop your significant analysis I do urge you to consider revising your abstract as I think it will become sharper with that effort.