

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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Dear authors

This manuscript presents an interesting illustration of how universities are undertaking internationalisation. You highlight certain social changes that posit challenges to the management, the staff and the students of a very significant example located in Vietnam. However, at this point I cannot give a better grade to the current version because it does not yet elaborate on a proper analysis. Although you quote excerpts of interviews that are interesting, I did not find the main characteristic of a research article in the current version.

So, I want to make a few general recommendations that might be helpful to produce a sounder second version.

1. Take an explicit analytic stance. You start with an interesting reference to Knight's concept of internationalisation of HE. In my view, you can draw on the dimensions of that concept in order to explore how internationalisation has impinged on the management, teaching and research of TDTU. Perhaps other dimensions may be relevant.
2. Include a full section on methodology. As other reviewers have already noticed, the whole argument would be much clearer if the article reported on the interview schedule, the profile and the quantity of interviewees. At the same time, your observations make reference to a few official documents (e.g. laws, study plans) that might be included in the sample of the documents that you analysed to reach your conclusions.
3. Write one or more analytic sections that correspond to the definition of internationalisation that you adopt. For example, if you distinguish management, teaching and research as key dimensions of internationalisation, it would be very interesting to make precise claims on these themes and illustrate these claims with excerpts of the interviews. Notice that clarity about the analysis will greatly strengthen such sections.

In general, you should create as much synergy as possible between the theoretical, the methodological and the analytic sections. At first sight, the case is relevant enough and you have a consistent empirical base to do so.

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