

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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Overview and general recommendation:

In the process of internationalisation and opening up of higher education institutions, the article presents a case study of Ton Duc Thang University in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. Various challenges for foreign academics and the university are presented in integrating local and global experiences from different perspectives. Introductory references are made to the concept of global learning, but this is not elaborated upon or taken up further in the discussion. The essay is rather developed on the internationalisation of Vietnamese vocational and higher education, with the aim of regional and global integration in education systems as a strategy guiding action. This succeeds quite well and is concretised in the case study of the selected university.

The study on which the article is based describes experiences at Ton Duc Thang University, including the advantages and challenges of becoming a university with a more international orientation. Unfortunately, the methodological approach of the study is not quite clear. Here it would be helpful to know what exactly was systematically investigated, how it was done and how the evaluation was carried out. The description of the university then reads quite interestingly and provides a deeper insight into the approach of the university's internationalisation.

On the one hand, the article is well written overall. I have the impression that the authors have conducted a thorough case analysis. On the other hand, I found the systematic tracing of the methodological approach somewhat under-executed and thus the case analysis as a whole is not well derivable. At this point, a revision would be advisable. The results are presented and well supported by the graphics.

In the discussion, the results are classified and put into context.

General assessment:

- The subject addressed in this article is worthy of investigation.
- The information presented is new.
- The manuscript is appropriate for the journal.

