

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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The paper under the review seems to lack academic rigor due to the limited number of references used. The reviewer points out the need for a clear methodology section, outlining the research design, questionnaire applied, category and number of respondents, and the ethical considerations. The results and discussion sections should be clearly separated and more comprehensive, with more current related references/previous studies cited. The conclusion should summarize the research and its implications, avoiding the use of interview quotations/excerpts. The paper should provide a clear indication of how the findings can be interpreted and applied globally, with a comparative analysis of the findings with literature.

The paper appears to be more focused on internationalization than university autonomy. The title should be rephrased to reflect this focus, and the body of the paper should provide more information on the research question, methodology, and results. The paper's descriptive style can be improved with more systematic, targeted analysis of the interview responses supported by short quotations. The paper should provide more information on measures taken to support foreign students and the effectiveness of these measures. The possible correlation between the university's internationalization efforts and its ranking should also be analysed. The paper would be strengthened by making references or comparisons with studies in other universities in Vietnam, other countries in Southeast Asia, and beyond.

The reviewer particularly points out that the methodology is missing, leading to a larger problem where the conclusions do not flow from an analysis of the data. The author should consider adding a clear and distinct methodology section that explains the procedures of the research from the research design to research ethics.

Good thing is that the paper attempts to explore the impact of internationalization on Ton Duc Thang University, and this is an important and relevant topic given the increasing emphasis on internationalization in higher education. The paper also includes interview data from a variety of sources, which can provide valuable insights into the experiences of faculty and students at the university. Additionally, the paper highlights some of the challenges and limitations of internationalization efforts, which can be useful for other universities and policymakers to consider when implementing similar initiatives. However, as mentioned in the previous parts, there are areas where the paper could be improved to increase its academic rigor and impact.

In summary, the article needs more strict academic approach, with a clear methodology section, comprehensive results

and discussion sections, and more current related references/previous studies cited. The paper's focus should be on internationalization, and it should provide more information on measures taken to support foreign students and the effectiveness of these measures. The author should make references or comparisons with studies in other universities in Vietnam, other countries in Southeast Asia, and beyond.