

Educational Research in the Asia-Pacific Region: Reform Syndrome, Globalization and Localization

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Abstract

In response to the challenges of globalization and the needs of social, economic, and political developments in fast-changing regional environments, there have been numerous initiatives and reforms in education in many countries and areas of Asia-Pacific region. With the analysis of trends and features of these educational reforms and related educational research, this presentation aims to illustrate how education is suffering from the emerging reform syndromes across the region due to the increasing gaps between policy implementation and research development and the increasing tensions and conflicts between globalization and localization in education. From the characteristics of reform syndromes, the presentation further discusses the key challenges and issues in development of educational research facing researchers and educators not only in the local and regional communities but also in the global context. Finally, some implications are drawn for global networking and world organization in addressing the needs of future development of educational research as major human endeavor in a context of integrating globalization and localization.