

Section 04. Modern Issues in Philosophy, Social Studies and Linguistics

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Nowadays Education

Talking about education we should understand that it is one of the social institutions and it depends on needs of society. Changes are determined by the nature and achievements of scientific, technical and social progress. We are living in the most progressive time of human existence and this reflects in the quick changes, new technologies and interesting absolutely innovative approaches. On the one hand, there are many advantages, but on the other hand there are many problems and questions. How can teachers and educational institutions keep the attention and interest of students? So we should search ways to improve our methods and technologies of teaching, update information and definitely use modern technologies.

First trend is educational technologies. Technologies envelop our lives more and more every day. A modern person needs more to keep attention and interest, which also applies to education. It is very difficult to make children keep attention on usual books when they have a smartphone or tablet with wide Internet world in their bags. There are two main trends: using technologies during lessons and introducing online learning. As technology continues to integrate and change the world we live and operate in, higher educational institutions is increasingly implementing BYOD (bring your own devices) and allowing students and staff to use mobile devices on the Wi-Fi network, and it is not hard to see why. BYOD comes with many benefits, including student engagement, more opportunities for personalized learning access to a host of trendy pedagogical apps not to mention the savings on tech, free-flowing information and data, and greater independent learning.

The other part of educational technologies is online learning. In the past, if you wanted to get a qualification, or even simply learn something new, you would sign up for a course and pay any relevant fees, and then physically attend class. That was until the online learning revolution started. Online lessons open a wide range of opportunities. This is not only convenient, but also accessible education for people with different problems. What are the benefits of online courses? This is an opportunity to save money and time, also having the time for work and family (for adult people who are married and have children). But the most important thing is the opportunity to get education for people with impairments. Our country only starts to try this modern tool in education, taking into account all the benefits, we should develop such important and perspective part of modern education.

One of the largest trends in education is the recognition that education needs to serve a digital world. Classrooms that exist as 'free technology zones' are preparing students for the jobs of the future. In 2018, we cannot deny anymore that it is simply impossible to work and have a high salary without the skills of working with computers and other modern devices. As a result, schools are changing focus from

traditional teaching, with its focus on facts and information, to teaching the 21st century skills, with an emphasis on digital literacy, problem-solving, creativity, and communication. In future classroom, students will need to know how to search for, evaluate, and process information from a variety of sources. But to become more close to this process we need much money to upgrade our technical resources in schools and universities. This problem should be solved at the level of the political program of education in Ukraine. Only in this case our specialists can be a worthy competition in the world market.

Another issue of concern relates to the impact on cultures and languages of new technologies and media. In the conditions of developing the world, in addition to computer knowledge, there is a demand for knowledge of the languages. It is very important to improve teaching of English beginning from primary school. Many countries include English as a second language in their school curriculum, and children start learning English at a young age. We have enough reasons to start developing level of English skills of children and adults as English is the language of science, of aviation, computers, diplomacy, and tourism. Knowing English increases chances of getting a good job in a multinational company within Ukraine or finding work abroad. English is also the language of the Internet and many websites are written in English. The percentage of people in Ukraine who know English is extremely small in our time. It becomes a problem in learning, developing science, cooperation with other universities and finding a job. So, if students know English they have access to much more information, educational publications and works of foreign scientists.

Also national internationalization strategies are trendy for national governments to design strategies that include or focus on the internationalization of higher education. In many cases, the rationale for these country-level internationalization strategies includes trade and economic growth, recruitment of skilled labour force. While the strategies take various forms according to the national context, one common aspect is the aim of international student recruitment, which is clearly of paramount importance for the future of our country.

In our time we have all opportunities to have quick result in learning. It is enough to have the desire and just use any gadget that you have. Internet allows you to quickly learn about global trends, techniques and experiments in education. Some trends are new and should be tested in their usefulness. Unfortunately, there are many trends that are very efficient but they still remain out of use in our country. There are a number of reasons for this: finances, intellectual resources and psychological barriers. Our recommendations would be to invest more money into such education, set new goals and raise learners' awareness.

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