

Applied Research Partnerships with Developing and Transition Countries Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences and Universities of Teacher Education

Project title

Concepts of Citizenship among Primary School Students in Kosovo Project founded by the KFH Development and coordination office

Thematic focus

Education, Democracy, Citizenship

Year

2009

Project location

Prishtina, Kosovo

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Description

The creation of democratic mindsets in a post-socialist, post-war society is a long-lasting process. Kosovo, being the youngest nation in Europe, is facing the special challenge of having to develop a new, viable, multi-ethnic, national identity within quite a short period of time. The project will be laying foundations for empirically analyzing subjective concepts of citizenship, which are of crucial importance in this context. Representing both a starting point and a target variable in any process of citizenship education, concepts of citizenship are highly relevant to appropriate educational planning and curriculum making in Kosovo itself, but also to the

international research community in the field of citizenship education. The objective of the preliminary project to be carried out in cooperation with Kosova Education Center (KEC) and the University of Prishtina is to close the research gap mentioned above. In two Workshops in Prishtina a common basis of shared perspectives on research questions and methods has been established. Thereby two relevant results of the pretests are first a shift to secondary school students and second the involvement of teachers perspective. The pretests also showed that a specific adaptation of the instruments focusing on the local context is crucial for the full project.

Development relevance

Universal education
Education for Democratic Citizenship is one important aspect of universal education.
Gender equality
Knowledge about different concepts of Citizenship between girls and boys are basic to eliminate Gender disparity in

primary and secondary education.
Global partnership
The establishment of research capacity in social science and teacher education addresses a special need of Kosovo.



KEC (NGO) as mediator,
coordinator, door-opener,
garantor for liability and
quality



High interest of
methodological and
theoretical knowledge by the
members of Faculty of
Education

Main features of the project

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A specific adaptation of the research instrument focusing the local context is one main result from the pretests.

Pretests in schools are highly relevant for the team to get knowledge about the local situation.