



Privatization in Higher Education

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Abstract

Principal challenges on the way of higher education development in twentieth century caused inclination toward privatization of higher education in developing countries. In past two decades, information based economy, population mixed changes, increasing of public prosperity for education, development of new technologies, convergence of modern organizations and diminishing public trust in performance and effectiveness of governments are the main reasons for privatization of higher education. The article of I.R. of Iran's constitution predicted extensive privatization and development of privatizing higher education tented in Third Development Plan, but due to some obstacles and limitations privatization of higher education did not occurred meaningfully.

This article begins with a review of privatization in higher literature. Afterwards, strategies and policies considered in privatization are discussed. In conclusion, by reviewing current status and barriers in higher education privatization in Iran, the authors pose some recommendations.

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