EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND INTERNATIONALISATION IN KAZAKHSTAN

This book addresses central themes from the international educational agenda through the case of a key emerging economy of Central Asia – Kazakhstan. The central themes include:

- The post-Soviet and Kazakh legacies in educational institutions, thought and practice
- The internationalisation of educational policy and practice and ‘policy borrowing’
- Change processes in national educational systems and obstacles to such change
- The leadership of change at school level
- Professional culture and its development

Including essays by leading figures from inside and outside Kazakhstan who are directly involved in the reform process as well as researchers currently engaged in investigating these processes.
**SYMPOSIA**

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Network: 23. Policy Studies and Politics of Education

Policy Transfer, Translation and Transferability: A Kazakhstani Case, A Global Phenomenon
Discussant: Michael Fordham (University of Cambridge)
Chair: Olena Fimyar (University of Cambridge)

Transferability and the Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools
Alan Ruby (University of Pennsylvania) & Colleen McLaughlin (University of Sussex & University of Cambridge)

Lost – and Found – In Translation? Interpreting the Language of International and Intra-national Educational Policy Transfer
David Bridges (University of Cambridge), Assel Kambatyrova & Kairat Kurakbayev (Nazarbayev University)

’Soviet’ in the Memories and Teachers’ Professional Beliefs: Points for Reflection for Reformers, International Consultants & Practitioners
Olena Fimyar (University of Cambridge) and Kairat Kurakbayev (Nazarbayev University)

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Educational Reform in Kazakhstan from the School Perspective (Part 1)
Discussant: Ozgur Bolat (Bahcesehir University)
Chair: Natallia Yakavets (University of Cambridge)

Reflective Practice, its Potential and Implication on Teachers’ Professional Learning
Nazipa Ayubayeva (Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools & University of Cambridge) & Colleen McLaughlin (University of Sussex & University of Cambridge)

The Role of Teachers in Educational Reform in Kazakhstan: Teacher Enquiry as a Vehicle for Change
Ros McLellan, Michael Fordham (University of Cambridge) & Colleen McLaughlin (University of Sussex & University of Cambridge)

Teachers’ Perceptions of their Leadership Roles in Schools of Kazakhstan
Kairat Kurakbayev, Assel Kambatyrova & Darkhan Bilyalov (Nazarbayev University)

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Educational Reform in Kazakhstan from the School Perspective (Part 2)
Discussant: Ozgur Bolat (Bahcesehir University)
Chair: Natallia Yakavets (University of Cambridge)

The Role of the School Principal in Educational Reform in Kazakhstan
David Frost, Olena Fimyar, Natalia Yakavets (University of Cambridge) & Darkhan Bilyalov (Nazarbayev University)

System-Wide Transformation of Teaching Practice in Kazakhstan; Monitoring and Evaluating Changes in the Early stages of an Intervention Programme
Elaine Wilson, Fay Turner, Simon Brownhill (University of Cambridge) & Assel Sharimova (Centers of Excellence Programme, Kazakhstan)

Drivers of Innovations in Schools in Kazakhstan: A Critical Element of Leadership
Natalia Yakavets (University of Cambridge)

**INDIVIDUAL PAPERS**

**Tuesday 10 Sept, 5.15 – 6.45pm – Room: D-309**

Network: 11. Educational Improvement and Quality Assurance

National Qualifications, Frameworks and Learning: A Case Study of The Unified National Test (Unt) in Kazakhstan
Liz Winter (University of Cambridge). Chair: Samuel Gento

**Wednesday 11 Sept, 11.00am – 12.30pm – Room: STD-401**

Network: 22. Research in Higher Education

Promoting Human Capital Development: A Typology of International Scholarship Programs in Higher Education
Laura Perna, Kata Oroz, Bryan Gopaul (University of Pennsylvania), Marina Kishkentayaeva, Zakir Jumakulov & Adil Ashirbekov (Nazarbayev University). Chair: Laila Mohebi

**Wednesday 11 Sept, 3.30 – 5.00pm – Room: G-103**

Network: 23. Policy Studies and Politics of Education

Education for Economic Competitiveness: Kazakhstan Moving from a Post-Soviet to a Neoliberal Agenda
Natalia Yakavets (University of Cambridge). Chair: Robert Lingard

**Thursday 12 Sept, 9.00 – 10.30am – Room: STD-401**

Network: 22. Research in Higher Education

The Challenges and Possibilities of Advancing University Autonomy
Bryan Gopaul, Matt Hartley (University of Pennsylvania) & Aida Sagintayeva, Renata Apergenova (Nazarbayev University). Chair: Yaser Kondakci